Faculty Office Building Signals New Era at Governors State University

The student population at Governors State University is expected to grow to more than 10,000 students by 2005. To accommodate the expected growth, GSU officials are aggressively moving forward with capital construction plans that include a new $13.5 million faculty office building. When construction is complete, space that is currently programmed for faculty offices primarily will be converted for classroom use.

The new four story, 250-office facility will provide office and conference space for faculty. It will incorporate approximately 58,000 square feet and will be located on the south side of the university's main structure. GSU officials have set a 2003 completion date for the project.

The architectural firm of Ross Barney + Jankowski, located in Chicago, Ill., has been selected by GSU to design the faculty office building, as well as a new $6.2 million Family Development Center.

"The design of the faculty office building is unique to GSU and recognizes the needs of the entire GSU com-

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munity. Overall, our goal is to provide first class office space to GSU faculty," said Carol Ross Barney, principal of Ross Barney + Jankowski.

Design plans for the new building include:
* open landscaping with a glass entry lobby;
* faculty offices that are private and secure with optimal space;
* support staff office areas;
* convenient walkways between the faculty office building and class rooms in the main building;
* windows that can be opened for natural cross ventilation;
* indirect lighting that can be controlled by the occupant of the office (and);
* heating and cooling monitors that can be controlled by the occupant of the office.

From October 19-24th, the preliminary plans and conceptual drawings for the new faculty office building were on display in GSU's Hall of Governors to give the entire university community an opportunity to review and comment.

"This is an important project that clearly requires the participation of the entire GSU community. We will incorporate the feedback that we received from the staff as we begin to finalize the design," said GSU President Stuart I. Fagan.

When the new faculty office building is completed and faculty and support staff move into it, there will be approximately 37,000 square feet of vacated space in the existing building.

Tim Arr, interim vice president of Planning and Administration, said the university has plans to use the space for classrooms and laboratories.

"Additionally, we are looking at more space for student study areas and the University Library," said Arr.

Currently, GSU encompasses six (6) distinct wings, "A" - "F", all in one main building structure, covering about 525,000 square feet.

The main building houses laboratories, computer labs, classrooms, and faculty/support offices to assist its four colleges: education, arts and sciences, business and public administration, health professions and its Board of Governors program.
Governor George H. Ryan has appointed two new trustees — Kathleen Field Orr and Lorine Skulark Samuels — to serve on the GSU Board of Trustees.

Orr, principal, Kathleen Field Orr and Associates, is a practicing attorney with a wealth of experience in municipal law and municipal finance. She has served as chairperson of the Local Government Section Council of the Illinois Bar Association and is a member of the Home Rule Attorneys Committee of the Illinois Municipal League.

Orr’s community involvement is extensive and includes serving as president of the Abby Foundation, a woman’s organization with funding of more than $50,000 annually in grants and scholarships for young women. Orr’s new appointment builds upon an established relationship with the GSU community. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Performing Arts at GSU, a position she has held since the Center opened in 1995.

Additionally, Orr was a member of the Board of Directors of the GSU Foundation from 1993 until 1998. She is a resident of Flossmoor, Ill.

“I’ve been involved with GSU for many years. I am honored to serve as a trustee. Governors State University is a vital part of the far south suburban community. It provides educational opportunity for thousands of people who might not otherwise be able to advance their education,” Orr said.

Samuels is extensively involved in community service, including Rising Star, Inc., an agency that provides services to pregnant and parenting teens. Additionally, she has served as the secretary of the Board of Directors of Central Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services in Lake Villa, Ill.

Samuels is the recipient of many awards and is a recognized leader in the financial field. She is the co-author of The Money Workbook and has published articles in the Delta Journal and Chicago’s Minority Business Newspaper. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Samuels resides in New Lenox, Ill.

“Because of the university’s emphasis on accessibility, thousands of individuals have been able to realize their higher education dreams. I am proud to be able to contribute to GSU’s continued growth and success,” said Samuels.

Members of GSU’s Board of Trustees are paid expenses only. The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

Commenting on the new appointments, President Stuart I. Fagan said: “I welcome Kathy Orr and Lorine Samuels to GSU’s Board of Trustees. GSU has grown and prospered over the years because of the insightful leadership and strategic direction provided by the Board of Trustees. Throughout the south suburbs, Orr and Samuels are respected for their skill, integrity, resourcefulness and loyalty. I look forward to working with them on behalf of the university community.”

Additional comments were made by William D. McGee, acting chair, GSU Board of Trustees:

“We applaud Governor Ryan for appointing Kathy Orr and Lorine Samuels to the GSU Board of Trustees. They are extremely talented individuals who have acquired extensive experience in the public and community service arenas. They have vision, talent and the willingness to put forth the energy that is required to ensure that GSU continues to fulfill its mission.”

Kathleen Field Orr, recently appointed to GSU Board of Trustees, has an established track record within the GSU community. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Center for Performing Arts at GSU and has served on the board of the GSU Foundation.

Larine Skulark Samuels, president/owner of Strategic Business Services in Homewood, Ill., brings to the GSU Board of Trustees a wealth of experience in civic and community leadership.
GSU faculty is new ACA president

Judith A. Lewis has been elected to serve as president of the American Counseling Association (ACA) for the 2000-2001 presidential term.

Lewis is a professor in GSU’s College of Health Profession. She previously served as president of the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors and participated in numerous ACA committees.

Lewis said she has a “great sense of optimism” regarding the future of the ACA and said she was proud to be in the counseling profession.

“I want counselors to go to work every day knowing that they’ve got the ACA behind them, ready to provide whatever support they need,” Lewis said. “I also want our very diverse population of clients to know that the ACA is ready to give them support, too, not just by providing direct services but also by fighting to make their environments less oppressive and more empowering.”

Founded in 1952, the ACA is the world’s largest, private, not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to professional counselors and related human services specialists. Through its extensive network of 17 specialty divisions, one organizational affiliate, and 56 branches, ACA serves more than 50,000 members in the United States and 50 other countries.

GSU receives federal funds for distance learning program for foster parents

When technology, talent and commitment are combined, the outcome can have a far reaching impact. With significant federal funding, Governors State University is employing that combination to develop a distance learning educational program for foster parents. The project is designed to address a national shortage of licensed foster care parents by increasing their access to training opportunities.

The Foster Pride Digital Curriculum Project will use multiple communication systems--such as the Internet, cd-rom and video--to provide the training that foster parents need to become (or remain) certified caregivers. The options help address the problem of providing training to foster parents who often can’t take classes outside of the home because of child care concerns.

“The project will make it more feasible for foster care parents to participate in state required training. The goal is to have highly skilled, certified foster parents who are able to improve the lives of the children in their care,” said Stuart Fagan, president, GSU.

Fagan also noted that GSU has long been in the forefront of developing distance learning programs to meet the needs of targeted populations.

“The project will carry forward GSU’s established leadership in educational television into the most advanced forms of multi-media education,” he said.

A $432,716 grant from the United States Department of Education will cover the project’s activities for the first year. The funds were awarded under the Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnership Program (LAAP) for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. The project partners GSU, the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and child welfare agencies in up to 17 other states.

The proposed implementation time for the project is three years at a cost of $2.7 million. The program pilot will be implemented in California, Texas, Illinois, Michigan and North Dakota when it is completed.

A key innovation of the project will be the development of a server-based modular digital curriculum library. The library will contain core training modules, as well as training components that recognize the different needs of foster parents.

“For example, we will tailor individual components for foster parents who live in different states or for those who are from different ethnic or cultural backgrounds,” said Charles Nolley, who will lead the project’s implementation and is director of GSU’s Communications Services division.

The Foster Pride Digital Curriculum Project is designed to increase training options for foster parents across the country. The GSU Communications Services department is developing the technology platforms for the innovative project. Shown here is Charles Nolley, director, Communications Services.
Conservation funding received by Thorn Creek Partnership at Governors State University

The Thorn Creek Ecosystem Partnership, based at Governors State University, has received two grants under the Illinois Conservation 2000 program. Last month, Governor George H. Ryan announced more than $5 million in grants to 30 local partnerships under the conservation program.

The Thorn Creek Ecosystem’s first grant of $6,427 is for a weeklong environmental summer day camp at the Ford Heights Service Center for 30 fifth and sixth grade students in Ford Heights, Ill. The day camp will provide hands-on environmental learning activities, recreation and two field trips.

The funds from the second grant — $2,696 — will be used to sponsor a daylong professional development workshop in August 2001 for up to six fifth and sixth grade teachers nominated by their principals and superintendents in the Thorn Creek Watershed. The workshop will be geared towards increasing the awareness of area teachers and students of biodiversity in watersheds. The project will be based in Ford Heights, Ill.

The Community Economic Development Association of Cook County, located in Chicago, Ill, will administer the grant funds for both projects.

“We are pleased with the decision to award funding to the Thorn Creek Ecosystem Partnership. Our goal is to encourage projects and activities that demonstrate the principles of conservation design and sustainable development,” said Karen D’Arcy, a GSU faculty member and spokesperson for the partnership.

The Thorn Creek Ecosystem Partnership was formed in 1997 as a part of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Conservation 2000 Program to protect the area’s natural resources.

The group is currently developing a plan to be used to preserve and enhance the local natural systems and integrate natural resources into the life and future of the south suburban communities. The watershed plan will encompass Thorn Creek and its tributaries: Deer Creek, Butterfield Creek, Third Creek and North Creek.

The partnership includes representatives from GSU, the Forest Preserve District of Will County, Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the villages of University Park, Park Forest, Flossmoor and Matteson.

Region’s first technology summit held at GSU

The panelists at the Southland region’s first technology summit discussed the role of technology in the future development of Chicago’s south suburban region. The co-sponsors of the event were Congressman Jerry Weller and State Representative Rene Kosel. Shown here as panelists are (at left) John Stoll, dean, GSU Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services, with Kosel and Weller.

Karen D’Arcy is Governors State University’s representative in the Thorn Creek Ecosystem Partnership.
Hispanic culture celebrated at GSU

Project HOPE held its Sixth Annual Hispanic Heritage Month cultural program from October 5-7 at Governors State University. Approximately 150 people attended activities that celebrated the richness and diversity of the Latino culture.

"Hispanic Americans have played an important role in the success of this nation. Learning about the contributions of Hispanics help build the pride of our Latino community. It also encourages in all Americans a respect and appreciation for the uniqueness of others," said Jose Reyes, project director, Project HOPE.

Project HOPE is a GSU organization that provides academic and outreach services to Latino students who attend selected elementary and high schools in Chicago’s South metropolitan communities.

On October 5th, Project HOPE, the Association of Latin American Students and GSU’s Student Life Division, kicked-off the celebration with an evening of cultural enrichment. First there was an ethnic food banquet held in the university’s cafeteria annex. Guests feasted on a variety of Latin American foods, ranging from Mexican tamales, Puerto Rican chicken with rice, Honduran black beans to Mexican style potato casserole. The banquet was followed by a performance by Machu Picchu, a musical group from Peru, who performed Andean music in the Sherman Music Recital Hall.

Monica Limon, a 12-year-old student from Garfield Elementary School in Chicago Heights, Ill., was touched by Machu Picchu’s music.

"This was the first time I had the opportunity to listen to Andean music. I found it to be very interesting and powerful. Even though I did not understand some of the lyrics to the songs, I enjoyed it a lot," said Limon who has been a Project HOPE participant for two years.

Additionally, the groups successfully collaborated to sponsor a two-day film festival. On Friday, October 6th more than 75 people turned out for the showing of "Julio & His Angel," a 1996 Mexican film, and "The Daughter of the Puma," a 1994 Guatemalan film. The number increased to 90 as the film festival continued on Saturday, October 7 with a showing of "New York," a 1995 Dominican Republic film, and, "Courage," a 1998 Peruvian film. Refreshments of popcorn and soda were provided at no cost to movie patrons.

Andean music performed by the Peruvian musical group, Machu Picchu, captured the imagination of listeners at GSU’s celebration of Hispanic culture. Performing on the flute, a band member (shown here) weaves his own special magic.

Battaglia named Baysore award recipient

Over the past 12 years, Nick Battaglia has built a professional career at Governors State University that has been distinguished by superior performance and service beyond the call of duty. For his efforts, Battaglia, who is a program advisor, has been awarded the Gerald C. Baysore Endowed Distinguished Service Award.

“I am very honored. It’s very rewarding to be able to work with the faculty and administration to help meet program objectives,” said Battaglia, a resident of Park Forest, Ill.

Dr. Baysore, one of GSU’s original staff members, died in October 1988 following a battle with cancer.

Battaglia was selected as the person who best represented Dr. Baysore’s integrity, dedication, competence and civility in his work and relationships with his fellow employees.
GSU students receive Community Colleges Honors and Phi Theta Kappa scholarships

Governor State University officials have presented 11 GSU students with scholarships in recognition of academic achievement, community service and leadership.

Nine GSU students received the Community College Honors scholarship. The scholarship provides full tuition, fees and book and transportation allowances.

This year’s recipients are:
• **Michaela Hanrahan**, Oak Lawn, Ill. Hanrahan is a transfer student from Moraine Valley Community College. She has a 4.0 grade point average and plans to study health administration.
• **Elyssa Hartman**, Lockport, Ill. Hartman is a transfer student from Joliet Junior College. She has a 3.8 grade point average and plans to study English/teacher education.
• **Christine Globke**, Worth, IL. Globke is a transfer student from Moraine Valley Community College. She has a 3.6 grade point average and is a Board of Governors student at GSU.
• **Maria Henderson**, Matteson, Ill. Henderson is a transfer student from Olive-Harvey College. She has a 3.8 grade point average and plans to major in business administration.
• **Kelly Williams**, Midlothian, Ill. Williams is a transfer student from South Suburban College. She has a 3.8 grade point average and plans to major in psychology.
• **Charlotte J. Strange**, Chebanse, Ill. Strange is a transfer student from Kankakee Community College. She has a 3.5 grade point average and plans to major in elementary education.
• **Kenneth Kornaniecki**, Chicago Ill. Kornaniecki is a transfer student from the Richard J. Daley College. He has a 3.9 grade point average and plans to major in criminal justice.

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GSU’s President Stuart Fagan (center) congratulates Community College scholarship winners. David Barr, GSU Foundation Vice President, (far right) is also shown.

Dr. Burton Collins Fundraiser nets $11,000 for scholarships

A financial contribution of $11,000 from family, friends and supporters has resulted in the establishment of the Dr. Burton Collins Endowed Scholarship for eligible graduate students at Governors State University.

The majority of the funds came from a scholarship fundraiser held recently for Dr. Burton Collins, a well respected professor in GSU’s Division of Psychology and Counseling, who died earlier this year from a sudden heart attack.

Addison Woodward, chairperson of GSU's psychology and counseling division, called the fundraiser a “fitting tribute to an individual who changed hundreds of lives.”

Sadie Collins, the late Dr. Collins’ mother, his wife, Juanita, and sister, Joslyn, were among the 125 guests who attended the September 22nd tribute held at GSU in the Center for Performing Arts.

His mother, who is 88 years old, traveled from her home in Birmingham, Ala., to support the scholarship fundraiser.

“It was a wonderful evening. There were many in attendance who had not met Burt personally, yet they wanted to show their respect and appreciation for the contributions he made,” said Woodward who also spearheaded the fundraising efforts with support from faculty and staff at GSU.

Dr. Collins came to GSU in 1972 as a coordinator of cooperative education in what was then the College of Business and Public Services. In 1976, he led a task force that resulted in the creation of Student Affairs and Services with its own dean. In 1990, he was associate dean for student development at a time when the office had come under fire because of its competency-based testing programs. A staunch advocate of academic excellence, Dr. Collins’ response to student detractors was that “[y]ou cannot talk about a college education, without talking about writing skills.”

“We want to honor Burt by helping graduate students who want to work with others in helping relationships,” said Woodward.
The University Honors Program Comes To Governors State University

A faculty committee developed the Governors State University Honors Program with representatives from each of the university’s 8 divisions. After a careful study of other university honors programs within the state, the faculty committee took the best of each, integrated these components, and adapted them to Governors State’s unique mission and status as an upper-division institution. While recognizing academic excellence, the Honors Program was designed to serve the dual purpose of promoting an interdisciplinary approach to learning and providing advanced training within the student’s particular field.

To this end students complete three major curricular components of the program. They complete advanced course work within their programs allowing them to obtain more depth within their fields. Additionally, students take an interdisciplinary honors seminar allowing them to develop greater breadth, especially as it applies to problem solving. Finally, students complete an honors thesis/project or internship. Graduates of the program bring with them a heightened level of skill, knowledge and critical thinking.

An exciting feature of this program is that the traditional barriers that separate programs and divisions are broken down and in their place a true community of learners and scholars has emerged. The Honors Program also will provide extracurricular activities such as trips into the city, attending performances at the Performing Arts Center at GSU, special events and guest speakers, as it seeks to create a sense of community amongst its members. Professor Larry Levinson was elected to serve as the director of the program and the appointment was officially made by the Provost’s Office.

Student demand for the program is evidenced by the fact that since its inception in October 1999, close to 40 students have signed on and have begun to make progress toward completion of this challenging program. In February 2000, GSU hosted the annual Honors Council of the Illinois Region (HCIR) Conference. Seventeen colleges and universities participated, and 39 students presented their research, dealing with topics ranging from Watergate to sexual dysfunction.

Keeping within its theme of “global perspectives,” in June the program hosted its first annual banquet. The festivities included a Chinese catered dinner, a Spanish guitarist, and several speakers. Collegiality and community became practice as the 60 students, guests, faculty and administrators socialized and enjoyed the evening’s celebrations. Future annual banquets will be held to honor the graduates of the program.

The Honors Council of the Illinois Region Conference held at GSU served as a forum for students from 17 colleges and universities.

Employee of The Month
Janice Washington

Janice Washington joined the GSU community in 1987 as library clerk in the University Library’s circulation department. Today, Washington is a Library Technical Assistant, III in Serials. Additionally, she serves as the Union Steward for Local 743.

Prior to coming to the university, Washington worked at Prairie State College in the Learning Center and the Chicago Heights Library.

"As you can see, I have library in my blood, and it is a vocation that I greatly enjoy," said Washington, who attributed her success at GSU to "a love for my job and being blessed to work with great people."

Additionally, she credited her supervisor, Lydia Morrow Ruetten, with providing a work environment that encourages employee accomplishment.

"My supervisor deserves a lot of credit for recognizing and implementing concepts that not only build better relationships but better employees," Washington said.

On her selection as employee of the month, she said: "It is a privilege to be nominated. It proves that trust and respect go a long way in making good employees," she said.

Washington is a resident of Matteson, Ill. Her husband is the Reverend Leroy J. Washington, an associate minister at Calvary Baptist Church. She is the mother of three children -- Antwaune, Kisha and Tiffany. Washington has one grandson - - Antwaune Jarrett.
Governors State University Holds
Third Annual Alumni College Day Conference

The Third Annual Alumni College Day at Governors State University offered a variety of information forums. Workshop topics ranged from "Job Search on the Internet," to "Practical Fitness and Self-Defense Training for Women." Additionally, the eclectic mix included car repair, business ownership, heart attack and stroke signs and prevention, and housing options for the elderly.

The conference organizers were expecting a healthy turnout for the recent event held on GSU's main campus. They were not disappointed as alumni from throughout the region gathered for the day's forum.

For the first time, the group also targeted current GSU students as prospective conference attendees.

"After all, they represent the alumni of the future. We want them to know the benefits of joining the Alumni Association," said Rosemary Hulett, director, Office of Alumni Relations.

Girl Scouts learn the art of communications at GSU

Press Pass 2000, a national event sponsored by Trailways Girl Scout Council, Inc., was recently welcomed to the university by the staff of the Communications Services Department at GSU. The event is designed to introduce Girl Scouts in the 10th through 12th grades to the field of Media Communications. This year's program participants included Girl Scouts from across the United States and from France, Germany and India.

The 25 girls visiting GSU's campus spent an entire day with Communications Services staff learning to tape a talk show. The girls produced a full 30-minute program entitled, "Something ToTalk About." It included segments on the history of the Girl Scouts organization, examining teen self-image, and the expanding role of girls in sports.
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• Dianna Evers, Steger III. Evers is a transfer student from Prairie State College. She has a 4.0 grade point average and plans to major in psychology.

• Daniel Dominiak, Chicago, Ill. Dominiak is a transfer student from Morton College. He has a 3.9 grade point average and plans to major in criminal justice.

The winners of the Phi Theta Kappa scholarship will receive full-time tuition for two trimesters at GSU. They are:

• Sandra Sauceda, Sauk Village, Ill. Sauceda is a transfer student from Prairie State College. She has a 3.5 grade point average and plans to major in elementary education.

• Ronald Morris, Chicago, Ill. Morris is a transfer student from Kennedy King College. He has a 3.5 grade point average and plans to major in social work.

Domestic Violence Awareness Week

GSU job fairs open door of opportunity

As a service to the GSU community, the office of Career Services sponsors job fairs to facilitate professional growth for GSU students. The university's most recent job fair attracted companies from throughout the region.

The Office of Career Services at Governors State University held a job fair recently that was extremely successful in matching job seekers with employers from throughout the region.

Held on October 3rd, in the Hall of Governors, more than 200 individuals had an opportunity to meet with representatives from 35 companies.

"This is a great time for a person to find a job because the economy is still strong," said James Opon, director, GSU Career Services.

Among the companies attending the fair were Advocate South Suburban Hospital, the Illinois Department of Human Services, Jewel Foods, Mett Therapy Services and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Additionally, the GSU Office of Career Services has scheduled three other job fairs.

The next fair is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th. At that time, GSU, in partnership with Prairie State College, will hold a joint Healthcare and Human Service Job Fair. The fair will run from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in GSU's Hall of Honors.

"This joint effort is geared to help employers find job seekers who are highly qualified to fill vacant positions," Opon said.

The event is tailored for individuals who have earned an associate degree through those who have completed their master's. Employers who want to participate in future GSU sponsored job fairs should call Opon at 708-235-3974.

George Winston Headlines December 2nd Benefit Concert

The Governors State University Foundation is holding its annual scholarship benefit concert on Saturday, December 2, 2000. This year, solo pianist George Winston will be the featured artist. Tickets are $100. For information, call 708-534-4105.
Governors State University presented Faculty Excellence Awards

Seventeen Faculty Excellence Awards were presented to Governors State University faculty and staff at fall Convocation.

Winners are selected 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. This year's award winners will receive a maximum of $1,500. The following are the 1999-2000 winners:

• **William Boline**, professor of social work, College of Health Professions, is commended for his outstanding work in teaching and service.

• **Diane Casey**, librarian, University Library, is commended for her work in information technology and service.

• **Burton Collins** (posthumously), former professor of counseling, College of Education, was commended for excellence in teaching.

• **David V. Curtis**, professor of management, College of Business and Public Administration, is commended for his outstanding achievements in teaching and the unique service contribution he made to GSU on the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools Steering Committee.

• **Karen D'Arcy**, professor of analytical chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, is commended for excellence in teaching and research as the coordinator for the Thorn Creek Ecosystem Partnership.

• **Adriela Fernandez**, professor of social science/Latin America, College of Arts and Sciences, is commended for superior teaching and knowledge of Latin American history. She has developed two new courses: "Politics of Latin America" and "International Political Economy."

• **Gary Fisk**, professor of television and media production management, Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services, is commended for superior performance and excellence in research. As faculty technology coordinator, he created the Faculty Media Lab.

• **Deborah Holdstein**, professor of English and rhetoric, College of Arts and Sciences, is commended for outstanding scholarship and achievement in the coordination of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Self-Study.

• **Mohammed Kishta** (posthumously), former professor of science education, College of Arts and Sciences, was commended for his excellence in service. He was a key participant in the Center for International Technology and Education Network. The project brought together academic curriculum specialists from the Chicago Public Schools, the Nigerian government, and Governors State University.

• **Tony Labriola**, professor of television production, Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services, is commended for superior achievement in research/creative activity and service.

• **Judith A. Lewis**, professor of alcoholism sciences, College of Health Professions, is commended for outstanding contributions in the area of research/creative activities. She has a long and impressive publication record.

• **Charles A. Olson**, professor of business administration, College of Business and Public Administration, is commended for his exemplary performance in teaching and service. Professor Olson is working on his third statistics textbook. Those familiar with his previous books rate them as excellent.

• **David Parmenter**, professor of production management, College of Business and Public Administration and recently elected president of the GSU Faculty Senate, is commended for outstanding contributions in teaching, research and service.

• **June Patton**, professor of history, College of Arts and Sciences, is commended for excellence in scholarship and research. She is chair of the Social Science Secondary Education Committee and principal writer of the proposal for the secondary education sequence in social science.

• **Lydia Morrow Ruetten**, librarian, University Library, is commended for outstanding achievement in service. She is a senator on the Faculty Senate, and was the chair of the Educational Policies Committee.

• **Bruce K. Wilson**, professor of criminal justice, College of Arts and Sciences, is commended for excellence in teaching/primary duties and community service. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Cook County Boot Camp and the Harold Washington Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

[Image of Dave Parmenter at podium] Dave Parmenter (at podium), Convocation keynote speaker, is a Faculty Excellence Awards recipient for 1999-2000.
Meet...David Parmenter

As Governors State University's new president of the Faculty Senate, David Parmenter has outlined two major goals: to promote increased support for faculty scholarship and to "address various university-wide quality and morale issues that I feel have received insufficient attention."

The scholarship issue has special meaning for Parmenter. In addition to his duties as Faculty Senate president, he is teaching three management classes this fall. One of them, a logistics course entitled Supply Chain Management, is developing into an important research area.

"At the moment, I'm trying to take the time to learn more about using the Internet as a vehicle to perform logistic activities. I hope to have a sabbatical next fall when I can spend the time delving into that particular topic," he said.

Parmenter joined the GSU community in August 1992. He is a tenured university professor in the College of Business and Public Administration. Parmenter's teaching interests include business statistics, operations management, quality management, logistics management, and management.

Parmenter has received three Faculty Excellence Awards— in 1994, 1997 and 2000. In 1995, the Student Life Division at GSU named him Faculty Advisor of the Year.

Reflecting on his "occasional" success in the classroom, Parmenter said, "Our students are so busy with their lives—jobs, kids and spouse—you have to fight for their attention...you have to let them know that their attention to your course is going to pay off." he said.

Parmenter's service to the GSU community also included serving as a faculty senator and as chair of the Academic Program Review Committee. He is also the faculty advisor to the GSU Student Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Council.

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