GSU NEEDS A BIGGER ROOM!
Prof. Shahid takes Summer UNIX class by storm, teaches GSU’s largest class at 91 students

By: Misturat Ganiyu
Assistant Editor

Ninety-one students enrolled in UNIX Programming, a graduate computer science course, taught by University lecturer Aslam (Sam) Shahid. This is the first ever class in GSU’s history to surpass the maximum capacity of the campuses largest classroom (F1622).

Four students registered for this course two summers ago. Since then, the class size has increased beyond Professor Shahid’s expectation. Computer Science faculty witnessed the enrollment number multiply in real-time. Prof. Shahid and other faculty were shocked and surprised. When Diana Parr from the National Security Agency (NSA) visited Governors State University last semester, she stressed the importance of programming. For instance, NSA conducted research on Security-Enhanced Linux.

In Prof. Shahid’s classroom, students learned how to program using Linux operating system, which is popular worldwide. He also prepared his students for Linux+ Certification.

"Since it was a hybrid course, we didn’t have to meet on campus.” Student, Mohammed Asifuddin Quraishi said, “Professor Shahid teaching Unix Programming live online every class day through BB Collaborate was a new experience for me, but it was effective, since I felt like he was teaching just me”.

This class can become a template for future classes at Governors State University. It is an example of growth within a department and it will not be the last.

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State budget stalemate:
Day 235

By Kyle H. Horn
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On January 12, Bruce Rauner was elected governor of Illinois. Since then, the GSU community has been waiting to see what his proposed budget cuts would look like in higher education. His proposal included slashing 31.5% from government allocated funding to all state schools. After Rauner’s announced budget cuts, GSU students and leadership visited Springfield for the @SaveOurEducation movement, in an attempt to dissuade Illinois legislators from cutting GSU’s budget deeply if at all.

The matter is still unresolved. According to illinoisenate-democrats.com, nearly 90% of the Illinois state spending has been committed despite the lack of a planned budget leaving only 10% for higher education, various grants, scholarships and other programs. “The bottom line [is that], it is extremely difficult for all public universities to plan with all this uncertainty,” said GSU Director of Government and Community Relations Maureen Kelly.

Funding for the Illinois MAP grant is also undecided, but legislation is on the table to allocate $374 million to the grant.
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Registration open for family and friends weekend!

By Sheree Sanderson
Director of Student Life

Family and Friends Weekend is an opportunity to experience GSU’s Jaguars campus life. For many students, this special event provides the first opportunity to visit with family and friends since the beginning of the semester. Within the first two months of the fall semester, students have settled into the campus community and are actively immersed in the college experience.

This exciting October weekend presents an important opportunity for families and friends to share firsthand in their student’s GSU experience.

We invite you to join us for this year’s Family and Friends Weekend, October 8 – 10, 2015. Lots of exciting events are planned; (Start your weekend with the Jaguar Jamboree, Friday, Step Show featuring Power 92 “The Hot Boys”, Saturday, the Student Variety Show hosted by Comedian “Just Nesh”, and Jazz Brunch with the President). NEW: The Colleges have joined together to create the Generation Meet and Greet: All College Alumni Social on Friday night, be sure to contact your classmates and tell them to meet you there! Be sure to share this information with family, friends, constituents, retirees and alumni. Visit www.govst.edu/weekend for a complete schedule of events.

Registration is free for parents, family members, amigos and friends of GSU; space is limited for some events, and there is a minimal cost for some activities. Online registration is now available at www.govst.edu/weekend; participants will also be able to register onsite upon their arrival on campus.

Family & Friends Weekend
Governors State University
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No Smoking: Campus wide ban on tabacco

By Misturat Ganiyu
Assistant Editor

Under the Smoke Free Campus Act (110 ILCS 64/), Governors State University forbids any person on school property from using and selling tobacco. Under the law, no one is authorized to smoke in his or her vehicle anywhere on campus.

Last year students, faculty and staff were allowed to smoke cigarettes 15 feet away from the entrance but many smokers ignored that rule. Based on an April 2012 survey conducted at GSU, “71 percent of students and 49 percent of employees say they are exposed to secondhand smoke on the campus.”

“In my opinion, I think the smoke-free policy is a good policy to have just because my personal experience with students’ smoking and faculty smoking very close to the door,” Jeremy Basso, an Advanced Public Speaking instructor said, “which if you’re a non-smoker, you have to walk through the doorway and there is no way around that.”

The Centers for Disease Control state that “any exposure to involuntary smoking can harm one’s well-being and for non-smokers, secondhand smoke can be the source of life-threatening diseases.” If an individual seeks to smoke on campus, he or she must apply for an exemption by emailing the Associate Vice President of Facilities Development and Management.

Cafe and Food Services: The new vendor cont.

...expanded salad bar, a variety of grab-n-go items, including fresh fruit.”

The film encourages you to celebrate your differences and embrace yourself— to not let insecurity or jealous individuals get the better of you.

The film co-stars Yuri Barcenas, Amanda Buh, Gina Palmer, and Joanne Dal Santo. “Beautiful Me” deserves praise and ovations. See the next issue of the Phoenix for an interview with the director.

“Beautiful Me”
By Holly Britton

Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

The gentle movement of swings at a park whilst enjoying the company of a best friend is how we are introduced to Samantha and Danny (Jamie Mackenzie Williams and Brendan Sullivan) in “Beautiful Me.” The film explores a version of our world where heterosexuality is considered socially unacceptable.

Early on, we learn that Samantha has been dealing with her fair share of bullying.

Witnesses who see Samantha and Danny together at the park begin laughing as we learn of Samantha’s inner torment that has been deep within.

Samantha does not eat much of her dinner and proceeds to ask for an early exit from the family table.

Next, we see Samantha and Danny in the park’s typical serious mood with black and white. Danny tries to hold her hand, but Samantha is nervous about what the bullies would think if they see them, as this film takes place in a world where heterosexuals are looked down upon as sinners for being with the opposite sex.

What does Danny do? What anyone wanting to express their feelings would. He leans in for a kiss on Samantha’s cheek, which immediately follows with humiliation brought on by the bullies. The following day, Samantha sees pictures taken by the bullies, which are sent to everyone at school.

Danny texts her that morning and it is revealed that the two have gotten the same texts. A lot of people go through a similar experience in school and undergo the same, if not worse, teasing by bullies, which builds up the more it goes on.

Like in Samantha’s case, the bullying has happened many others before.

Hantack barn no more

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

On August 7th, the Hantack barn on the GSU campus caught fire. According to officials the barn was used to cache snow removal equipment, sand, and fertilizer as well as being an integral part in GSU’s agriculture.

Its faculty has changed the location of each help desk. To the left of the entrance, rests the information desk and reference desk; to the right of the entrance rests the technical desk.

As always, the Library’s online research resource are available to you 24/7.

New food vendor Cont.

Campus

Fall changes for the library

By Misturat Ganiyu
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The library is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 10pm. On Friday, it closes at 9pm. The hours are 8:30am to 5pm on Saturdays. On Sundays, it open late afternoon for four hours: 1 to 5pm. This information is also located on the Governors State University’s website.
Across
4. a mix of fruits and vegetables
5. Where is Miami?
6. a celebration of two people who love each other
10. this type of food is usually accompanied with fries
11. a well-known social media site
13. Another way to say 4th of July
15. you wear this to block the sun
16. you can play this sport in the sand
18. the 7th month of the year
19. this type of shoe is popular in the summer

Down
1. h20
2. the main color of a sunflower
3. one of the most popular cellular device
4. you wear this to the pool
5. this type of ice cream has peanuts
6. you can buy this candy at carnivals
9. a popular taxi service
12. this is a summer fruit
14. summer sport
17. the color of the sky
Changes in the landscape of Late Night T.V.

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

The late night TV scene has changed. Craig Ferguson left his Late Show on CBS in December of last year. David Letterman took his final bow on his Late Show on May 20. Lastly, Jon Stewart concluded his 16-year tenure hosting Comedy Central’s Daily Show on August 6.

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Corden presents competition to NBC’s Tonight Show host Jimmy Fallon by partaking in sketches with celebrities that are the talk around the water cooler and viral video sensations the following day.

Colbert, familiar to audiences as a former Daily Show correspondent and host of Comedy Central’s The Colbert Report, will premiere as host of The Late Show on September 8. Unlike his Colbert Report character, Mr. Colbert has said he will see the real Stephen Colbert as the Late Show host and not the character he once created.

To prepare, a new online presence was launched for The Late Show this summer, including new social media accounts, a podcast, mobile app, and a monologue-styled video focusing on the beard he had grown since leaving The Colbert Report.

Colbert will have nearly full control over The Late Show, which will air its new incarnation at 10:35 p.m. on CBS.

Comedian Trevor Noah, known for his brief tenure as one of Jon Stewart’s many correspondents as well as hosting his own late night talk show in South Africa titled Tonight with Trevor Noah, will take over as the new host of The Daily Show on September 28. It will conclude a new era of change and bring a new international perspective to the political and news satire arena.

Back to those emails:
Every graduate student is automatically enrolled in a Blackboard course titled “Graduate Student Information Center”. This course is the newsfeed for the GPN and helps convey important information to graduate students. Besides containing organization information about the GPN, such as our formal mission statements and bylaws, and operating minutes, there is a variety of information worth checking out. “Upcoming Events” is a tab with more information about upcoming programs. Especially popular for graduate students is information about Graduate Assistantships which provides a tuition waiver and stipend in exchange for part-time work. Additionally, past Phoenix articles with valuable advice for a successful grad school experience and information from past programs are available.

Do you have something you think could make graduate student culture better at GSU? Please share it with the GPN! We are growing on campus and working hard to best support our graduate student body. The best way to contribute is to show up at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday 9/9/15 from 3:30-4:30 PM in the Career Services Office in A1120. Can’t make it? Email GPN Chair Matt Gentry at mgentry@student.govst.edu and share your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas.

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Additionally, the GPN will be subsidizing business cards for graduate students this semester as a service, where graduate students can get 100 business cards for only $5.

MTV Video Music Awards
Kanye for President?

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

The 2015 MTV Video Music Awards took place at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, California and was hosted by Miley Cyrus. This year’s Video Music Awards featured Miley Cyrus, 21 Pilots with ASAP Rocky, Tori Kelly, Demi Lovato with Iggy Azalea, Nick Jonas, Walk the Moon, The Weekend, Todrick Hall, Pharrell Williams, Macklemore, Ryan Lewis, Eric Nally, Melle Mel, Kool Moe Dee, Grandmaster Caz, Nicki Minaj and Taylor Swift, to show that there was no hard feelings after their supposed Twitter feud months ago.

Justin Bieber also performed his song “What Do U Mean?”, breaking into tears after the song ended. Taylor Swift also presented Kanye West with the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award.

Swift reflected on the fact that West’s College Dropout was her first-ever iTunes purchase and joked, “I’mma let you finish, but Kanye West has had one of the greatest careers of all time,” as a nod to his interruption of her 2009 VMAs awards speech.

After Swift’s introduction, West thanked her and continued with another reference to their infamous encounter six years ago.

West said it crosses his mind while at the grocery store with his daughter during a conversation about juice and, “at the end they say, ‘Oh, you’re not that bad after all!’” West then goes on to talk about his inability to understand awards shows and MTV’s thirst for ratings as well as his fight for art and the artists.

In part, West elaborated, “Just worry how you feel at the time, man. Just worry about how you feel and don’t NEVER … you know what I’m saying? I’m confident. I believe in myself. We the millennials, bro. This is a new mentality. We’re not gonna control our kids with brands. We not gonna teach low self-esteem and hate to our kids. We gonna teach our kids that they can be something. We gonna teach our kids that they can stand up for themselves! We gonna teach our kids to believe in themselves!”

West concluded his speech with a surprise announcement.

“If my grandfather was here right now he would not let me back down! I don’t know I’m fit to lose after this. It don’t matter though, cuz it ain’t about me. It’s about ideas, bro. New ideas. People with ideas. People who believe in truth. And yes, as you probably could have guessed by this moment, I have decided in 2020 to run for president.”

Refinery shutdown causes gas price turbulence

By Kyle M. Horn
Editor in Chief

On August 8, the BP oil refinery in Whiting Indiana shut down its largest of three crude distilleries due to a need for unscheduled repairs. According to CNBC, gas prices have jumped an average of 20 cents per gallon, with some areas seeing prices raised up to 70 cents per gallon.

With oil prices at recent record lows, some Michigan officials have called for an investigation by the Attorney General due to rising prices which Michigan senator John Proos called “dramatic and sudden” according to ABC7 news.

Fortunately for motorists, the refinery was restarted on August 25. According to ABC news, prices in the Great Lakes region have dropped below the three-dollar mark for unleaded fuel and it can be expected that prices will continue to fall, perhaps at an even faster rate than before the refinery shut down.
The democratic campaign

By Misturat Ganiyu
Assistant Editor

Criminal Justice Reform:
On his campaign site, Sanders says physical, political, legal and economic violence are the type of violence endured by African Americans. He addresses each of them differently. Sanders mentions under the Racial Justice of his website that we need to create rules for police officers to respond to people with mental illnesses. If state governments improve the response of officers, grant money will be awarded and if not, funds will be withheld from them.

On Climate Change:
Sanders acknowledges that climate change is a problem on his website. He recommends (citizens) convey our opposition to the Keystone pipeline.

How likely is Bernie Sanders to win?
According to Real Clear Politics, Sanders holds 25.0 percentage points of the public vote among the democratic presidential candidates.

Lincoln Chafee
Background:
Lincoln Chafee served as an Independent governor of Rhode Island, according to ABC News.

Issues and Proposals:
Environmental Protection:
On his campaign website, he informs the readers of his dedication to protecting the environment.

Ensure Freedom for All Americans:
Under Chafee’s leadership, he promises that freedom of choice is guaranteed, according to his site.

How likely will Lincoln Chafee win?
Chafee holds 0.6 percentage points of the votes among the other democratic presidential candidates.

Martin O’Malley
On May 30th of this year, Martin O’Malley revealed to a crowd at Federal Hill Park in Baltimore that he is running for president. Martin J O’Malley served as Governor of Maryland from January 17, 2007 to January 21, 2015. Prior to that position, he was elected Mayor of Baltimore for four terms.

Issues and Proposals:
Bring Accountability to Wall Street:
According to O’Malley’s campaign site, he hopes to reinstate the Glass-Steagall Act if he becomes president, so those who were involved in the 2008 melt down on Wall street are held accountable for their actions.

Reform Our Immigration System:
He believes a comprehensive immigration reform will benefit our country and our economy, according to his campaign website.

How likely will Martin O’Malley win?
According to Real Clear Politics, O’Malley holds 2.0 percentage points of the public vote among the democratic presidential candidates.

Jim Webb
On July 2nd, Jim Webb announced his run for president. He is a Virginia Senator according to his website. In addition, he served as Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy.

Issues and Proposals:
Good Governance:
Webb believes the structure of the US government requires improvement. Webb believes the US administration requires improvement.

National Infrastructure:
According to Webb’s campaign website, the race is against “technology contributes to unemployment.

How likely will Jim Webb win?
He holds 1.6 percentage points of the public vote among the democratic presidential candidates.

Note to our readers:
According to CNN, the first Democratic primary debate will occur in Nevada on October 13.
The school’s first men’s head Director and will serve as and volleyball.

For men’s sports GSU Athletic Conference (CCAC) and GSU will compete against selected for the 2015 school year schools spread out across the which encompasses 25 other Independent Institutions (AII) NAIA in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

On April 14th to join the Of Intercollegiate Athletics into the National Association University’s (GSU) entrance used to kick off Governors State “A new tradition begins now” is the motto being used to kick off Governors State University’s (GSU) entrance into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

By Andrew Kriz Intern Writer

The Governors State University (GSU) Jaguars fell to 0-6 this season during their inaugural home game against the Indiana University Northwest RedHawks 25-21, 25-23, 25-20 on Tuesday, Aug.

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“..."A new tradition begins now" is the motto being used to kick off Governors State University’s (GSU) entrance into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). GSU was selected on April 14th to join the NAIA in the Association of Independent Institutions (AII) which encompasses 25 other schools spread out across the United States and two schools in Canada.

Seven sports were selected for the 2015 school year and GSU will compete against schools in the AII located nearby and the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC).

For men’s sports GSU has fielded a team for basketball, cross country, and golf. The women launched a team for basketball, cross country, golf, and volleyball.

Tony Bates was hired by the university as the Athletic Director and will serve as the school’s first men’s head basketball coach.

In a press statement released on GSU’s athletics page on Mar. 11th, 2015 Bates said he plans to recruit student-athletes from the Chicagoland area and in northwest Indiana. As a coach, Bates is a veteran of the game with nearly 30 years of coaching experience. Prior to joining the Jaguars, he was an associate men’s basketball coach at Saint Xavier University in Chicago for 14 years. Bates worked under legendary head coach Torr O’Malley who is entering his 50th year coaching. On top of his winning record, O’Malley and Bates won the CCAC Championship four times.

The men’s basketball team tips off the season with a home game against Rich East High School’s boys and girls cross country and girls track and field.

The men’s cross country team finished 31st and 38th during their first meet at Purdue University Northwest Center in Westville, IN. Willie Lipsey III, GSU’s trailing five-mi...