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Members involved in the Thorn Creek Macrosite efforts sift through the creek seeking fish species, a solid indicator of water quality. Macrosite study efforts have yielded promising numbers, but it is early to tabulate results. This year’s research efforts will conclude at the end of this month where Thorn Creek meets the Little Calumet River near Thornton, Ill.

According to Governors State University professor Karen D’Arcy, environmental research along the Thorn Creek Macrosite project is moving forward. D’Arcy - along with several other organizations which include the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) - is moving along the creek and planning to wrap up work for this year at the end of October.

The study’s 1998 conclusion site will most likely be where Thorn Creek enters the Little Calumet River near Thornton, Ill.

According to parameters drawn by the IDNR last December, the designated macrosite for Thorn Creek covers an area from just south of the GSU campus, north to the Little Calumet, west to the Illinois Central (Metra) tracks and east to Glenwood, Lansing and the Indiana/Illinois border.

The macrosite designation is part of the IDNR-sponsoredEcosystems Program of Conservation 2000 (C2000). Thorn Creek is one of approximately 25 ecosystem partnerships in Illinois, a majority of which are downstate.

D’Arcy said the preliminary results are promising, but that there is a substantial amount of work remaining.

D’Arcy and GSU biology professor Dr. Jon Mendelson, along with students, have been work-
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...continuing on the creek site since spring of this year, counting fish. They've been using a tool called an electric seine, bringing fish to the surface to be caught in nets.

The tool sends a low-level electric current into the water. The fish respond to the current by filling their air bladders, and rise to the surface. Fish count is considered a type of water quality barometer for the site.

If several species are able to live in the creek, it is considered an encouraging sign. And according to D'Arcy, the numbers as of now look promising. The Thorn Creek partnership is preparing a $10,000 planning funds grant funded by the IDNR for fiscal year 1999. They will hopefully have an answer by November.

Facility Excellence Award winner list announced

Governors State University is pleased to announce the 1998 Faculty Excellence Awards to outstanding teachers.
-Dr. Joanne Anania, professor of reading/language arts;
Dr. Anania is noted for extracting some of the highest student grade point averages in the College of Education. She is also actively involved in off-campus programs, such as a teaching laboratory in Harvey and designing professional development courses for the Chicago Academy for Professional Growth.

-Dr. Mary Smith Arnold, professor of counseling;
Dr. Arnold exemplifies the university’s mission of recognizing the cultural and economic diversity of GSU’s lifelong learners. She is nationally-known for her anti-oppression work and her expertise in diversity training. She has acted as a distinguished presenter in a videotaped series offered by the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors.

-Dr. Linda Buyer, professor of psychology;
Dr. Buyer is the guiding force behind the development of outcome assessment plans for the psychology majors, and is the psychology and counseling division’s “Web master.” She has been a productive scholar, involving her students in her research on metacognition.

-Dr. Jon Carlson, professor of counseling;
Dr. Carlson, from the Division of Psychology and Counseling, has an outstanding publication record. He averages about two videotapes a month within his “Psychotherapy with the Experts” editions. He has also published two books within this year entitled “The Disordered Couple” and “Techniques in Adlerian Psychotherapy.”

-Dr. Karen D’Arcy, professor of analytical chemistry,
In Dr. D’Arcy’s role as Faculty Senate president and in her work in the Thorn Creek Ecosystem Macrosite Partnership,
she facilitates meetings with sensitivity while keeping the groups in focus. She is a positive role model to student leaders.

-Professor Susanne Hildebrand, professor of communication disorders;
Professor Hildebrand has demonstrated nearly 25 years of outstanding performance as the communication disorders (CDIS) practicum coordinator. The job of practicum coordinator requires long hours, attention to detail, the finest skills of communication and negotiation, rigorous planning and impeccable judgment.

-Dr. Marsha Katz, professor of management;
As president of the local University Professors of Illinois, Dr. Katz demonstrates an immense amount of patience coordinating her faculty team in the development of negotiation strategies. During the difficult time of salary negotiations, Dr. Katz did a superlative job of maintaining communication with the faculty as a whole.

-Professor Jacqueline Klosak, professor of criminal justice;
As a dedicated professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor Klosak taught nine courses during a ten-month calendar last academic year. She presented a conference paper based on her dissertation work at the March 1998 annual meeting of the Academy of CJ Sciences. Klosak participated in the taping of “Models of Intervention with the Substance Abusing Offender” last year, and produced a video clip, “Drug Court Video—TIP23.” Named as the evaluator for the Kankakee Drug Court, Klosak was given a research grant. She also serves on various committees such as the Chicago Violence Prevention Group and Grace House for Female Ex-Offenders.

-Dr. Georgia Kosmoski, professor of educational administration;
With outstanding SEI scores averaging at or above the 95th percentile, Dr. Kosmoski
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was also nominated for the first Annual Student Preference Award.

She has had two books published entitled "Supervision," and "How to Land the Best Jobs in School Administration." Dr. Kosmoski authored three articles and has recorded six audiotapes for national associations, including AASA and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). She is the advisor and executive board member for Phi Delta Kappa, northeast regional representative for the Illinois Women School Administrators, University Liaison, and executive board member to the Illinois Principals Association.

-Dr. Sonya Monroe, professor of social work;

Dr. Monroe's indirect instructional activities in the College of Health Professions include advising many students. She made a tremendous contribution to the Social Work Program self-study project in 1997.

She has also served as chairperson of the division Personnel Committee and has assisted Professor James Massey on revisions related to the new Division Criteria (DC).

-Dr. Rashidah Muhammad, professor of English and secondary education

Dr. Muhammad has received highly positive student evaluations in her courses. She also developed a new course on Ebonics that was offered on campus at the Third World Conference. She plays a critical role in our secondary English teacher education program. Muhammad has edited a series for the State University of New York Press and is currently co-authoring a text. She became the academic coordinator for the English program and serves as president of the African-American Staff Caucus at GSU.

-Dr. Margaret Neumann, professor of management information systems;

Dr. Neumann has led the faculty work in revising management information systems courses taught in the College of Business and Administration. She has developed new academic program requests for new graduate and undergraduate degrees in MIS.

-Dr. Karen Peterson, professor of education;

Dr. Peterson received the Student Faculty Choice Award and honorable mention for the Athena Award for excellence in mentoring. In addition, she was included in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Peterson was nominated for service to the community schools as director of the Beginning Teacher Project and the GSU Induction Network.

-Dr. Carl Stover, professor of public administration;

Dr. Stover of the College of Business and Public Administration has received consistent high ratings on SEI forms.

He served as master's research paper/practicum coordinator until the end of 1997. While coordinator of the graduate program in public administration, he obtained accreditation of the program by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

-Dr. William Wilkinson, professor of marketing

Recognized as an excellent instructor, Dr. Wilkinson puts a tremendous amount of effort into making sure that his students get the most out of his courses. As dictated by GSU's mission, he puts his primary emphasis on teaching. Wilkinson's high ratings on SEI forms demonstrate that his students appreciate his efforts.

Sam Skinner to kick off presidential speaking series

Sam Skinner, former cabinet member to President George Bush, and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and most recently president of Unicom - the parent company of Commonwealth Edison - is scheduled to speak at Governors State University Oct. 13.

The program is entitled "Implications of Deregulation on Utilities," and is slated for 7:15 a.m. and ends at 9:15 a.m.

During his five years at Unicom, he helped position the company for the emerging competitive market. Skinner served at the White House as Chief of Staff to President George Bush.

At the White House, Skinner served as senior aide to President Bush, coordinated the President's activities and managed the White House staff.

Before his White House service, Skinner served in the President's Cabinet for nearly three years as the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

In that capacity, he served as chief executive officer of a department with a budget of more than $30 billion and a workforce of 105,000 people.

As secretary, Skinner was credited with numerous successes, including development of The President's National Transportation Policy.

Skinner's speech will be the first in a presidential lecture series, with prominent speakers scheduled throughout the year.

Cost for the event is $10. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance.

Further information on this and the following events is available at (708) 534-7051.
Happenings

New faces at GSU
The GSU community welcomes the several new faces who have joined us in the months of August and September:

- Paulette Baqai
  - CELCS
- Nageswar Kolisetty
  - CHP
- Juanita Holliman
  - CHP
- Barbara Abel
  - CE
- Geoffroy De Laforcade
  - CAS
- Donald Culverson
  - CAS
- Adriela Fernandez
  - CAS
- Eileen Borgia
  - CE
- William Tafoya
  - CE
- Jay Faust
  - PPO
- Donna Cobb
  - Child Care Center
- John Harris
  - PA
- John Robinson
  - CAS
- Freda Whisenton-Comer
  - FA
- Todd Rohman
  - CAS
- Linda Geller
  - UL
- Karen Sobieraj
  - CHP
- George Sweiss
  - CAS

Convocation set
Governors State University is presenting the annual 1998 - 1999 Fall Convocation, Oct. 14, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., in Sherman Music Recital Hall. An introduction of GSU's new faculty and remarks for the upcoming school year will take place.

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Special Hispanidad, Native American

The office of Student Life at Governors State University kicked off several events and activities for "Hispanidad" in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Twenty-four flags representing all Spanish-speaking countries of the world are currently on display in the Hall of Governors at GSU.

There are several upcoming events to support "Hispanidad," which include:

- The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company presentation at The Center for Performing Arts, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. Cost for the event is $7.50.
- The "Music of Spain and Latin America," features David Burgess, classical guitarist, is at the Sherman Music Recital Hall Oct. 13, 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is free.
- Marimba Ensemble of Holy Cross Parish in Chicago is also at the Sherman Music Recital Hall Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.

The event is Sponsored by Project HOPE.

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Students getting involved with PADS

Student Advisory Board member Sharon West and several other members of the Student Advisory Board are working to expand assistance efforts among students and local Public Action to Deliver Shelter centers.

West, a senior at GSU from Flossmoor, began working at PADS sites in East Hazel Crest, Chicago Heights and Park Forest, volunteering time during the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.

West, with assistance from Stephanie Wenzel in the College of Business and Public Administration, have been placing boxes in selected sites throughout the university, collecting desirable items such as clothing for PADS. We'll change what we'd like to receive from people each month. In the winter, it's important to receive cold weather clothes," West said.

Advisory Board Vice President Tamara Jercha, kneeling, and Corinne Riester stand near one of three donation boxes set up on campus.
events celebrate diversity

The Student Life Division at Governors State University also hosted a special two-day program on Sept. 18 and 19, celebrating the historic Native American tradition.

Presenters included Lady Jean Crow, first lady of nations; Jaymes Shot-with-Two-Arrows, a holy man who has title of "Ambassador to Youth;" Don Strength-of-Two-Hawks, adopted grandson of the great Chief Bigfoot who was injured at Wounded Knee; Duke Joseph Big Feather, who is the spiritual leader of the Two Featherers Medicine Clan; and Freddy Arexolo, an Incan holy man from South America.

A Native American drummer was part of performances in the Hall of Governors during Native American programs last month.

Chemistry program receives accreditation

GSU's Dr. Karen D'Arcy, a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, received news of the chemistry degree accreditation on Sept. 9, approximately four years after starting the formal process.

During the 1995-1996 academic year, the college submitted a self-study of their program - the first step in the formal accreditation process.

In the spring of 1996 Dr. Edwin Cehelnik, chairperson of the Division of Science, and Dr. D'Arcy attended the American Chemical Society meeting and met with the Committee on Professional Training to discuss the potential of the GSU program to proceed in the certification process.

The formal on-site assessment - the second phase of the process - was made in October of 1996. Dr. Philip Chenier, a professor from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire came to GSU and analyzed the program on behalf of the ACS, making recommendations to the ACS regarding the nature of GSU's curriculum and identifying areas for improvement.

Suggestions included the development of a plan to acquire a scientific instrument called an FT-NMR. The instrument uses high strength magnetic fields to characterize and identify chemicals. According to Dr. D'Arcy, the instrument operates at the technological equivalency of how a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) instrument works in the medical field.

D'Arcy said the Chemistry program has developed a grant proposal to acquire the FT-NMR and has applied to the National Science Foundation for funding.

After successfully addressing all of the questions the American Chemical Society posed to the department, ACS approved the B.S. in Chemistry Degree program at its August 1998 national meeting.

"This helps us receive some merit and attention," D'Arcy said. According to D'Arcy, the Chicagoland area is one of the strongest sites in the nation for employment of chemists.

There are currently 25 students in the program at GSU.

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Center for Performing Arts gets Heartland grant

The GSU Center for Performing Arts (CPA) recently received word it has been chosen as a select recipient of the Heartland Arts Fund Performing Arts Grant. The $5,000 in funding will help finance this year's CPA "Meet the Artist" series, which includes The Philadelphia Brass, classical pianist Mack McCray and classical trio, Zephyr.

Heartland Arts Fund Chairman David J. Fraher said "The Center for Performing Arts is to be commended for their commitment to serving their community with these distinctive events. Audiences in the Chicago Southland will have the opportunity to see the exciting work of 'Meet the Artist' performers, many for the first time, and the Heartland Arts Fund is proud to help support this work and The Center for the Performing Arts."

The fund works in conjunction with private and public arts supporters, including corporations, foundations, the region's 15-state arts agencies and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Project HOPE seeking young students

Project HOPE, in cooperation with Governors State University, is currently recruiting 6th, 7th and 8th grade Latino students from the south suburban area for its Saturday Academic Enrichment Program.

Project HOPE was developed to assist Hispanic students finishing high school and helping them continue on to college.

This free program will consist of academic sessions in English, math pre-algebra and a science/computer course. Classes will meet for a total of six Saturdays at GSU, beginning October 17 and ending November 21. Classes are from 9 a.m. to noon.

The program is designed to help enhance the academic skills of participating students. Space is limited in the courses. For further information, call Jose Reyes (708) 534-5000, Ext. 5985.

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BOG program growing

The Governors State University Board of Governors (BOG) program has added three more community colleges to its ever-growing list of schools enrolled in the bachelor of arts degree program.

Kirkwood Community College, based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Ivy Tech State in Indiana and Dallas County Community College in Dallas, Texas, are offering a BOG degree from GSU.

Kirkwood is the largest community college in Iowa and fourth-largest learning institution of higher education in the state, with a total of 11,164 students enrolling for Fall 1997 classes. Ivy Tech is a community-based technical college in Indiana. State-wide enrollment last year reached 60,000.

The Dallas County Community College District consists of seven locations throughout the Dallas area, with 50,000 full-time students.

The BOG degree is a four-year accredited program that has been serving students since 1973, producing more than 12,000 graduates achieving a 95 percent placement rate.

MOT student receives kudos

A new student pursuing her master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) from the College of Health Professions comes to GSU with several accolades. Heather Froehner, a recent graduate from the University of Illinois at Chicago, was named Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Constituent Group's Merit Award winner for the 1997-98 academic year.

A series of debates which could very well shape the direction of the Illinois General Assembly for the next few years will be taped and produced at Governors State University on October 1.

"GSU Presents - The 1998 Campaign: South Suburban Style" will feature six debates between candidates for the 40th District state senatorial district, as well as the 37th, 38th, 79th and 80th state congressional districts.

The 30 minute debates will be moderated by Dr. Paul Green, noted political analyst and director of the Institute for Public Policy and Administration at Governors State University.

The debates start at approximately 9 a.m. and run until approximately 1:30 p.m.

A distinguished panel of local veteran political writers will question candidates on their visions for the region and the state.

Those panelists include Scott Burnham of the Daily Southtown; Myra Eder of The Star Newspapers; Bill Persecky of the Chicago Tribune; and Rich Miller, president and CEO of the newsletter Capitol Fax. The debates are scheduled to air in early October on Governors State's Mind Extension Channel on Jones Intercable Systems, as well as WYIN-TV Channel 56, which serves as the Public Broadcasting Network for northwest Indiana and the south metropolitan Chicago region.

Debates slated for the day include

* Maggie Crotty, D-Oak Forest, and Patrick Burns, R-Oak Forest in the 35th House District;
* Kevin McCarthy, D-Orland Park, and Maureen O'Hara, R-Orland Park, in the 37th House District;
* Michael Giglio, D-Lansing, and Jim Giglio, R-South Holland in the 79th House race;
* George Scully, D-Flossmoor, and Andy Quinell, R-Crete, in the 80th House race;
* William Mahar, R-Orland Park, and Pam Woodward, D-Frankfort, in the 19th Senate race;
* and Debbie Halvorson, D-Crete, and Flora Ciarlo, R-Chicago Heights, in the 40th Senate race.

Jackie Schimke
October Employee of the Month

Jackie Schimke was nominated as the employee of the month in October by a student who said Jackie was willing to go the extra mile to help her out.

Schimke began working at GSU as an assistant in the Presidents Office in 1979. She then worked for three years in Physical Plant Operations before she came to the College of Education. "Then, it was known as the the College of Human Learning and Development," Schimke said. She is currently an administrative aide in the College of Education. She added that she was happy a student nominated her, and that it's crucial to maintain a healthy relationship.

"I think it's very important to be nominated by a student. It's a good thing to take time with the students; they sometimes need that little extra help. I know that we're all busy, but it pays off to take the time."

Jackie, a mother of four and grandmother of two, is planning to retire at the end of February next year. "Let's just say that I'm looking forward to an impending retirement," Schimke said.
Dr. Gavin memorial adorned with special drape during formal rededication

The memorial honoring influential south suburban physician and philanthropist Dr. Charles E. Gavin recently received a new African batik-print drape. The drape that formerly rested above the memorial adjacent to Engbretson Hall in the Hall of Governors was starting to fade and weather, according to Dr. Pat Carter, dean of student affairs and services.

Dr. Gavin has been closely associated with the university since its 1969 inception. Although he died before the school's doors first opened, his spirit of helping those in the south suburbs has been honored through a foundation scholarship started by former faculty member and original foundation member Robert Wolf. Richard Allen, one of GSU's first directors, was also involved in structuring the foundation.

Several members of the Gavin family were in attendance for the rededication, including Cook County 6th District Judge Marvin Gavin, brother of Charles Gavin, and Dr. Katherine Gavin, Charles' sister, who spoke of her brother's legacy.

Dr. Gavin, a former resident of Chicago Heights, was an extremely influential figure in the south suburbs, best known for his selfless medical efforts treating financially challenged adults and children, according to his sister.

Other honors posthumously bestowed upon Dr. Gavin were an honorary doctorate degree from GSU and the naming of an elementary school in Chicago Heights School District 170 after him.

According to Dr. Katherine Gavin, her brother was known as a healing person who looked beyond racial barriers, looked after single mothers and was a man of healing.

The doctor was imprisoned before his death for failure to report income.

A vast majority of Dr. Gavin's work was done pro bono, making it virtually impossible to track his income well enough to satisfy the Internal Revenue Service.

While in prison on the income tax charge, he became seriously ill.

No one could correctly identify his illness, so he did it for himself. Shortly after making a diagnosis of lung cancer, he passed away in 1971.

GSU President Paula Wolff was on hand to accept the purple batik drape from family friend Margaret Ndiaye, historically looked upon as a healing color, on behalf of the university.

His memory is honored each year at GSU through the Charles E. Gavin Scholarship presented by the Gavin Foundation.

The foundation, based in Park Forest, presents a scholarship to a student each year. A scholarship in Dr. Gavin's name has been presented to a GSU student since 1972.

GSU President Paula Wolff receives a purple cloth from Margaret Ndiaye to go atop the Dr. Gavin memorial.

GSU alumni continue to achieve

Many of our Alumni continue to gain success after graduating GSU, standing as a source of pride for the university.

Anthony Kopp, who received a MBA in April 1981, has accepted the position of vice president in the Commercial Loan Division at Republic Bank.

Gaile Hausaman Nellett received a B.S. in nursing in August 1993 and was recently awarded a doctorate in nursing by Loyola University. She has also accepted an assistant professorship at the University of St. Francis.

Mark E. Schultz, who received a B.A. in education in June 1973, has recently been appointed as national service manager for the Electric Vehicle Division of GNB Technologies in Lombard.

Pamela George received a MA in educational administration in December 1997. She has accepted the position of assistant principal at Naperville Central High School.

Robert Beishuizen, who received an M.A. in April 1982, was awarded a doctorate degree by Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Lisa Hartlage received a M.A. in educational administration in April 1991 and has accepted the position of principal at West School in Glencoe.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of our GSU alumni.
Writing across the curriculum program set for October 7

Governors State is set to host an important symposium on writing across the curriculum Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special keynote speakers Susan McLeod and Barbara Walvoord will discuss pertinent issues regarding writing and suggestions on how to improve the communication process.

McLeod is a professor of English and chair of the English department at Washington State University. She has published several works on the subject, and is currently coediting a collection entitled Writing Across the Curriculum for the New Millennium.

Walvoord is director for the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning and professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. Among her most recent publications is the acclaimed Effective Grading: A Tool for Learning and Assessment.

Meet... Curry Kimble

GSU is pleased to announce the election of Curry Kimble as student trustee for the 1998-99 school year.

Kimble, 25, of Riverdale, is a graduate from the Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, and is pursuing a master of business and public administration (MBA) degree in the College of Business and Public Administration.

She has been a student at the university since the summer term of 1997. Student government is not new to Kimble, as she was a student senate member while attending Northern Illinois, and worked closely with the student arm of the Board of Regents at Northern. She also currently works in the Financial Aid office at GSU.

Kimble's appointment has taken on added significance and responsibility after Gov. Jim Edgar signed legislation allowing student trustees to act as voting members of the board of trustees at each of their respective state-funded universities. Kimble recently attended her first board of trustees meeting at GSU on Sept. 14, commenting that the meeting was extremely informative.