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Governors State University's commitment to the success of its students was clearly evident during the recently held forums on student retention. The September 23 workshops offered GSU faculty, staff and students an opportunity to discuss ways to ensure that students are able to attain their educational goals. Morning and afternoon sessions were offered to assure that anyone in the GSU community who wanted to attend the workshop could do so.

"This is important throughout the institution, and is everyone's responsibility," noted GSU President Paula Wolff during the workshop's morning session. Wolff went on to praise the work of the Retention Committee which organized the forum, and which has been responsible for developing a modified definition of retention for Governors State University, one which keeps in mind the unique qualities of GSU's student body.

At issue is the way in which student retention is defined by the State of Illinois, and how that definition impacts the measurement of GSU student success. That measurement can influence state appropriated budgets and grants. When GSU is forced to measure student retention using the traditional definition of degree completion within a given time period, the university is at a distinct disadvantage. GSU's modified definition of retention focuses more on achievement of a student's intended goals, whether those goals be taking one or two classes for personal enrichment, preparing for a certification exam, or acquiring credits to qualify for a job promotion, than on completion of degree programs. "We should realize that not everyone comes to GSU for degrees," noted Wolff. "We should not be penalized for this, and at the same time we should encourage those students to get degrees."

GSU Provost Tobin Barrozo noted that good academic programs and student services are vital to retention efforts. "Success at retention and success with students is directly related to the quality of a university," Barrozo stated. He also pointed out the importance of of-

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On Sept. 19, former chairman of the Council of Economic Adviser, Dr. Beryl W. Sprinkel, was the guest speaker at the Fall Showcase of The Adult Learning Exchange (TALE). Sprinkel was council chairman from 1985 to 1989. He received cabinet rank under President Ronald Reagan in 1987, assisting the president in formulating national economic policies.

Before that appointment, Sprinkel served for four years as under secretary of the Treasury for monetary affairs. He was responsible for initiating domestic and international financial policies. He was in charge of financing the national debt and coordinating administration economic policies with the Federal Reserve Board. On leaving the Treasury Department, he was awarded the Alexander Hamilton Award, the department's highest honor.

At the Showcase, Dr. Sprinkel discussed "The Economy and Politics," asserting that he himself was no politician but had observed and noted the superb financial negotiation discussions of President Reagan who he called "a master politician. Reagan only compromised after he got at least 80% of what he wanted."

Sprinkel further stated that politics and economics are firmly wedded in government. The Federal Reserve Board does not report to the president and is only weakly tied to Congress. The policies they follow directly affect taxpayers' pocketbooks, but they are seldom blamed. If the economy is weak at the time of a presidential election, as was the case when President Jimmy Carter ran for re-election, the incumbent will lose.

TALE is an organization for adults in the south suburbs and Northwest Indiana that offers intellectual challenges and sharing of knowledge through a curriculum developed by former professionals who are also discussion leaders and teachers. Courses are held only on Fridays on campus at GSU and last for eight weeks. The fall schedule begins Oct. 10 and runs through Dec. 19. Cost for the first class is $55, and a second class in the same eight week series is $15. For more information or to register, call Ilene Uhlmann at (708) 799-7650.

The special guest speaker for the forum was Dr. Eric Gravenberg, a nationally renowned student retention expert who is currently the associate vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at California State University at Sacramento. Gravenberg formerly was a part of USA Group/Noel-Levitz, a consulting firm which specializes in student recruitment and retention in higher education.

At the forum, Gravenberg pointed out the need to collect data on students and their needs and tendencies. He noted that at every opportunity, anyone interested in retention should be asking students who they are, who is most likely to drop out and why, why students are experiencing difficulty, who is most likely to be receptive to assistance and what type of assistance will truly help, and to what extent students are satisfied. "It is not quality service until the student says it is," Gravenberg stated.

Gravenberg noted that one of the most common problems facing colleges and universities is the tendency to spend more time and effort recruiting students than taking care of students who are already on campus. He asked the workshop participants to think from the perspective of treating GSU students as they would their loved ones. "If we really love our students," Gravenberg questioned, "then how would we design our programs?"
PQP Technology Day Speakers
Predict Major Changes in Education

Technology is changing the way in which higher education is delivered, and those who do not keep up with those changes may get left behind.

That was the underlying theme of presentations given by two guest speakers at the recently held PQP Technology Day for Governors State University faculty and staff. Dr. Kaye Howe, president of International University in Denver, Col. and Dr. William H. Graves, founder of the Institute for Academic Technology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill both spoke of the ways in which the Internet and other computer based and related technologies have changed delivery of instruction, access to information, and the way courses need to be developed and presented.

The presentations were part of a September 19 workshop for GSU faculty designed to provide them with information and skills to increase their productivity in and out of the classroom. It was an outgrowth of the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s Priorities, Quality and Productivity (PQP) initiative, a continuing statewide effort to refine priorities, strengthen quality, and improve the productivity of higher education in Illinois.

In addition to the presentations given by the two experts, faculty had an opportunity to participate in several smaller workshops on a wide variety of technology-based topics, such as presentation software, animation, research on the Internet, creating specialized Web pages and several others. Faculty will be able to continue work in these smaller subgroups over the course of the year to increase their knowledge and proficiency with these exciting educational tools.

But everyone seemed most intrigued by the provocative comments made by the two guest speakers, both experts in the use of technology to deliver and enhance education.

"As an indication of how new this is and how rapidly things are changing," noted Howe in her presentation during the opening session, "I've been doing this distance education thing for just over a year, and I'm considered an expert."

Howe pointed out that the use of the computer is rapidly altering the way professors do their jobs, and no faculty member will be able to survive without being computer literate in the near future. "I tell my friends who are over 55 that they are relatively safe," quipped Howe. "I tell my friends who are 54 and younger that they should begin to touch that thing called a computer which sits on their desks."

Howe's International University is an industry leader in providing degree programs and various other courses over the Internet. She argued that the most significant change in the move to using the Internet to deliver education is the change in the traditional educational model from an instructor centered focus to one which is much more learner centered. She noted that this new model requires a new way of teaching, one which requires much more up-front preparation and which focuses on outcomes and assessment.

Howe pointed out that the cost of providing distance education via the Internet makes it very attractive to administrators, noting its relative low cost in comparison to past distance learning vehicles such as telecourses.

Graves echoed much of Howe's thoughts on the inevitable move of higher education to increased use of the Internet in teaching. He went on to demonstrate that there is enough of what he called "smart technology" available to make the use of the Internet and other computer technology as teaching tools relatively simple. "We won't all need to learn how to write code," he assured.

Graves stated that the national trend is to spend less tax money to supplement education. Therefore, educators must be more accountable and more productive to maintain the support they currently receive. Graves pointed to technology as a means to do just that.

Graves also agreed with Howe's assessment that education is moving away from the instructor centered model. He noted an increase in the customizing of course work, and the creation of what he called "educational micro-markets." These trends allow for students to access education, be it single classes or entire degree programs, when and where they need that education.
Integrative Studies Program Set to Begin

A "quiet revolution" is sweeping across the world of academia and is about to alter the current educational paradigm at GSU in the Fall of '97. This "quiet revolution" is the Integrative Studies program which, according to its coordinator, Dr. Jacquelyn Kilpatrick, "is quickly becoming the rule rather than the exception in higher education."

The keys to the program are the interdisciplinary and intercultural aspects that focus on how particular subject areas in the arts, sciences and humanities impact upon and interrelate with each other. As a result, students and faculty from differing disciplines will collaborate in a variety of educational contexts.

Due to the complexity of the program, its foundational concepts and the academic jargon necessary for explanation, describing the program is not a simple matter. However, Kilpatrick related an anecdote during a recent kick-off reception that makes the program easier to understand:

"As I was trying to explain the concept of Integrative Studies to one of my students, she replied, 'Oh. Is that like my daughter's third grade class where they're studying penguins? They study the math of penguin populations, the biology of penguins, write stories about penguins, and study the environment of the South Pole, where penguins live.'"

Kilpatrick admitted being surprised because she regarded integrative study as a university concept. She stressed, however, that these youngsters were indeed studying in an integrative fashion. Kilpatrick explained that every level of education is undergoing radical and profound reconstruction:

"[E]mphasis in public school education and universities alike is shifting away from the one-way delivery of information toward the creation of learning environments focused directly on activities which enhance student learning in different ways."

On the university level, the program will emphasize analysis, critical thinking skills and attitudes, and effective oral and written communication—including the latest computer-based communication technologies. In addition, collaboration will be a cornerstone of this new academic paradigm.

An overview of the Integrative Studies curriculum reveals 14 core courses that are scheduled in a two year sequence. The sequence culminates in a senior thesis project that is devised by the student and faculty from the student's area of particular interest or pathway.

"A pathway," explains Kilpatrick, "is an area of concentration chosen by the student. The start of the pathway is the 'hub' course. This can be any of the 14 regular [core courses]. The professor of that course becomes the student's advisor and works with the student to devise a course of study that will include the core curriculum with elective courses with the area of concentration...[Students can also] choose a minor in one of the disciplines."

Kilpatrick states that the intended purpose of this new venture is to "provide an opportunity for students to obtain a broadly based education and to forge relationships among elements of their educational experience. [The bridges among these elements are provided by] emphasizing multiple perspectives and comparative, global, interdisciplinary and intellectual forms of learning—or exploring what D. H. Lawrence called 'ways of knowing.'"

For more information on the Integrative Studies program, contact Thelma Tatt at 534-4101.

Ying Liang October Employee of the Month

Ying Liang, library technical assistant III, is the September 1997 employee of the month.

Liang was highly recommended, especially by some international students pursuing their education at GSU. Yu Yiping said in his nomination "I remember when I came to the library for the first time, I did not know how to use the library searching system and could not find what I wanted at all. However, whenever I felt frustrated, Ms. Ying Liang always helped me out."

Another international student, Li Yang said "In addition to helping students in the librarian field, she also cares much about the life of the international students in the United States. She tells us how to study the culture and society of this country and how to get used to it in order to finish our study smoothly and successfully."
Campus Computer Network to be Converted to Ethernet

As computer technology continues to move forward in leaps and bounds, Governors State University’s computer network must be capable of accessing these technological advances so that GSU faculty, staff and students can access these exciting new tools.

With this in mind, the campus will soon be upgrading the campus computer network. The move from the current token ring system to an ATM network with ethernet connections to desktop computers is expected to increase reliability, performance and expandability of the system which handles all of GSU’s computing needs and functions.

The migration to the new network is being carried out by the staff of GSU’s Information Technology Services (ITS), who recommended the network upgrade. "Our current equipment is at the end of its service life," noted ITS Assistant Director of Network Services Mike Hanei. "We want to replace [the network equipment] with technology that will best suit our needs and is in the mainstream of computer networking technology today."

ITS had several distinct goals in mind when it recommended the new campus network. One integrated, seamless network for the entire campus which would replace the three separate systems in use now was seen as imperative. ITS also wanted a network that was easily expandable at both the user and network ends, increased bandwidth which translates into increased performance for users, reliability, good network management tools, and a system which could be moved to with a minimum of inconvenience to users.

All this can be expected with the new network. The increase in bandwidth, the channel through which information is transmitted, is being likened to going from a pipe the size of a coffee stirrer to a pipe the size of the rim of a soda can. This, along with battery backup systems and other upgrades, should result in increase in network performance and reliability, according to Hanei.

The migration to the new network should begin during the next few weeks, and should be completed before the end of the year. Each computer will have to be reconfigured individually, and Hanei claims that nobody will be without his or her computer for more than an hour. Computer users should look for a notice on their doors which will give advance notice of when each computer will be reconfigured.

Russell Carter
New Director of OT/PT Program

Governors State University welcomes Dr. Russell E. Carter as the director of Physical Therapy. "Dr. Carter brings to the Physical Therapy program a wealth of experience not only in the academic arena but in the practice of clinical therapy as well. In educating for today’s health profession it is critically important for all academicians to have not only a teaching, research and service background but also to have many years in the direct practice of health delivery," said Dean Cecilia Rokusek of the College of Health Professions.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Carter is the assistant director and center coordinator of clinical education in the Department of Physical Therapy at Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network in Chicago. He is also a member of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Carter’s responsibilities at GSU will include providing academic leadership in curriculum development, maintaining program accreditation, and aiding faculty development and teaching.

Carter is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association in the Pediatric and Research Sections and is a consultant to the DuPage County Easter Seal Center in Villa Park.

Sherry Jones
New Child Care Center Director

Sheryl (Sherry) Jones of New Lenox has been appointed director of the Child Care Center at Governors State University. Jones' experience in child care goes back 30 years, working with a number of school districts and community organizations. She received a B.A. in speech and psychology from Illinois State University in 1967 and a master of Social Work from Aurora University in 1992.

She says that her first goal as director of the Child Care Center at GSU is guiding the center towards developing an environment which will attract and benefit interns and observers from all the colleges of the university. Jones says she looks forward to bringing the Child Care Center closer to the campus through displays of the children's work and providing information to the GSU community about child care issues.

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an October 24 session to be held on the Governors State University campus. Anyone interested should contact the Regional Leadership Center at (708) 534-4487.

IPPA to Hold Workshop for Area Pols

On November 8, the Institute for Public Policy and Administration at GSU will present a half-day "nuts and bolts" workshop geared towards local officials from the South and Southwest suburbs. Topics will range from how to run fair public meetings to a review of the Freedom of Information Act. State Senator Debbie Halvorson and State Representative Renee Kosel are scheduled to participate in the workshop. For more information or to register, contact IPPA assistant director Kathy Murphy at (708) 534-4997.

GSU Sets Date for 1997 Fall Convocation

Governors State University will hold its annual Convocation on Monday, October 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sherman Recital Hall on the GSU campus. Everyone in the GSU community is encouraged to attend.
Center for Performing Arts Opens 1997-98 Season with a "Singularly Sensational" Night

"It was simply sensational!" That's how the sold-out audience responded to the opening night of the third season at Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts (CPA). The production to be viewed and treasured during the September 26 extravaganza was Marvin Hamlisch's nine-time Tony-Award winning musical, A Chorus Line, the rousing hit that took Broadway by storm over 20 years ago. At that time, it was the longest running musical in Broadway's history.

Prior to curtain, Mrs. Karen C. Reid, chairman of the CPA's board of directors, joined GSU president Dr. Paula Wolff on stage to celebrate the third season's opening. Mrs. Reid gave special thanks to new sponsors of the season opener, WBBM-TV/Channel 2 and the Daily Southtown. President Wolff glowed with special pride as she described the many attributes of the remarkable performing arts space on the Governors State campus. She then introduced the new CPA executive director, Burton Dikelsky.

The performance began and quickly hit its stride, and the audience settled back into their comfortable seats to fully enjoy the blockbuster musical which was greeted by several choruses of enthusiastic applause throughout the performance.

The excitement doesn't let up in the month of October. On Saturday, October 11 at 8 p.m., renowned pianist George Winston plays his well known seasonal recordings and music from his latest CD, Linus & Lucy: The Music of Vince Guaraldi. Tickets are $25.

And on Saturday, October 25 at 8 p.m., CPA favorite Hubbard Street Dance Chicago returns to The Center stage to present an unparalleled display of jazz, contemporary and classical dance. Tickets are $35. For ticket reservations, contact The Center Box office at (708) 235-2222.

GSU Work in Bridge Program for Juvenile Offenders Recognized

Three members of the GSU staff were recently recognized for their efforts to help troubled youth in the region. Dr. Michael Toney, GSU's executive director of enrollment services, Dora Hubbard, the GSU registrar, and Andre Lewis, a GSU admissions counselor, were presented with a certificate of appreciation on September 20 by the Illinois Youth Center in Joliet for their participation in the Bridge Program.

The Bridge Program is designed to help reduce juvenile recidivism. It attempts to provide alternatives to gang involvement for youths incarcerated in the Illinois juvenile justice system by offering academic opportunities, vocational training, housing placement and employment.

The Bridge Program, which was started in December of 1996, is a collaborative effort involving Governors State University, the Illinois Department of Corrections, the Workforce Development Council, the Safer Foundation and the Jadoni Project.

The trio from GSU was recognized for offering a series of workshops on motivation, goal setting, college admissions, financial aid, career planning and leadership development. They have also provided tutoring in a variety of subjects.

"There have been several success stories where Bridge participants have been placed in college or vocational programs," Toney recently noted. "Also, preliminary data show an increase of positive behavior for incarcerated Bridge participants."

Toney went on to say that The Illinois Youth Center staff is extremely excited about the program, especially during this time of limited staff and resources.

GSU/Alumni News

Aiello Receives Heritage Award

GSU Alum Louis Aiello (BOG'85 B.A.) was recently presented with the Distinguished Friend of South Suburban Heritage award by the South Suburban Heritage Association. Aiello founded the Aux Sable Company five years ago to bring history to life in an outdoor setting. Aiello has also worked at the Will County Forest Preserve's Plum Creek Nature Center and at the Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville.

GSU Alum/Adjunct Set to Publish Autobiography

Frederick H. Williams (BOG'89 B.A. & CAS'90 M.A.), a lecturer, historian, author and scholar, is a decorated World War II Buffalo Soldier. He saw combat in the 92nd Infantry Division in the Mediterranean theater in Italy. Williams has recently completed a history and pictorial compendium titled Crosses Paths. His autobiography, I Rise to Bear Witness, is in its final stages and will be published within a year. Williams is an adjunct professor at GSU.

Kampe Inducted into Mount St. Claire College Hall of Fame

Dr. Carolyn Jean Kampe (CAS'74 M.A.) has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of Mount St. Claire College. Kampe earned her doctorate in art education from Illinois State University in 1990. She is a teacher at Hufford Junior High School in Joliet. Kampe has received an excellence award by the South Suburban Heritage Association. Aiello founded the Aux Sable Company five years ago to bring history to life in an outdoor setting. Aiello has also worked at the Will County Forest Preserve's Plum Creek Nature Center and at the Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville.

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Faculty Achievement Awards
Presented to GSU Profs

Sixteen Faculty Excellence Awards will be presented to Governors State University faculty and staff at fall Convocation on October 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Commitment to the underlying principles of GSU’s mission is a guideline in assessing excellence in the nominated candidates. Winners are selected by the Faculty Excellence Awards Committee based on outstanding achievement in teaching or performance of primary duties, research and creative activities, proficiency in use of technology, promotion of diversity and services to the community.

The 1997-1998 winners are:

- Dr. Joseph Addison, professor of physical science
- Dr. Greg Blevins, professor of alcoholism science
- Dr. Robert B. Donaldson, professor of public administration
- Dr. Mercedes Graf, professor of school psychology
- Dr. Jay Lubinsky, professor of communication disorders
- Dr. Zafar (Zam) Malik, professor of management
- Dr. Jon Mendelson, professor of environmental science
- Dr. David Parmenter, professor of production management
- Dr. David Prasse, professor of school psychology
- Dr. Diane Kjos, professor of psychology and counseling
- Dr. June Patton, professor of history
- Patricia Koutouzos, professor of English and secondary ed.
- Dr. Hugh Rank, professor of English literature
- Paul Schranz, professor of photography
- Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science
- Dr. David Suddick, professor of education
- In addition to receiving a citation, each winner will receive a monetary award of $650.

GSU Faculty Member Honored as Freedom Fighter

Dr. Jagdish P. Dave’, a professor of psychology at Governors State University, was one of those recently awarded the “Honored Freedom Fighter Award” for “outstanding service to Asian Indians in America.”

The award was presented by the Association of Indians in America, Illinois Chapter, at a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of India’s independence, held at the Field Museum in Chicago in August.

Dave’ was a Freedom Fighter during India’s struggle for independence from Great Britain from 1942 to 1947, participating in Mahatma Gandhi’s “Quit India” movement. Dave’ said he has deep feelings of great pride for his participation in what was accomplished following Gandhi’s “total non-violence” philosophy.

Dave’ said he believes in a “colorful society which embraces diversity and a good sense of self and community. .. It’s great to live in a country with so many ethnic, cultural and religious streams.”

In addition to founding several service organizations, Dave’ served as president of the Hindu Cultural Center in Park Forest, assisted Geeta Ashram in Chicago and was vice chairman of the Eighth International Geeta Conference in 1989.

Kuchyak, Associate Director of Hines Veterans Hospital

Jacqueline Kuchyak (CHP’84 M.H.S.) was recently named associate director of Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood. She completed a one-year residency at the West Side Veterans Hospital after earning her M.M.A. at GSU and has risen through the ranks of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Hines Veterans Hospital is a 721-bed teaching facility that has pioneered research in spinal cord injuries and rehabilitation of the blind.

Munoz Receives Outstanding Educator Award

Dr. Romeo S. Munoz (CE’90 M.A.) was selected to receive the 1997 Outstanding Educator award by the search committee of Chicago’s Filipino-American Hall of Fame. Munoz is an associate professor at Olive-Harvey College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago. He has been a faculty member at Olive-Harvey for 28 years. He has a doctorate from Northern Illinois University in adult education and adult learning and is a Ph.D. candidate at SIU in the field of curriculum and instruction. He has presented papers on educational technology at international conferences in Brussels and Paris.

Alum Wins Law Enforcement Award

James Keith (CBPA’93 M.P.A.) was given the Nationally Credentialled Law Enforcement Officer award for this year. This achievement was the result of a rigorous process which identified Keith as a highly proficient law enforcement professional. The award is presented by the National Law Enforcement Credentialing Board (NLECB) whose mission is to establish and promote the highest standards of leadership and professionalism in law enforcement officers of the United States by recognizing excellence in character, knowledge, skills, ability and community involvement.
ICBCHE Event to Feature Prominent Speakers

From October 15 through October 17, Governors State University will host the annual conference of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education, a not-for-profit organization made up of administrators and other professionals in higher education from institutions across the state. The annual conference provides a professional development opportunity for faculty, staff, students and administrators to examine race-related topics in higher education and explore the new realities that emerge as the society continues to become increasingly diverse.

This year's conference, which is being cosponsored by the Illinois Black Student Leadership Association, is titled "The Educational Politics of Race: Issues for the 21st Century," and will feature two prominent speakers as part of the three-day program of lectures and workshops. Internationally acclaimed author Clifton Taulbert, whose works include Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored and The Last Train North, will speak at the October 16 banquet to be held at the Matteson Holiday Inn. Motivational speaker and television and radio personality Tony Brown will provide the plenary address on October 17.

For information on the conference, contact Martha Tabour at (708) 534-3199.

Meet... Bruce Friefeld

In his work as legal council and a politician, Governors State University Trustee Bruce Friefeld (pronounced Free-feld) has always tried to work with others in order to make things happen, a quality which he is most proud of, and which makes him feel right at home as part of the GSU community.

"We do things together at GSU," states Friefeld. "No one group goes off and tries to do things without communicating with other factions. It's that consensus among students, faculty, staff, administrators and the board that will allow GSU to continue to strive."

Friefeld's whole career has been about community involvement and building consensus. He has worked for Will County since 1988, where he currently holds the titles of executive legal council and chief assistant for administration and policy. Friefeld states that his job defies a true description, but that his primary responsibility is to coordinate what happens among local and county governments' offices and see that projects get carried out.

Friefeld is also very active in community organizations and causes. A resident of Mokena since 1982, he is a past president of the Mokena Lion's Club and the Mokena Chamber of Commerce, was elected and served as Frankfort Township supervisor in 1985, and is an active member of the LincolnWay High School Foundation for Educational Excellence.

"While being involved in higher levels of government is important," states Friefeld, "I believe that some of the most valuable work gets done locally, in the community organizations and local governments. That's why I have always tried to stay involved on that level.

"In most every endeavor, you must have a process that is inclusive. Working with people of various backgrounds and being able to reach a consensus, that's something I've tried to do throughout my entire career."

Friefeld is married and has four children, ages 26, 23, 20 and 13.