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"I am a writer who came of a sheltered life. A sheltered life can be a daring life as well. For all serious daring starts from within."

Eudora Welty

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School Psychology Sequence Has Been Eliminated
On September 21, at a regularly scheduled board meeting, GSU’s Board of Trustees voted to accept the recommendation of the president and the provost to eliminate the sequence in School Psychology. Both cited budget pressures, the great difficulty to hiring qualified faculty in a very competitive job market, and the real possibility that the program’s accreditation might be in jeopardy. President Stuart Fagan said it was a difficult and painful decision – but absolutely the correct one, given the cuts in state funding over the past three years. Provost Paul Keys said that the decision was made after an exhaustive review of all academic programs to identify which programs had significant growth potential, as well as which programs might be candidates for elimination, or be placed on a watch list for elimination. He described in detail the open and transparent process that led to the decision. Several students, faculty, and former faculty members asked that the program be continued because of the impact on students in local school districts.

The Message Must Be Heard in Springfield
Board Chair Bruce Friefeld told the public speakers that he agreed with what they said – that children in local schools will be adversely affected by this decision. He said that the message they delivered to the GSU Board of Trustees needs to be carried to Springfield so that the governor, the Office of Management and Budget, and legislators realize the consequences of their actions when they cut funding for higher education.

Time to Update the Strategic Plan
President Fagan told the Board of Trustees at its meeting on September 24 that he planned to call for a review of the university’s strategic plan because GSU faces a new set of challenges, including cuts in state funding, flat enrollment over the past several trimesters (although enrollment is up this trimester), and hostility toward higher education from Springfield. He said, “The times are changing, the challenges are changing – but GSU will act decisively to keep control of its own destiny.” Details will be announced at Convocation on October 7.

This Week At GSU:
State Senate President Emil Jones Jr. – September 29
State Senate President Emil Jones Jr. in Engbretson Hall on Wednesday, September 29, at 7 p.m.

"Rhetorical Choices" - September 30
Drs. Keith Gilyard, Charles Schuster, and Deborah Holdstein will present for "Rhetorical Choices: A Town Hall Meeting on the Teaching of Writing" on Thursday, September 30, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Sherman Music Recital Hall.

Mark Your Calendars
Convocation will be on Thursday, October 7, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Recital Hall. President Fagan will announce several new initiatives, including a plan to revisit the current strategic plan. Provost Keys will discuss new opportunities for the Academic Wing.

State Senate President Emile Jones, Jr., to Visit GSU
State Senate President, Emil Jones, Jr., will be on campus at 7 p.m. on September 29, in Engbretson Hall, to talk about issues facing Illinois.

The Provost Is In
Provost Paul Keys will be in the Hall of Governors from 11 a.m. to noon this Thursday, September 30, to offer faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to speak directly to him. This is the chance to ask questions and discuss any subject or area of concern.

ScholarShip Sails On: Health Administration
Jay J. Shen, Ralph Bell, and Clementine Coleman, professors of Health Administration, along with Dr. Lee Washington at Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, have co-authored an article for the August 2004 issue of *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* titled “Patterns of Hospital-Based Pediatric Care Across Diverse Ethnicities: The Case of Pneumonia.” The project was funded by the *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality* under the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Coming Soon:**

Cats - October 1 and 2
Live at The Center for Performing Arts on Friday, October 1, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 2, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**Visual Arts Gallery - October 4**
Jesus Rodriguez, Chris Silva, Ruben Aguirre Jr., Dan Segar

**Distinguished Lecture Series - October 6**
Dr. Rodrigo del Canto, Wednesday, October 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

**Convocation - October 7**
Brave New World

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**Error, Retraction, Danger, Will Robinson! Does Not Compute!**

It's an age-old maxim: “Writers write, but only because they can't do math.” We cede that truth and observe, as the products of liberal arts educations, your humble *GSUniverse* editors don't need Orwell's O'Brien to convince us two plus two equals five. We've sort of intuited that to be the true answer all along. Which is to say, our more learned colleagues - those who occupy professions in which two plus two must consistently add up to four and never five - corrected our somewhat fuzzy statistical inferences in last week's *GSUniverse*. (For the offending analysis, see last week's "Survey Shows Student Satisfaction - But Some Issues, Too.") They've scared us silly with terms like "nonprobability sample" and "heuristic inferences." We think, however, that we've been told that 12.5% of a limited student sample does not translate 12.5% of the total student population. *Mea culpa.*