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"Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits."

Mark Twain

Julian Bond at GSU Monday, May 10, at 1 p.m. in The Center for Performing Arts

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University-Wide Meeting May 11
President Stuart Fagan will give the university community an update on issues facing GSU at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 in Sherman Music Recital Hall. Highlight of the meeting will be a preview the university's new web site, which will go live June 1.

Getting the Facts on the Record
President Fagan, Board Chair Bruce Friefeld, and Student Senate President Linda
Williams testified before the Illinois State Appropriations Committee April 27. The three GSU representatives asked that appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005 be at the same level as Fiscal Year 2004. Friefeld argued against a cookie cutter approach to budgeting for higher education, pointing out that at GSU, the cost of delivering academic programs is more than seven percent below the average of all other public universities. Fagan testified that because of the proposed reduction of two percent in appropriations to higher education, the university would not be able to support programs requested by local communities. Williams told the senators that because of the cutbacks, students were negatively affected because some faculty positions were not filled immediately, classes were often not available, and time to graduation was extended. “She was the star of the hearings,” Fagan said later. “The legislature doesn’t usually hear directly from students.”

Open House Draws Crowds
More than 350 people visited GSU for its Open House May 1. Larry Polselli, executive director of enrollment management, said, “It was a good crowd. But what’s more important, we had 67 applications That's more than we've received at any other open house.” Polselli added that information sessions for specific programs will be scheduled in the next few months.

Yes, You Heard it Right – Web Site to Go Live June 1
One of the longer running projects in the history of GSU is coming to a close. The university’s new web site will go live June 1. Diane Dates-Casey, director of the University Library and coordinator for Academic Information Technology, is leading a team that is doing a final check on the accuracy of the content. ITS is tweaking the technology. The site will previewed at the university-wide meeting May 11. Following that, focus groups of students, faculty, and staff will give their reactions. After final adjustments, the site will go live June 1. “This has been a very complex project,” said John Tuohy, vice president for administration and planning. “We've had to resolve some tricky technical and design questions. But I think when people see the final product, most will agree that it was worth the wait.”

NCATE Goes to the Pros
Your humble GSUniverse editors have taken every opportunity to laud the Professional Education Unit’s and the College of Education’s impressive “no weaknesses found” accreditation by NCATE last year. And rightly so. The scuttlebutt from those in the know is that GSU pulled off an unparalleled achievement, which tells the tale: GSU has the best people and the best programs in education. (I'm breaking the first rule of
journalism by waxing editorially. But, hey, it's springtime. Flowers are blooming, the sun is occasionally shining, and shorts are coming out of storage. Life is good.) So it's no surprise that NCATE has turned not once but twice to COE now for new additions to its Board of Examiners. As reported in the April 2 GSUniverse, Dr. Linda Buyer has just been tapped for a three-year term to the BOE, but now Dr. Karen Peterson has been selected, too, as “one of only 145 professionals representing teachers on the BOE.”

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society Initiation Ceremony
The Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society of the International Reading Association held an initiation ceremony in the Hall of Honors on Sunday, April 18th. Faculty, alumni, graduate students, and family members attended. Seventeen graduate language arts/reading students were initiated. For information about the Honor Society or GSU's Graduate Reading Program, contact Dr. Nina Nilsson, university professor and faculty advisor of the Alpha Omega Chapter of the Honor Society at GSU, extension 4129.

Keeping Up with Dr. Sudipta Roy
It's not easy keeping up with Dr. Sudipta Dutta Roy. An international student working on her MBA at GSU, Roy continues doctoral-level scholarship (see March 19 GSUniverse) and tutors for Student Development. That might keep some grad students busy enough, but Roy also teaches statistics and algebra at Kankakee Community College, where she's just been selected there for The Innovation in Teaching Award by the Faculty Development and Instructional Support Committee.

Accepted for Publication...
Dr. Mercedes Graf's book On the Field of Mercy: Women Medical Volunteers in American Wars has been accepted for publication by Prometheus Books. Graf, professor of Psychology, has published several works about women who served as medical personnel during 19th and 20th century wars.

Scholarship Sails On: Accounting or "Sage Advice"
Dr. Lloyd Sage, professor of Accounting, presented a paper entitled "Teaching Intermediate and Tax Accounting Topics Using Self-Generated Elaborations," co-authored with Judith Sage, at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Accounting Association, April 2, in Lexington, KY.
ScholarShip Sails On: Psychology and Counseling
Dr. Julia Yang, interim chair for the division of Psychology and Counseling, reports that she and Drs. Hugh Crether and Cyrus Ellis presented at the American Counseling Association's 50th Annual Convention in Kansas City. (For Dr. Jon Carlson's presentations at the same conference, see the April 9th GSUniverse). Crether's presentation was "Implementing the CSU/ACA Advocacy Competencies in Counseling and Counselor Education," co-authored by J. Lewis, P. Arredondo, and D. Plunkett. Ellis presented "Children, Risky Behavior, and HIV: School and Community Counselors Collaborating to Make a Difference," and Yang presented "Appropriateness of Applying Jungian Type across Cultures."