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Kustra Headlines Exciting Day at GSU Technology Conference

Lieutenant Governor Robert Kustra was the keynote speaker and one of many highlights in an exciting day as Governors State University held its second annual conference on technology entitled "Connections Through Innovative Technologies." Kustra spoke of Illinois' dedication to advancing technology in his remarks during the opening session of the conference. He described Abraham Lincoln's vision regarding technology and science, and commended Governors State University and GSU President Paula Wolff for pursuing a similar vision.

The conference, which was coordinated by the Center for Training and Educational Development (TED), offered more than 250 participants a number of hands-on seminars which demonstrated the latest technological advances for the home, business and education. Conference goers also had a chance to visit "CYBER-MART," an exhibition hall of several technology vendors.

The opening session also continued on page 2.
From the President...

Dear GSU Friends, Faculty, Students, and Staff:

Welcome to our newly designed, renamed and reformatted newsletter, @govst.edu. When I asked what it was likely to be called, I was told it will soon be called "dot e-d-u" or, perhaps, just "dot." Whatever is your choice, we hope you enjoy and learn from this monthly newsletter, and that you will conclude reading each issue feeling more informed about GSU... and greatly impressed with the myriad of activities and accomplishments that occur on our campus.

We are proud of our mission which was cast in acrylic in 1994:

- Teaching/Quality
- Diversity
- Service
- Technology

Our goal for this newsletter is threefold:
1) To share news about accomplishments and objectives that focus on GSU’s mission statement and strategic plan.
2) To inform our variety of audiences, particularly those on campus, of news about current members of the GSU community.
3) To serve as a forum for exchange among all our constituencies.

We invite your criticisms, plaudits, or thoughts and suggestions for future articles. Feel free to send in letters to the editor or guest columns, and be sure to let us know when something exciting happens so we can brag about it. We will do our best to include as much as we can from the items you send in. To seasoned readers of the former "F.Y.I.," we apologize for the time lapse between issues. The Public Affairs Unit, which publishes and edits the newsletter, underwent reorganization and has been working diligently to provide you with a new format that offers you more in-depth coverage and a more visually inviting look.

Whether you prefer "dot e-d-u" or just "dot" (or have a suggestion for a better nickname), we hope you find this issue, and all future editions, "must" reading.

Sincerely yours,

Paula Wolff, President

Technology Conference

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included a discussion of technology in education by Dr. Richard Venezky, creator of the U.S. Department of Education sponsored "Alphabet Superhighway," and a dazzling multimedia presentation coproduced by Communications Services and the Art Department. The day ended with a presentation by IBM on innovative uses of the World-Wide-Web for business, education and personal applications.

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The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University opened its second season with culture and comedy, as Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and comedian Paula Poundstone entertained enthusiastic audiences at GSU’s 1,200 seat, state-of-the-art theater facility. Artistic Director Lou Conte’s world renowned dance ensemble thrilled two audiences with spectacular moves and dazzling costuming to open the season, and Poundstone kept her audience rolling in the aisles with her sharp witted stand-up comedy routine.

The rest of this year’s lineup promises to be just as exciting. Grammy-nominated vocalist Kurt Elling and the Chicago Jazz Ensemble will bring their big band sound to The Center stage on November 9, and a special holiday treat, a lavish musical version of Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol, will entertain the entire family on December 15.

1997 will be highlighted by performances by the celebrated Joffrey Ballet (May 3 and 4), Doc Severinsen (April 11) and Jerry Vale with special guest Anna Maria Alberghetti (March 7). Also scheduled are the critically acclaimed New York Restoration Choir (January 25), Chicago’s own River North Dance Company (February 15), the dynamic, classic sounds of the Colorado String Quartet (March 2) and the Chicago Baroque Ensemble (April 27), and the dazzling, award-winning Trinity Irish Dance Company (May 11).

The Center will present an exciting series of family performances, with Saturday matinees of Sleeping Beauty (November 9), Merlin and the Color of Magic (March 1) and Aladdin (April 19) set to entertain children of all ages.

GSU faculty, staff, students and alumni receive special discounts to all events at the Center for Performing Arts. For more information or to order tickets, contact The Center box office at (708) 235-2222.

"Especially for Kids" Productions at The Center for Performing Arts

The Center for Performing Arts launches a new program called "Especially for Kids" focusing on "greater theater at little prices" for the entire family. Three enchanting productions are offered at $6.00 per ticket.

Sleeping Beauty Sun., Nov. 9, 11 a.m.
Merlin and the Color of Magic Sat., March 1, 11 a.m.
Aladdin Aladdin Sat., April 19, 11 a.m.
Christmas Carol Sun., Dec. 15, 3 p.m.

Tickets for "A Christmas Carol" are $20 for adults and $12 for children ages 6 to 16.

Additional Discounts

- GSU students, faculty, staff and alumni receive a 20% discount with GSU identification.
- Children ages 7 to 16 years old receive a 40% discount when accompanied by an adult. Not valid on "Especially For Kids" programs.
- Senior Adults 60 years and older receive a 20% discount.
- Packages are also available at 25% discounts.

To order tickets call The Center offices at (708) 235-2222. A season program is available at GSU and The Center box office.
GSU Teleconference Could Help Shape State Academic Standards

Two professors in the Education Division at Governors State University recently organized an event that may have a significant impact on what Illinois school children learn and how they learn it.

GSU Professors David Blood and Kenneth Peterson spearheaded an October 30 interactive teleconference to develop a response to the Illinois State Board of Education’s (ISBE) recently issued recommendations for State Academic Standards.

School administrators, community activists and education experts from throughout the greater South Metropolitan region of Chicago gathered at five sites, which were linked via interactive teleconferencing technology, to discuss the impact of these suggested standards and come up with recommendations to send back to the ISBE. "People don't realize that these standards are so pervasive that they become a de-facto state mandated curriculum," stated Blood. "For example, to live up to the standards, a school will have to be equipped with a science lab for students after fifth grade. Some schools just don't have these facilities."

"This is an opportunity for community feedback on these standards," noted Peterson. "ISBE has given schools until Thanksgiving to comment. They could ratify a complete set of non-negotiable standards shortly after January 1. Clearly the time to speak out is now."

Educators involved with curriculum development, community and business leaders, and education specialists gathered at Governors State University, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, St. Xavier University and South Suburban College to participate in the 90 minute teleconference. A formal response to the ISBE standards will be drafted based on the recorded transcripts from each conference site. The teleconference was coordinated by the education committee of the Regional Action Project/2000+, a grant supported initiative of GSU's South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center. The center's mission is to unite the South Metropolitan region, consisting of Southern Cook and all of Will and Kankakee counties, by developing partnerships and sharing information on vital issues of concern to the region.

GSU Enrollment on Track for 2006

Governors State University's enrollment figures for Fall 1996 show an increase in student full-time enrollment, confirming recent reports' findings. The two reports, one by the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics and the other entitled "Women in Illinois: Diverse Perspectives/Common Agenda," indicates the number of students attending America's colleges will grow by some 2 million by the year 2006.

"These projections and what we already know [confirm]... a greater demand for education by non-traditional students and lifelong learners will challenge colleges and universities to ensure that all students can be accommodated," said American Association of State Colleges and Universities President James Appleberry. State colleges were already looking at alternative delivery systems and ways to serve students beyond the traditional five-day-a-week classroom experience, said Appleberry. 1

Award-winning tele-courses, computer-taught classes, courses via the Internet and more than 30 off-campus sites throughout the Chicago metropolitan area are responses GSU is taking to an expanding and diverse enrollment. In addition, GSU is one of an increasing number of institutions offering credits for life experience, allowing skills achieved out of school to be converted to college credits.

Women play a vital role in these increasing enrollment statistics. According to the Women in Illinois report, "More than anything else, Illinois women say that not having the right education is the single most important obstacle to achieving their goals. Those most likely to confront this barrier include the youngest women, those with a household income under $35,000 and African Americans and Hispanics. More than one in every two Illinois women are concerned about inadequate levels of education. And a majority of Illinois women, 54%, say the single most important piece of advice they would give girls and young women is to stay in school and get an education."2

1 Excerpt from the newsletter "Memo to the President," published by the AASCU.
2 Excerpt from Women in Illinois: Diverse Perspectives/Common Agenda.
Church Burnings Inspire Teach-In on Racism

In an effort to promote a greater understanding of diversity and to confront racial intolerance in the region, Governors State University will host a day-long conference on racism on Friday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Response to Church Burnings: A Teach-in on Racism will feature several activities designed to get participants talking about issues of diversity and racism.

"Together we ought to be exploring these issues to combat the growth of divisiveness in our society," says GSU professor Dr. Harriet Gross, who conceived and organized the conference. "At Governors State, we're hoping this event stirs people's consciousness."

Several religious leaders from throughout the region will be invited to participate and be encouraged to continue the conference agenda with their own congregations. GSU students, faculty and staff will also be asked to apply what is learned at the conference to their own classrooms, offices, and neighborhood encounters.

A panel of distinguished presenters will participate in the conference. Confirmed speakers include Manuel Barbosa, Chairman of the Human Relations Commission of Illinois; National Public Radio personality Aaron Freeman; Bernadine Dohrn, Director of the Children and Family Justice Center at Northwestern University; author Alex Kotlowitz; corporate race and gender consultant Winnifred Scott; and Salim Muwakkil, associate editor of In These Times. In keeping with the "teach-in" theme, one hour of college credit will be offered to those who register. Those interested in the conference should contact Dr. Harriet Gross at (708) 534-4581.

Political Debates Produced by GSU for Television

A series of debates which may shape the direction of the Illinois General Assembly for the next few years were recently taped and produced at Governors State University. "GSU Presents – The 1996 Campaign: South Suburban Style" featured debates between the candidates for the 40th State Senatorial District, and the 37th, 38th, 79th and 80th State Congressional Districts.

The 30-minute debates were moderated by Dr. Paul Green, noted political analyst and director of the Institute for Public Policy and Administration at GSU. A distinguished panel of local veteran political writers questioned candidates on their visions for the region and the state.

Panels included Cheryl Corley, the Chicago bureau chief of National Public Radio, Myra Eder, a political columnist for Star Newspapers, and Bill Persecky, political columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

The debates aired on GSU's Extension Channel on Jones Intercable systems, as well as WYIN-TV (PBS), Channel 56.

Participating in the debates were State Senator Aldo DeAngelis (R., Olympia Fields) of the 40th district and his challenger Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson of Steger; 37th Congressional District Representative John T. Doody Jr. (R., Tinley Park), and his challenger Kevin McCarthy of Orland Park; 38th Congressional District hopefuls Lois Mayer (R., Mokena) and Renee Kosel of Frankfort; 79th Congressional District candidates Michael Giglio (R., South Holland) and Marvin Lyzenga (D., Lansing) and 80th Congressional District Representative Flora Ciarlo (R., Steger) and challenger George Scully Jr. of Chicago Heights.

Pictured below are, from left, State Senator Aldo DeAngelis, Dr. Paul Green, and Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson.
GSU Happenings

24-Hour Information Line
Information on registration, library hours, university closings, upcoming performances at The Center for Performing Arts and other events being held at GSU is available by calling the 24-hour information line at (708) 534-4909. If you are interested in promoting an event on the information line, call Denise Graham Zahn in Public Affairs, Ext. 6366.

The Adult Learning Exchange (TALE)
The Adult Learning Exchange is an organization offering mature adults intellectual stimulation through noncredit courses. Held at GSU on Fridays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., classes are taught in both the traditional classroom setting and in open discussions. A variety of topics are offered in the fall eight-week sessions, including "Financial Planning, "Don't Worry, Be Happy," "Politics of Meaning," and "Art History." In addition, "Bring-A-Friend" discounts are offered. For winter class schedules and registration information, call Marianne Switt at (708) 799-7650.

GSU Receives Reading Program Grant
LaSalle National Bank has approved a $15,000 grant to GSU to help fund "Reading Recovery," a part of GSU's Learning in Context program which will be implemented at three schools in Ford Heights. The goal of the project is to help Ford Heights youth aspire to and prepare for college by teaching reading skills at an early age. Over the next three years, GSU faculty, staff and student volunteers will conduct diagnostic surveys, tutoring sessions and teacher training in Reading Recovery's unique procedures, theories and practices.

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GSU Offers First Art History Course Via Internet
Establishing itself as a global educator, Governors State University is extending its distance education into universities and homes around the world with the first art history course ever to be offered via the Internet.

"Worlds of Art," taught by Dr. Arthur Bourgeois, professor of art history at GSU, has students tapping in from Russia, Australia and Pennsylvania, in addition to local students. Seven art objects are examined and contrasted in the context of the world as it was when they were created.

The Internet-based class is one of several examples of the innovative distance learning programs available through GSU.

According to Dr. Leon Zaborowski, dean of the Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services (CELCS), "lots of schools use print-based distance education, fewer use telecourses, relatively few produce them.

"About 10,000 students nationally are taking our telecourses through other institutions," said Zaborowski. Because of the commitment to the mission statement/strategic plan, Zaborowski said, enrollment in distance education is about 12-13 percent here at GSU — a relatively high percentage. A considerable number of these are telecourses developed by GSU and used by students via cable or leased video recordings.

"Worlds of Art" is a graphics-based course, and a natural for the Internet, said Professor Bourgeois.

"Worlds of Art" is not a "real time" course (all students signed on at the same time). An online meeting time is set, but students are not required to sign on at that time. This provides some advantages, according to Professor Bourgeois. "It is not intrusive. It allows students to give more thoughtful and diplomatic responses," yet the online chat is still available. It also allows for time zone differences.

Photographs of art objects from seven differing contexts and diverse world areas — Russia, China, India, Nigeria, Iran, Mexico and Native American — form the visual base for the course. The guest correspondents are acknowledged authorities on the focal art objects and its cultural contexts.

"There is, in fact, a great deal of passion on the Internet discussions," said Bourgeois. "Some of the students have no background in art but bring their own varied and exotic experiences into the conversations. It gets quite lively."

In addition, the class is getting world attention. Bourgeois and Professor Diane Dates Casey recently presented a workshop on the art history course at the "Telelearning 1996 Preconference," held at GSU on October 2.

Bourgeois received a B.A. and M.A. from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. He received a Ph.D. from Indiana University, in Bloomington, Ind., in 1979, with a major concentration on African/Pre-Columbian/Oceanic Art. Bourgeois enjoys an international reputation as an expert in African/Native American art and has published 15 articles and two books on African art and Ojibwa tales.

GSU Accepts $145,000 in Art Donations
Professor Arthur Bourgeois, GSU's art historian, recently accepted African and Pre-Colombian art objects from two Indianapolis donors.

Art collector Dr. Wallace Zollman owner of The Zollman Center for Plastic and Hand Surgery, donated African art objects valued at $135,000. Art dealer Thomas Slater donated seven African and Pre-Colombian art objects valued at $10,000.
Employees of the Month

Note: We’ve included EOM’s from June through September in this issue.

Norbert Iwinski was selected Governors State University’s (GSU) Civil Service Employee of the Month for June 1996.

“Norb is a case in point of employee empowerment at work,” said Peggy Schiesher, building service supervisor in GSU’s Physical Plant Operations, in nominating Norbert. “I have nothing but praise for his work in the two years he has been working at Governors State University,” she said.

Among other things, Norbert cleans all of the outbuildings, shampoos carpets, waxes floors and cleans the student center recreational areas. Norbert is described as a self-starter who works without daily supervision. He knows exactly when to shampoo a carpet or wax a floor — and does it!

Neal Schlosberg is July’s Employee of the Month. “We have the best janitor in Libraryland,” said the Technical Services staff in their nomination of Schlosberg. Employed by GSU for only a year, Schlosberg has quickly adapted to the special needs of library patrons and staff, said his nominators. “We have the best looking and cleanest bathroom on campus,” they emphasized.

Schlosberg performs a variety of tasks including dusting stacks and cabinets, cleaning the restrooms and windows, and adding extra touches like putting an attractive chair and artificial plant in the restroom.

R. T. “Tom” Oldenburg is the August Employee of the Month. He is the gym and facilities supervisor in the Student Center. His nominators described him as “the kind of person who treats his staff the way he wants to be treated — with respect.” He goes the extra mile, is a good public relations representative for GSU and makes it a better place to work and study, they said. He gives 110 percent, according to the Student Life staff.

The September Employee of the Month is the entire payroll department: Marilyn Molyneaux, Jane Siefker and Ellen Zalewski. In essence, these employees were praised by their nominator for their teamwork and commitment to getting the job done. They go above and beyond the call of duty “calling various units to inform employees that their timesheets haven’t been submitted,” said Shelina Hurd, a nominator.

“I’ve worked at the university in the business office for over seven years, and I have yet to hear an unkind word from any of them,” she said, even though they are constantly interrupted with phone calls and people coming in with questions.

Schola rshi ps Offered to Fou r Men

Governors State University, Prairie State College and Olive-Harvey College are offering full college scholarships to help four men recently exonerated from murder charges begin their lives anew. GSU’s President Paula Wolff spearheaded the effort, and the Governors State University Foundation will be allocating money for the scholarships. Kenneth Adams of Chicago, one of the recipients, began attending classes at GSU this fall. Adams has completed 58-semester hours through Danville Area Community College.

Faculty Salon
November 19

Visiting Professor Zhang Lei, of Beijing, China, who is teaching a course on Chinese language and culture at GSU, will talk about “Family Planning and the Emerging Youth Culture in China: The One Child Family” at the Faculty Salon on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Refreshments will be served. R.S.V.P. Public Affairs, Ext. 4567. All members of the GSU Community are welcome to attend.

Robert Morris College to Provide Classroom Space to GSU

GSU and Robert Morris College (RMC) have entered into a collaborative agreement providing GSU with use of classroom space on the RMC Orland Park campus. Nursing and communication courses are being offered at the Orland Park campus, and students register through GSU.
Indian Festival of Lights

A full day of free events is planned at GSU during the Indian Festival of Lights on Thursday, Nov. 7. Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, educator, musician, philosopher, painter, dancer and poet, will be the subject of a presentation beginning at 2 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Throughout the day, artifacts and hand-wrought floral designs will be on display in the Hall of Governors, and at 6:30 p.m. “A Taste of India” lets everyone enjoy a bit of authentic cuisine. The closing ceremony will be a “Festival of Lights” celebration featuring a lamp lighting ceremony, chanting, folk dance and traditional music of India. It will be held in Sherman Music Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Guerrilla Marketing Workshop

Learn to do big business marketing on a shoestring budget through the Small Business Development Center at GSU. Guerrilla Marketing methods and techniques will be taught in this hands-on, 12-hour workshop designed to help participants develop an individualized marketing and advertising plan that is aggressive and effective. Sessions begin Tuesday, Nov. 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 9 a.m. Total cost for the workshop is $150. Call the SBDC at (708) 534-4929 to register.

Recycling Program Giveaways

Governor State University’s physical plant operations is introducing its mixed paper recycling program. To kickoff the program, giveaways such as mugs, sport bottles and other promotional items will be available in the Hall of Governors, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 13 and Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Events throughout GSU

Father George Clements of Washington, D.C., spoke September 12, 1996, at one of three Diversity Committee-sponsored workshops during GSU’s Unity Month celebration.

Dean Esthel Allen, College of Business and Public Administration, thanks the GSU community at her retirement banquet held in the Hall of Governors. Pictured at left: (left) Dean Allen, Tahirih Phillips, Information Technology Services, and (right) GSU President Paula Wolff.

Professor Zhang Lei, from Beijing, China, prepares traditional Chinese foods from his homeland for his class, Chinese Literature & Culture.

Pictured at his reception party held in the Hall of Governors, veteran Chicago journalist Ray Suarez spoke on September 19, 1996, at the kickoff celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at GSU.
### New Hires at GSU Since June 1996

A newsletter hasn’t been printed since the May, 1996 issue, so we’ve included all those who have been hired since June 1996.

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PPO’s newly installed compactor will be on display at the kitchen loading dock. Their new truck, purchased with recycling grant funds, will also be on display.

### Project HOPE in Need of Tutors, Class Instructors, Mentors

Project HOPE, a student support network for Hispanic high school students, is looking for mentors, tutors and class instructors for the 1996-1997 academic year. Tutors in English, math, social studies and the sciences are needed for twice-weekly after-school study hours and once-a-week evening sessions. Tutors will be paid $9 per hour. Class instructors are also needed in math and English. All sessions are held at GSU. Instructors are paid $50 per 2-hour session. Call Fredericka Mancha at GSU at (708) 534-5000, Ext. 5979. In addition, mentors are needed to act as advocates and counselors for students seeking guidance on colleges and careers. Call Yanina Torres for details at (708) 534-6972.

### Illinois Association of School Economics Teachers (IASET) Fall Conference

**November 15 in Chicago**

IASET’s Fall Conference, “Taking-it to the Streets: Urban Economics,” will take place Friday, Nov. 15 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 S. LaSalle St. A lineup of experts will provide the basics, as well as share current information with teachers. Cost for members, $25, nonmembers, $30. Membership dues and conference fee are $45. Registration is limited. Call Sheryl Szot Gallaher at GSU at (708) 534-4926 for more information.
New Faculty

The College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA) welcomes two new faculty members. Anthony Paul Andrews has been appointed to a tenure track joint appointment in the Colleges of Business and Public Administration and Arts and Sciences. He is also research director in the International Business and Global Trade Research Institute, responsible for econometric policy modeling.

Dr. Andrews indicates that his reason for joining the staff at GSU is "to gain an opportunity to link international experience with the academic environment and to focus more intently on research in international planning and development issues."

Richard Fosberg joins CBPA as a university professor of finance. He holds the Ph.D. and M.B.A. in finance from Texas A&M University. His teaching experience includes positions in finance at Sam Houston State University, Florida Atlantic University and Texas A&M University.

"One of the main reasons I came to GSU," he said, "is because of the many opportunities to interact with the business community in the Chicago area and thereby enhance my knowledge of how financial businesses operate and my teaching effectiveness. Also, the large number of universities in the area should allow me to further develop my research activities."

GSU Graduate Student to Publish on Distance Education

Distance education is a hot topic in today's world of rapidly evolving technology – and the topic of GSU graduate student Ada Middleton's paper, "The Effectiveness of Distance Education," to be published by The International Journal of Instructional Media in the May/June 1997 edition.

Middleton's paper was a requirement for Dr. Michael Stelnicki's Survey of Research Literature course in GSU's Communications and Training degree program.

Middleton received notice on September 7 that her article was selected for publication. "As to the effectiveness of distance education, Middleton determined through her research that 80 percent of the time it is effective. "An effective distance education program, of course, needs input from a wide range of people with a variety of expertise on all levels," Middleton states in her paper. Distance education includes the use of correspondence courses, telecourses and the Internet.

Middleton, a goal-oriented person, has taken leadership roles within many GSU organizations, serving as past president of the Student Senate and chairperson of the Student Leadership Advisory Council. She was the first recipient of GSU's Community Service Award and was named Student of the Year in 1995.
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GSU Graduate Publishes Epic Novel

"This book is a healer for race relations," states Free Joe author Earnest Edward Lacey, 1976 Governors State University CBPA graduate. "There's lots of history in this book with real lessons for today. 80 years of our country's formative years are covered. I realize now how close blacks and whites probably were during those times, whereas the circumstances back then seemed to indicate otherwise."

Free Joe is the recently published book ($27.95, Eggman Publishing Co.) detailing the life of Lacey's great-great-great grandfather, Joseph "Free Joe" Harris, a man born in slavery who finds the path to freedom. Lacey credits GSU with helping develop the research skills he needed to compile his background information.

Free Joe charts Harris' life from the administration of President George Washington, through the upheaval of the Civil War years and beyond. This is a captivating tale about a man's faith in God and his determination to use that faith to help his family and his people.

Lacey, 57, is director of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center and a recent recipient of the Tennessee Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration: he has strong ties to the Chicago area. Lacey is a graduate of Loop Junior College and Chicago State University besides earning his graduate degree (MBA) at GSU.

A clear tie to Illinois lies in Lacey's research on Abraham Lincoln and the history of slavery. "Things Lincoln was doing gave clear indications of what Lincoln was thinking and planning for the country and slaves in particular. African Americans have not given Lincoln his due in history. Black scholars in the state of Virginia surveyed 228 slaves, and all 228 agreed that when Lincoln delivered his speech defeating Douglas in the debates, southern slaves began whispering that Lincoln had been delivered to them by God to free them," states Lacey.

Books are available at most bookstores throughout the Chicago metro area and specifically at Black Expressions, located in Evergreen Plaza, 95th & Western in Chicago, or by calling Eggman Publishing at (800) 396-4626.

The Board of Trustees of Governors State University has awarded tenure to six professors. Dr. Joanne Anania, professor of reading/language arts since 1992; Dr. Mercedes Graf, teaching since 1990 in the graduate level school psychology program; Professor Mari Ellen Leverence, full-time librarian since 1990 and teacher of bibliographic instruction for graduate and undergraduate classes; Dr. Gregory Moehring, professor of inorganic chemistry at GSU since 1990; Dr. David Frasse, coordinating and teaching in the school psychology program at GSU since 1993; and Dr. Shensheng Zhao, of the College of Arts and Sciences teaching both undergraduate and graduate classes in computer science since 1990.

Tenure is based on the professor's teaching, student evaluations, service to the university and/or community, education and research.

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As Chairperson of Governors State University's Board of Trustees, Sally Jackson is not your typical board member. She has led a successful and busy professional life that normally takes decades to accomplish.

Sally Jackson has gone from teacher to CEO for the largest business lobby in the State of Illinois, the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. There, she heads one of the largest organizations of its kind, with 5,000 member firms that employ nearly one million workers, or more than one out of every five employees in the entire state.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Jackson was Governor Jim Edgar's director of government operations (from January 1991 - June 1992) and managed the staff and operations of the Executive Office of the Governor for eight years.

Jackson graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in the administration of justice, earning a master's degree two years later. She has a long and joyful relationship with President Paula Wolff.

The new board is getting the "nuts and bolts put in place" to embrace the future, commented Jackson. Issues of concern to the board include access and enrollment; mission statement accomplishment; issues of diversity; scholarship support; access to university education; credit transfer; use of technology and granting of degrees via technology.

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Already, the Board of Trustees has embraced the challenges entrusted to them and is spearheading activities which will make Governors State University the premier educational institution with a primary mission of teaching.

"GSU will continue to expand it's technological processes via computer courses, telecourses and teleconferences at home and in the workplace. GSU is at the forefront of new ways of providing people with different options, additional access and quality education."

Jackson is enthusiastic about serving GSU. "I was delighted to be asked to serve on GSU's board. I've had a long and joyful relationship with President Paula Wolff."

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