Former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide proved an ideal expert for Governors State University’s conference, “Globalization: Opportunities and Challenges in the 21st Century.”

The approximately 400 people in attendance for the October 30 event were given a first-hand account of how the emergence of global commerce is changing the face of countries both large and small.

Organized with the collaborative efforts of GSU faculty, administrators, private businesses and philanthropic organizations, their work resulted in a conference that reaffirmed the university’s emphasis on intellectual learning.

An impressive plenary panel comprised of University of Chicago’s Dr. Marvin Zonis, Shorebank President Mary Houghton, and the University of Illinois-Chicago’s Dr. David Ranney expounded on the issue of globalization. They provided their views and insights, some in direct opposition to each other, regarding the future and current trends of a boundless commerce within the United States and abroad.

GSU President Paula Wolff welcomed Aristide to the conference. “After visiting with President Aristide for the last day and a half, I’ve come to realize that no one could better lay the framework for globalization issues in the 21st Century than he,” Wolff said.

During his keynote, Aristide kept a keen focus on how commerce effects countries such as his native Haiti as they struggle

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Several people in the Governors State community were able to meet former President Aristide, including GSU Trustee Bobbie Peterson (at right). Below, GSU President Paula Wolff introduces Aristide at the conference on Saturday.

to find a position in the global marketplace. Operating as the poorest democratic republic in the Western Hemisphere, Aristide knows that commerce is essential.

During his term as president - the first democratic tenure of Haiti in more than 200 years - he saw poverty effecting the primary functions of life such as education and healthcare. Following his term as president, he set out to work on those very issues by starting The Aristide Foundation for Democracy.

His foundation sets out to focus on those primary functions of education and healthcare by getting into the global economy. The foundation can then act as a blueprint for other countries in the same position.

Aristide did warn, however, that while technology will increase the speed, distance and options of how we do business, the human element could be lost in the computer shuffle.

"Every day, billions of dollars are traded between companies and countries on the Internet in a faceless, global marketplace. In my native land of Haiti, in Port-au-Prince, we have an actual marketplace. People meet face-to-face, exchange gossip or just come to say hello. There needs to be a balance between the two," he said.

Aristide talked about an address he had heard at a conference in Germany, where a doctor of holistic medicine talked about the dichotomy of 'high-tech' versus 'high-touch.'

"We need to continue to work within the high-tech, but let us not turn our back on high-touch," he said. "If we are successful, we can work together to build schools, hospitals and the very things that sustain us."

How can we find the balance? Aristide points an education plan he would like to see happen in Haiti, one that has worked with overwhelming success in Colombia. Colombia was able to nearly double its
literacy rate in six months by having people both young and old act as educational ambassadors. These ambassadors travel from village to village and town to town, teaching people to read and write. "Education is the key," Aristide said. "With an educated workforce, the opportunities are boundless."

Following the keynote address, the plenary panel of Zonis, Ranney and Houghton carried on a lively discussion with guidance from conference co-chair and GSU professor Dr. Larry Levinson, of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Zonis kept the focus of technology, and admitted that commerce and interaction on the Internet will bring the single largest economic impact the world has seen since the automobile. Both unintentionally started a revolution in the way countries do business.

"The first time someone ever saw a car go by, their first thought was most likely, 'Hmm, that looks a lot more comfortable and faster than riding in a carriage behind a smelly horse.' The comment was not, 'Boy, this sure is going to have a huge impact on foreign relations, with the demand for oil from the Middle East and all,'" Zonis said.

And it was and is the very essence, Zonis said, of why the larger industrialized countries have gone on to rely so heavily on other countries with natural resources and labor. That argument, which picked up with some of the issues Aristide addressed, was that the political structure of smaller countries is somewhat limited. It is the international economic environment in these countries that create the largest change.

Ranney and Houghton took issue with the notion of outside influences helping steer the economy of a nation, adding that it is "Crucial to have a national political and economic structure to help ensure successes," Houghton said."

Governments must be able to manage countries, whether their course is accepted by the more powerful nations or not."

With this dialogue setting the tone, several breakout groups took issues further.

Some of those issues included human rights, challenges in the labor force, globalization and transportation, a search for a new regionalism, the international perspectives of education, health care, the changing nature of communities, economic development, and technology as an agent for globalization.

All of these well-attended workshops allowed the conference attendees to discuss these issues in a constructive environment. The result appeared to be a rousing success.
**Faculty Senate names new president, vice president**

After completing two terms as Faculty Senate president, Governors State University professor Karen D’Arcy relinquishes her duties after an extremely successful tenure. D’Arcy, who was lauded for her tireless efforts and hard work while president, now hands the position over to newly elected president Jagan Linganmenni, a university professor and coordinator of the criminal justice program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Also elected for a term starting this fall trimester is Mari Ellen Leverence, a university professor in the University Library. Both Linganmenni and Leverence have been members of the Faculty Senate for quite some time. The two have been working diligently in their new positions, and have highlighted three items they would like to keep a focus on:

1. providing leadership and assistance for a smoother transition to a new President and other senior administrators.
2. develop and strengthen linkages with

**Plans for new faculty, child development buildings at GSU starting to take shape**

Architects from Ross-Barney Jankowski came to Governors State University on Nov. 2 to show some of the early conceptual drawings of the new teaching-learning complex and faculty buildings.

While there was some discussion regarding the plans for each of the sites, there is nothing “Set in stone at all” lead architect Carol Ross-Barney said to those in attendance.

Three different concepts were presented for both sites. For the teaching-learning facility, there are no variations in location. The building will be directly across from the carillon and boulevard median in front of the main entrance.

What proved to be the most interesting was the discussion of plans for the new faculty building.

After initially requesting plans for a stand-alone building and shooting down any notion of adding on to the current facility, Ross-Barney and her team came with a happy medium.

The concept would have a long, narrow building running from the south wall of the main building, and running all the way to the end of the E and F wing. The building would essentially be a stand-alone, with the exception of bridges spanning the service dock accessing the food services area and a bridge to both the Education and Science wings.

“ThIs seems to be the best option,” said GSU Faculty Senate President Jagan Linganmenni.

While this was only a preliminary concept, Ross-Barney is ready to move ahead to the next phases of refinement on the current concepts. There will be regular updates on the developments at @Govst.edu throughout the course of the project.
Nationally renowned psychologists, counselors taping series at Governors State

David Burns, one of the nation's all-time best selling self-help authors, took time out during a videotaped counseling session to discuss his latest subject - relationships and intimacy.

He considers many of the "self-appointed" psychology experts "self-serving and untrained." He knows what works and what won't, because he's been there before. Author of *Feeling Good* and *The Feeling Good Handbook*, Burns has spent more than his share of time on the *New York Times* Best Seller's list.

In fact, *Feeling Good*, with the main focus on depression, has sold more than 3 million copies to date and is among the top-selling self-help books of all time.

That was before. Now, Burns is wrestling with the difficult subject of relationships. "My publisher said 'give me a book on intimacy,'" Burns said. And in the mid-1980s, he had completed such a book and sent it to his publisher.

The publisher loved it, sent Burns a six- figure advance, and wanted to send it to print. Burns requested, however, that he wanted to test the core ideas of his book on counseling subjects. "It failed in every situation," Burns said. "We tried it on more than 100 couples. I sent the (book advance) money back to the publisher."

Now, more than 15 years after the "failure," he has revisited the subject of relationships, couples and intimacy. His new theories, Burns admits, fly in the face of conventional relationship psychology.

"Everyone is looking for a scapegoat. Really, when you think about it, it's always 'he or she makes me feel a certain way' or 'I'm mad at what that person is doing to me.' The problem is that you're always blaming someone," Burns said. "The truth is, maybe we're getting out of a relationship exactly what we're putting into it. We create the problems we deal with."

These concepts are being put to the test in the video studio at Governors State University as part of the Psychology and Counseling program's video series for students.

The tapes will be a part of an instructional component for several colleges and universities' psychology and counseling courses throughout the United States, including Governors State.

"Doing counseling work live, interactively, with people face-to-face, works out so well," Burns said. "If you think about it, the attitude that you have toward something like depression, for instance, is that you will seek out help.

"When it comes to relationships, you think the other person is at fault, and you don't have a problem. Maybe you are the problem. Seeing people realize that they may be the problem carries an astounding impact. It's something that you have to see to believe," he added.

"And this applies to relationships with co-workers, bosses, family members, essentially all of the people that are in your life."

When asked whatever happened to the book that he had written in the 80s and pitched because it didn't work, Burns laughed. "Several people have written that book in one form or another, and it sold pretty well."

Burns is one in a line of several renowned psychology experts coming to Governors State to tape for Drs. Jon Carlson and Diane Kjoss' video series. And the theories vary between the experts.

*Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus* author John Gray and Monty Roberts, known as author of *The Horse Whisperer*, are just a few of the people coming to take part in the tape series.

Best-selling author John Gray takes a break while videotaping in the Governors State television studio.
cussed her research findings about teamwork, team problems, effective teamwork and barriers to team effectiveness.

Dr. Monroe noted that where teams are formed, members must be aware of the need to obtain knowledge about the perspectives, values, norms, etc., of team members, and we need to be aware of functional and dysfunctional team behavior.

GSU partners with Triton College

Governors State University and Triton College of River Grove, III., are partnering to open up options in pursuit of a criminal justice degree. The newly created program to start in the Winter 2000 semester will allow students to access courses both at GSU and at Triton.

Criminal justice as a field of study covers the traditional aspects of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, courts and the judiciary, corrections and juvenile justice. It also recognizes the interdependence of social traditions, values and legal structures that necessarily impact on policy questions in a democratic society. The major focuses on the social problems of crime and delinquency and the methods of managing these problems for the social good.

This partnership affords you the convenience of at-

The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University is once again bringing holiday favorite “The Nutcracker” to town on Dec. 11. Now a Center holiday tradition, Chicago’s own Salt Creek Ballet, featuring principal dancers from New York’s American Ballet Theatre, will present new choreography, enhanced costumes and an elaborate set with a growing 30-foot tree dusted by pristine falling snow.

Shows are at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are $23 for adults, $18 for children 16 and under. For additional information, contact The Center box office at (708) 235-2222.
Governors State student speaks at Amnesty International conference

Alisher Botorov’s story and his attitude toward life remain a stark contrast to his life growing up in the war-torn republic of Kajikistan. And he seems quite happy about that.

After managing to survive a war where he witnessed countless executions and endured long stretches of starvation, he has come to the United States to learn - and live.

A gregarious 20-year-old, Botorov is an excellent student. After attending Crete-Monee High School his senior year, he managed a 4.0 grade point average at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights.

He continues to excel at Governors State University, taking a full course load majoring in communications, employed as a student worker and writing for the school newspaper.

Botorov was asked to call upon his past, however, as he speaks as a student representative to Amnesty International’s Midwest region conference entitled “Building Bridges to Build the Movement.”

The conference, which was Oct. 22 - 24 at Northwestern University School of Law’s Chicago campus, gave him a chance to share stories such as when soldiers captured the bus he was riding.

They began to separate the men, women and children. A soldier was about to take Alisher. A woman said he was her son and cried out so that they would not take him.

The soldiers shot and killed the other men who were on the bus. He was 1 out of 27 boys who received a scholarship to continue their education in the United States from Kajikistan.

Alisher came here when he was 17; he stays with Sue and Matt McArthur in University Park. While here in the U.S. he found out that two of his uncles had been killed.

Alisher is still recovering from this loss and is planning to try saving his country. “I am afraid one day my country will be built up from cemeteries.”

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Governors State University announces its newest Board of Trustee member Harry Klein, recently appointed by Gov. George Ryan.

Klein, 61, is a lifelong resident of Homewood and successful businessperson. He is founder and president of Chicago Financial Enterprise. He is now retired and looking forward to his work on the GSU Board.

Mr. Klein’s term begins immediately and runs until January of 2005.

"I have time to spend on the university issues" he said, "and will be an active and involved member of the Board. The south suburbs have some great institutions of higher education; I am excited about being a part of Governors State, the fastest growing public university in Illinois."

Paula Wolff, President of Governors State, welcomed Mr. Klein.

"We are very fortunate to have an experienced business leader and a long-time local resident join our Board. Based on his knowledge and experience, the students, faculty and employees will benefit from his guidance," Wolff stated.

"Mr. Klein comes to the Board at an interesting time," said Sally Jackson, chair of the GSU Board of Trustees. "The Board will select the next President of the university within the next several months. We look forward to his involvement and judgment in this matter."

Mr. Klein has three children and three grandchildren and has been married for 41 years to Lonnie. Both Ms. Jackson and President Wolff expressed their appreciation to Frances Grossman, retiring Board member, whom Mr. Klein will replace. Grossman was appointed to the board January 1, 1996, when the Board of Trustees was created. She was recently named to the position of executive vice president at Shorebank.