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"Do something," was the message Martin Luther King, Jr. Day keynote speaker Chris Zorich brought to Governors State University.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message was definitely alive at the university’s 11th annual King Day remembrance. With uplifting musical performances and reflections on the selflessness Dr. King possessed in his message of peace, the event proved to be inspiring for both audience and participant alike.

The Kenwood Academy, Crete-Monee High School and the Rich East High School choirs moved the audiences with spirited songs and dances, providing an energetic atmosphere for the approximately 1,000 adults and children in attendance. Each of the groups did approximately three songs during the event, singing of a new century and a renewed vision of peace.

Providing a more historical background were Larry McClellan and Ron Bean of Governors State.

McClellan, director of the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center (SMRLC) at GSU, recalled a time early in his adulthood when he was faced with discrimination. While attending a university in Califor-
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Students from the Crete-Monee High School choir (above) get into their portion of the King Day celebration.

At left, law student and former professional football player Chris Zorich delivers his message.

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nia. McClellan and other members of his fraternity had become close friends with a Japanese student.

When the student was asked to be a member of the fraternity, it set off a maelstrom on campus. The university alumni association and the fraternity's national offices resisted the appointment, and threatened to revoke the fraternity's charter if they were to go ahead.

"You see," McClellan said. "Several of the Asian-Americans were sent to camps in California during the height of WWII, and there were still feelings of resistance following the war."

McClellan and his friends, through the advice of a university trustee, enrolled the Japanese student into the fraternity, and they went on with their lives.

"Have we come a long way since then? Yes. Do we have a long way to go? Yes," McClellan ended.

Bean, a university lecturer with SMRI.C, spoke of difficulties closer to home. While growing up on the south side of Chicago, Bean remembers noticing a definite stratification of neighborhoods.

"I remember being chased out of neighborhoods for the color of my skin. 'That was a white kid's neighborhood' and so on. I remember when the black kids were only allowed to the ice rink once a week, only on certain days," Bean said. Although the evident discrimination bothered Bean, he remembers the ones who made a difference in the community, the ones "who didn't see the color of skin as an issue. They were the ones who made a difference in my life," Bean added.

Giving the keynote for the tribute was law student, former football player and community activist Chris Zorich. A bi-racial only child growing up on the south side of Chicago, Zorich keenly remembers the situations he faced growing up. He admitted he didn't even know exactly what a whole apple looked like because they never "looked all red and shiny in the garbage."

And while the memories of tougher times in his life are still fresh, Zorich didn't feel sorry for himself.
"We were poor. We barely had enough to eat, and there were some days when my mom didn’t eat at all; but we were rich. We were rich with love," he said.

He did discuss football, but not about playing for the Bears, or what it was like to play in the National Football League.

He talked about the reason why he walked away from a very financially rewarding line of work.

He left to help other people. While still maintaining a hectic workload on myriad foundation and fundraising programs, Zorich is closing in on his law degree from Notre Dame. He intends to represent issues close to him, such as children’s rights and family welfare issues.

"I was doing our annual Thanksgiving Day deliveries, where we deliver a dinner to hundreds of people in Chicago, and this guy comes up to me and says 'Hey, you know there are a bunch of other people going hungry around here.' And I said 'I know. What are you doing about it?'"

"Do something. You can’t do everything, and solve all the problems. But do something, no matter how small you think it is," Zorich said.

"That is the message. That’s the message Dr. King had."
GSU gears up for career fair

It's that time of year again! Governor's State University will be hosting its annual job fair on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the university's gymnasium area.

Graduates and alumni will be attending this event to discuss job opportunities for students of all majors. Admission is free to all students with a resume.

This year's job fair is organized and conducted by Calumet College of St. Joseph, Governors State University, Indiana University Northwest, and Robert Morris College.

Some of the 100 employer participants in the fair last year included Amoco, Empress Casino, Horizon Bancorp, Jewel-Osco, State Farm, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and many more. Interviews will also be available with these companies from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact GSU Office of Career Services at (708) 235-3974 for more information.

Diversity Dinner participants wanted

The South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Council (SMRLC) at Governor's State University is again in the process of arranging the annual Diversity Dinners event.

With a focus on bringing together people from different locations in the south suburban region for an open discussion on regional issues, dinner participants are being sought. More than 500 people participated in last year's event; the goal for this year is to get 1,000 people together in more than 100 houses in the region.

If there is a specific issue that you want to discuss, contact GSU Office of Career Services at (708) 235-3974 for more information.

Legal counsel McKeating departs GSU

After serving as legal counsel for four years, Nancy McKeating has resigned from her administrative post.

McKeating said the time spent working at Governors State University was rewarding. "It was exciting to be at the university at a time of such active growth," McKeating said. "It was a pleasure to work with so many accomplished and committed people on the board, staff and faculty."

GSU President Paula Wolff added that McKeating "served the university well in representing its interests in a myriad of venues on numerous complicated issues" and that her "wisdom, skill and sagacity will be sorely missed."

With the departure of McKeating, GSU welcomes Bob Gildo as interim legal counsel. Gildo has agreed to serve approximately three days per week for the next two months. Gildo is an experienced lawyer, having served in both the public sector and in private practice. He was the full-time city attorney for the city of Wheaton for four years and has represented numerous governments and private companies in his law practice.

McKeating described Gildo as an "extremely intelligent and able lawyer."

Psychology and Counseling program continues rolling 'experts' series

Renowned counseling expert John Gray, author of "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus," stopped by the television studio at Governors State University to contribute to the Division of Psychology and Counseling's 'Experts' series. Also contributing to the series are Ken Burns of "The Feeling Good Handbook," and Monty Roberts, best known for his work as "The Horse Whisperer."

Noted author and counseling expert John Gray talks with counseling student Kim Snow during taping.
Enrollment Services at Governors State setting precedent with dual enrollment program

Governors State University’s executive director of Enrollment Services, Michael Toney, along with community college relations coordinator Lisa Hendrickson, have been working on a precedent-setting plan that will make a seamless transition for prospective Governors State students.

The plan, which has already been approved by South Suburban College and Joliet Junior College, will associate and familiarize junior college students with Governors State immediately.

Students participating in the Dual Admissions program will have all of the benefits students currently enrolled at GSU have, including access to the Center for Performing Arts, the fitness facilities and several other events at the university.

"We have been meeting with partners from five feeder schools in the area, sitting down and brainstorming on how to best facilitate students transferring into GSU," said Toney. "We will jointly recruit students with the community colleges, identify them as being interested in GSU, monitor them, and after they have earned a necessary grade point average, they can start here.

"Right now, we have signed agreements with South Suburban College, Joliet Junior College, and have scheduled meetings with Moraine Valley College, Prairie State College, and Kankakee Community College. Immediately thereafter, we have a meeting with the City Colleges of Chicago, where we'll have the same program."

University employees receive diversity training

University staff, faculty and administration were invited to participate in the "Pathways to Harmony" diversity training workshop. Led by Rudy Wilson, associate provost for diversity at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, participants spent the daylong workshop working on exercises showing how insensitivity can manifest itself in many ways. The program was sponsored by the College of Education and the Multicultural Study Group.

Workshop presenter Rudy Wilson walks participants through one of several exercises during the "Pathways to Harmony" diversity training workshop.

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would like to see discussed, such as education or regional growth, this is a chance to hear what others have to say.

If you are interested in the dinners as a host or participant, or would like additional information, contact Thalia Johnson of the SMRLC at (708) 534-4484.

"Salute to Graduates" program date set

The time is rapidly approaching for graduating classes at Governors State University to prepare for the future. As an aid to students entering the next phase of their careers, GSU is offering a host of activities and services.

On April 5th, GSU will host Commencement Preparation Days in the Hall of Governors, beginning at 10 a.m. The featured topic will focus on Internet-based job searches, and will be offered at three different times throughout the day: 11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

Graduating students can also register for GSU’s resume referral program, offered through the Office of Career Services. Your resume can be referred for positions that are advertised through the Career Services Office. To register, students need to submit a resume and complete the Career Services registration form. Referrals will only be made for positions that match the student’s interest and qualifications.

Photo service will also be available through Chappell Studios. Students will be provided a cap and gown for the photo session. Jostens will be on hand for students to order caps and gowns, personalized announcements and class rings.

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If bachelor’s recipients are considering the pursuit of an advanced degree, they will be able to talk to an admissions counselor regarding admission to GSU graduate programs, and may apply for programs immediately.

On the lighter side, graduating students are invited to attend the graduation picnic to celebrate their academic achievement on May 20, 2000 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free; however, a reservation is required for admission. For registration or any additional questions regarding the picnic, contact the Student Life Services Office at (708) 534-4550 before May 13.

Child education conference set

Governors State University and the South Suburban Association for the Education of Young Children (SSAECY) present their second annual early childhood conference, “See How They Grow... Meeting the Needs of Young Children.”

The conference, on March 18, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will be held at several locations throughout at GSU.

The keynote presentation will be given by the Public Policy Theatre, which has been performing all over the Chicago area for the last seven years. In addition to the keynote presentation, there will be a total of 34 conference sessions offered during four different times. Infant massage. The conference also has a special lunch.

Groundhog Job Shadow Day sheds light on careers

At far left, Mark Ligda, who is contracted as the uplink expert by the South Metropolitan regional Higher Education Consortium, discusses his work with students and GSU mentors.

With more than double the number of students over last year, this year’s Groundhog Job Shadow Day was an excellent experience for high school students from the south suburban region.

Approximately 25 students from Tinley Park, Thornridge, Thornton, Thornwood and Oak Forest High Schools came to Governors State to take part in the nationally-sponsored event. GSU conference and workshop coordinator Carol Matthews, the day’s organizer, was pleased with the results.

“I think it went real well,” she said.

“I’ve already had people call that are interested in the event for next year. And the students seemed to have a good time.”

Students were able to spend time at GSU learning about careers such as public safety officer, television and communications production, human resources and information and satellite transfer technology.

Culver taking curriculum to Bavaria

Governors State University is offering the opportunity to earn college credit while discovering Germany and central Europe.

The trip is scheduled April 23 - May 6. There is the potential for students to receive six units of credit for two course offerings. You do not, however, have to be a GSU student to go on the tour. The trip is scheduled to take place between GSU’s Winter and Spring/Summer trimesters, giving those who are students the opportunity of maintaining a normal trimester schedule.

The tour will begin in Chicago’s sister city, Hamburg. A short side-trip will be made to nearby Oldenburg, then on to Berlin. Other stops include Dresden, Prague and Munich.

The College of Business and Public Administration is making it possible for students, faculty, alumni, and staff of GSU, interested businesspeople, state and local government officials, and area citizens to participate in the tour.

Participants wishing to earn university credit for the tour may enroll in Management 550 AB. Topics in Management Business in Germany and the Czech Republic, and/or Management 550 AC, Topics in Management: Government and Administration in Germany. Each course carries three units of credit. Two or three orientation meetings will precede the tour. See Dr. Lowell Culver concerning assignments and grading for the two credit courses.

Culver, a College of Business and Public Administration professor, will lead the tour. He studied at the University of Hamburg on a Fulbright grant and taught at the University of Oldenburg in 1993 under the Fulbright Senior Professor exchange program.

For additional information, call Dr. Culver at (708) 534-4940 or Stephanie Wenzel, at (708) 534-4934.
January Employee of the Month

Sharon Evans

Sharon Evans, working in the office of admissions for Student Affairs Services, believes the atmosphere is the reason why she enjoys her job so much.

"I love my job. I like everything about it. I like the people, I like the actual duties, and the atmosphere of GSU is very good. I like being able to help," Evans said.

Been at the university a little over 1-1/2 years, lives in Park Forest, and believes her children help create her personality.

“They contribute a lot to making me the person that I am,” Evans ended.

Governors State receives record-setting endowment

World War II veteran, Cancer survivor, Successful businessman. There are several honorable titles that can be assigned to Donald Morrison. Another title that students and staff at Governors State University can assign to him is philanthropist.

Morrison recently arranged a charitable trust that has the potential of reaching the $250,000 mark. This is the largest single gift from an individual in the university’s history. This is the third major gift from Donald Morrison. He and his brother Wilbur have contributed together more than $110,000 toward student scholarships over the past 4-1/2 years prior to arranging the trust.

"Don’s reinvestment in the community and improving the lives of residents by making education accessible is extraordinary. We are profoundly grateful," Governors State University President Paula Wolff said.

Donald Morrison has been in the furniture retail business in the south suburban region since 1946. From that time until the present, he has come in contact with several local businesses and organizations including Governors State University.

And as a way to give back to what Morrison refers to as "A place that gives people an opportunity to improve their position in life," he has set up a remainder trust account to benefit the students of Governors State University.

The trust, which has the potential of reaching a value of $250,000, will maintain its focus on providing student scholarships.

"I’m fortunate enough to remember when I was just starting out. I feel that in my life, I’ve been very fortunate. I feel that it’s important to give back to those who have touched you in the past," he added. Morrison admits he didn’t have an accurate gauge on what Governors State was doing in higher education at first glance.

"During the first years of the university, there was this sort of perception that Governors State was a place for teachers and students that were interested in more radical ideas," he admitted. "Once I visited the campus and got to understand the mission of the university, I realized that the university was making an education possible for the more mature, adult student. That, I believe, is a very important focus."

A survivor of The Battle of the Bulge in WWII, Donald Morrison and his brother, Wilbur, began working in the family furniture store in 1946, where Donald said he "was only planning to work for one year and then pursue medical school."

Since that time, the Morrison Brothers began a relationship with Ethan Allen Furniture Galleries in 1976. The two have since retired from the day-to-day activities of their stores, but maintain their ties to the business and the regional business community.

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time feature with nationally renowned educator, Dr. Lillian Katz. Katz is professor emeritus of Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, past president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and is author of several books and articles.

New faces at Governors State University

The Governors State community welcomes the several new faces who have joined us in recent months:

Gloria Azamar
Secretary IV -Student Development

Sheryl Jones-Harper
Account technician II -Business Operations

Blondia Jasper
Secretary IV -Financial Aid

Lilie Pearson
Secretary IV -Purchasing

Cheryl Redican
Research associate -Center for Performing Arts

Ruby Roberson
Teacher/trainer -Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services

Margaret Schulte
University lecturer -College of Health Professions
Open Space Congress to meet

Fast becoming a hot topic in the expanding south suburban region, area growth will be discussed at the 5th Annual Open Space Congress March 11 at Governors State University.

The focus of the conference will be the issue of growing smart locally. With the expansion of the south suburban region, space is becoming a premium. The region includes urban, suburban and rural communities, each of which has individual issues and requires different strategies for expansion. Specific areas of interest include regional transportation issues, conservation standards and practices, and strategies for local implementation of smart growth practices.

If you are interested in attending the event, contact the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center at (708) 534-4484.

Meet...Beverly Goldberg

Starting out as a student seeking her master's degree in the early 1970s, Governors State University must have made a substantial impression on Governors State University Foundation board member Beverly Goldberg.

Hired in 1976 after receiving a master's degree in Human Ecology with an emphasis in Public Planning, she started out working as an assistant for the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium.

Two years later, Goldberg began her career for the newly-established Institute for Public Policy in the College of Business and Public Administration in 1978.

In 1980, Paul Green became director for the institute and the office took off, providing some of the more vibrant times for the university.

And according to many working within the Public Policy department, the sheer volume of accomplishments and appearances were made possible with the extraordinary help of Goldberg.

After a short retirement, she is back working part time in Alumni and Development at Wagner House.

She, along with Vice President of Development and Public Affairs Brandon Senter, has been working to organize and raise funds for the University Foundation scholarships.

And if you are looking for an expert on the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, look no further than Goldberg, who is the university contact for the park and frequently gives walking tours of the sites.

She also is a member of The Center for Performing Arts foundation board.

"I obviously have ties to the university, and have some good memories," Goldberg added. "And there are quality people working hard to ensure the university's success."