Provost Cites Continued Excellence

David V. Curtis

Provost David V. Curtis spoke of GSU's drive toward excellence, citing recent accomplishments and future plans Monday, March 12 in an address to the GSU faculty, staff and student leaders. Curtis' address encompassed a wide range of topics concerning the university.

For the first time student leaders were invited to hear his speech, an event normally reserved for faculty and staff. But, the provost stated, "...in the final analysis, the students are the only reason any of us are here."

Among a wide range of topics he discussed, Curtis cited the recent visit of the North Central Association visitation team. The team specifically noted improvement in a number of areas, among them the grade competency controversy; graduate and undergraduate education differences, and the external image of the university. After the March 5-6 visit, the provost said, the university "...received an A+." The North Central Association, as a result of their findings, has not scheduled another visit until 1989-90.

Among other recent accomplishments, the provost pointed to the approval of an off-campus M.P.A. at Chanute Air Force Base; the major is identical to the on-campus major. Other important accomplishments in GSU's drive toward excellence are the curriculum realignment, collegial reorganization, creation of a College of Education, and the renaming of the School of Health Professions to the College of Health Professions. Also, a new BPA sequence of courses which, with the cooperation of Moraine Valley Community College, will make it possible for students in the Moraine Valley district to take GSU business courses there, and achieve their junior level credit hours before coming to the university campus.

There is a new major in computer sciences at GSU, recently approved by the IBHE; national attention is being given to the telecourse, "Health Care Organization; and over 350 articulation agreements have been developed with area community colleges.

The provost spoke of the IBHE report presented in December 1983 which stressed the importance of higher education and the increased need for the state universities. "The paper," ...said Curtis, "was a very strong defense of GSU" though the university was not named in the report.

In his summation, the provost called GSU a good, solid, regional university with the continuing goal of providing an excellent education to those students served by it. He called for continued pursuit of teaching excellence and caring advisement. Concluding, Curtis stressed quality and high standards for both graduate and undergraduate courses and students and continued development of course offerings at off-campus sites.

Closing with statistics which show that degree-seeking graduate students now account for almost a third of total enrollment at GSU, with degree-seeking undergraduates making up 36%, Curtis cited the fact that non-degree seeking students comprise 33% of student enrollment, 15% of these at off-campus sites. Therefore, he said, "...the reality of such sites as a source of students needs to be faced and plans, such as the GSU-Moraine Valley Sequence must be considered as part of a comprehensive goal for the continued growth of Governors State University.

"We will not become a hide-bound, traditional university," Curtis said. "But neither do I want us to be the 'University of What's Happening Now'...we have turned in...the direction we have chosen to go, and we are making progress in getting there."

Gross To Be On National Television

Harriet Gross, CAS professor of sociology at GSU, will be featured on the nationally syndicated television program "Woman to Woman" on WLS-TV, ABC Channel 7, at 3 pm on Wednesday, April 4.

Gross is co-author with Naomi Gerstel of a book on commuter marriages which will be published this fall. She has been quoted in numerous national and local media and lectured extensively on the subject.
Rare Books Have A Special Place In University Library Collection

Little known, yet fascinating, is the Rare Book collection in the University Library. Few know of its existence unless, while using the library catalog, they have come upon a card with a notation "Rare Book" under the call number. Further inquiry reveals that the library has a rare book room which holds a collection of several hundred volumes.

In its infancy, in the late 60s and early 70s, a rare book collection was not among the library's stated—or unstated goals. Rare books were acquired accidentally. In order to build the library's book inventory quickly, back then, entire collections were obtained from various sources—private libraries as well as those of academic institutions which were closing. Among the books received, an occasional find would be recognized as a first or signed edition which had value on the antiquarian market.

Such books, pulled from library circulation, were kept for a time in the library director's office. Later, as the collection grew through donations from personal libraries, the few became many and outgrew the office space, and the material was moved to a new location. The university now had a legitimate rare book collection.

Twice over the years notable private libraries of special interest have been acquired. One such was an extensive library of black history and literature, carefully collected by one individual over several years. Included were a few first editions and signed copies of out-of-print and rare material. When the library gained this collection it was a valuable addition to the resources for black history and culture studies.

Another interesting acquisition is the collection of 200 playscripts of the late Chicago actress Ann Birk Kuper. For more than 30 years, beginning in the twenties, she gave solo readings of contemporary plays throughout the Midwest. Approximately 150 plays in the collection are first editions which contain the actress' personal annotations for her performances.

The maintenance of the rare book collection is a responsibility of Elaine Bate. A native of Great Britain, Bate is spending a year at GSU organizing the archives and rare book collection and helping to staff the Educational Materials Center. She is uniquely qualified, having been a professional children's librarian in England and most recently Chief Librarian of the Turks and Caicos Island Library Service in the British West Indies. Her efforts there, in museum and archival work, led to the establishment of a national archive.

Library users who wish access to the Rare Book Collection should contact Elaine Bate at ext. 2532 for an appointment. Material may be used within the library. Information on the use of this collection is also available at the University Library reference desk, ext. 2323.

New Singing Group In Concert

Dr. Rudolf Strukoff directs the University Singers, the newest vocal group at Governors State University, who will present a free public concert on Saturday, April 7, at 4 pm in the Music Recital Hall.

Nuclear Freeze Advocate To Lecture in EH

An "Analysis of the Nuclear Arms Race as a Process of Madness" will be presented on Tuesday, March 27, in Engbretson Hall. The speaker is Ben Solomon, vice chairperson of Chicago Area Faculty for Freeze (C.A.F.F.).
Small Business Center Established at GSU

Managers of south suburban small businesses who want help from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) can now find it as close as GSU. (See Landscapes, March 9, 1984)

The university and the SBA have signed an agreement making GSU a "cooperative center." Initially, the SBA has given the university a set of the agency's publications for use by local business people. The university also will offer counseling on a wide variety of business problems and opportunities. The two organizations are expected to sponsor training workshops and trouble clinics in the future.

Robert Milam, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, and Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, president, signed the agreement for the university. John L. Smith, district director of SBA in Chicago, represented the government agency. Director of the new center will be Richard Shreve, coordinator of the Office of Business Extension Service and Training at GSU.

"This is the first step in extending a full range of services to the small business operators in our region in cooperation with the SBA," Shreve says.

The center maintains a library of SBA publications, which includes 77 titles under 28 categories such as advertising, marketing, pricing, legal matters, profit planning, quality control and break-even analysis, to name a few. There is a series of materials for starting up small businesses in everything from apparel to trucking.

For further information about the services available at the GSU Small Business Cooperative Center, call ext. 2241.

Matteson To Discuss Alternative Marital Lifestyles

David Matteson, CE professor of psychology and counseling, will discuss "A Study of Two Alternative Styles of Marriage" at the March Faculty Forum in Engbretson Hall on Friday, March 30, at 10:30 am. The public is invited free of charge.

For five years, Matteson and his wife, Sandy, collected data from 30 couples in which the husband was bisexual or gay. Two distinct styles of dealing with the issue in marriage emerged. A follow-up study two years later examined differences between those marriages which had broken up and those still intact.

BPA Party Proceeds Go To Memorial Fund

The holiday spirit carried over well into the new year when a group from BPA handed President Leo Goodman-Malamuth a check for $150 for the beautification project in memory of deceased GSU faculty and staff.

The money came from the annual BPA celebration held in December. It brings to $1650 the total in hand for the creation of a garden-type memorial to more than a dozen members of the GSU family who have died while in active service to the university. An additional $1,000 has been pledged through payroll deduction. The BPA gift was presented to the president by the committee in charge of the holiday party, which includes Vivian Sherman, Judy Gustawson, Colleen Gallagher and Jordan Tsolakides.

According to Virginia Pucci, vice president of administration and planning, the memorial will be located between Richard Hunt's "Large Planar Hybrid" sculpture and C Wing of the university. It will be an area shaded by bushes and trees with a bench where people can sit and relax in partial seclusion.

The project, funded from private donations, will be started this spring, and will cost approximately $4000. "We are grateful to the people in BPA for their generosity," Pucci said. "We hope that their action will encourage other groups and individuals who would like to memorialize their former friends to contribute to the fund."

All contributions should be sent to William Dodd, chief executive officer of the GSU Foundation, and designated for the staff memorial fund.

Members of the organizing committee for the BPA annual holiday celebration last December present a check for $150 to Pres. Leo Goodman-Malamuth for the memorial beautification project. They are (l to r) Vivian Sherman, Judy Gustawson, Colleen Gallagher and Jordan Tsolakides.

GSU Professors Receive Grants

Herman Sievering and Paul Schranz, both of CAS, have received funding grants recently. Sievering, professor of Engineering Science, who has become nationally known for his studies on acid rain and airborne pollution of lakes and oceans, has received a $190,000 grant from the Great Lakes National Program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This two-year award pushes his EPA funding total over $950,000 and enables him to continue his studies of atmospheric pollution loading of the Great Lakes.

Since coming to GSU, Sievering has published more than 30 papers; his work has been quoted in deliberations by Congress and by the U.S.-Canada International Joint Commission on the Great Lakes.

Paul Schranz has received a Grant in Photography from the Illinois Arts Council. His most recent work includes "New Findings," a photographic essay, and a limited edition portfolio titled "Aquatic Light." He has been a professor of photography since 1973.
Suzanne Prescott, presenting a paper at the Midwest Economic Association, in Chicago, April 1, 1984. The title: "Coverage of Major Topics in Economics in the Undergraduate Curriculum: Economists as Gatekeepers."

Mwalimu D. R. Burges (CHP), conducting a four day institute on "Counseling the Black Client and Family," at the Human Resource Development Institute, Chicago. Also, being invited to conduct seminars at the National Black Alcoholism Conference and Workshops to be held at Howard University, in June. During Black History Month, Burges facilitated and conducted a series of workshops at Stateville Prison, Lewis University, Manteno Mental Health Center, Greater Faith Baptist Church and at Pilgrimage Protestant Church in University Park.

George Michel (CE), appearing as a panel member concerning the school management team of school board, superintendent and principle. The panel was presented as a part of the Annual Meeting of the Three Rivers Division of the Illinois School Boards Association, March 6, 1984 in Joliet.

V. K. Chris Liebscher (BPA), contributing, by invitation, a paper, "Echo, Search and Meeting at the University Level," to the Midwest Economic Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 5-7.

Note of Thanks
From Mel Muchnik, (CAS)..."Please accept my appreciation and deep gratitude for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy and comfort following the death of my mother. Once again, and at a critical time for me, the GSU community demonstrated its capacity to respond as a family. Thank you."

Alumni Fund Drive Phonathon
Once again, the GSU Alumni Association needs the help of all GSUers to put its fund drive over the top in its efforts to raise money for the Alumni Academic Awards (scholarships), computers for student use, and the library.

In the past, the cooperation of such diverse parts of the GSU community as the University Library, Special Programs, Student Affairs and Services, Administration and the members of the civil service union has made the difference.

This year, student organizations and the Student Senate have already volunteered to contribute their time. Join with all those who are helping make this year's Phonathon a rousing success. Call Ginni Burghardt, ext. 2419 to volunteer for this year's effort.

The dates and times for this year's Phonathon are April 9-13, April 16, 18, 19, 6:30-9:30 pm. Refreshments and food will be provided.

Bookstore Notice
Follett's GSU Books will be closed for inventory Monday, March 26.

Blood Drive
The Division of Nursing and the Professional Nurses Organization will sponsor a blood drive for the American Red Cross Blood Services. The success of this community service activity depends upon GSUers who are willing to be donors. Call extension 2440 to set up an appointment.

The nursing faculty and students are ready to answer your questions about the blood drive and how it benefits you. They will also take information concerning your own health and ability to donate. Giving blood is a gift of life from you to your community. The collection site will be in Engbretson Hall 12 noon to 6 pm on April 3, 1984. Join us if you can.

CHP Division of Nursing

Savings Bond Campaign
GSU kicked off its U.S. Savings Bond campaign on March 21 and will continue it through April 16. Franchon Lindsay, Pers., is coordinator. Leaflets have been distributed by each area canvasser. Every GSUer is encouraged to take a fresh look at the Payroll Savings Plan, see how it fits into their financial future, and if it does, to complete the payroll deduction authorization card.

Job Opportunities

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
Position: Director of Admissions
Qualifications: Master's degree, minimum three years experience in higher education admissions and recruitment. Experience with traditional and nontraditional students, commuting students.

Responsibilities: Administration of all aspects of admissions and recruitment offices.

Deadline: Position available immediately. Send letter of application, resume, and three current letters of reference to: Chair, Search Committee, c/o Cynthia Dickens, Executive Assistant for Student Affairs, Administrative Center 836, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41076, (606) 572-5403.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
Position: Instructor or assistant professor of history, Western Civilization, one semester leave replacement.

Qualifications: Master's degree in history and college teaching experience. Ph.D. a plus.

Salary: $9,000 to $10,000, depending on experience & qualifications.

Deadline: April 20, 1984

Position: Assistant or associate professor of Industrial Technology.

Qualifications: ABD, doctorate, industrial experience, technical management, successful teaching experience, ability for scholarly research.

Deadline: April 16, 1984. Send letter application, resume, names, addresses, telephone numbers of three current references to: Dr. Andrew Bacon, Chair, Industrial Technology Department, Central Connecticut State University, 1645 Stanley St., New Britain, CT 06050

Position: Assistant or associate professor, graphic arts.

Qualifications: Master's degree in technical education or related field; teaching and industrial experience required. Doctorate preferred.

Salary: $18,000 - $28,000

Deadline: April 16, 1984. Send letter of application, resume, names, addresses and telephone numbers of three current references to: Mr. Sanford Rich, Industrial Technology Department, Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06050

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