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“The great tragedy of Science – the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact.”

T. H. Huxley
Forum on the Teaching of Writing: "Rhetorical Choices"
Despite the obstacles created by Thursday's gas line break by SBC and subsequent traffic back ups, The "Rhetorical Choices, A Town Hall Meeting on the Teaching of Writing" event was well attended in Sherman Hall. Scholars Deborah Holdstein, Keith Gilyard, and Charles Schuster talked about writing and the teaching of it to an audience of GSU students and college faculty from GSU and other institutions. The event, presented in partnership with Public Affairs and the Intellectual Life Subcommittee of the Graduate Council, was funded in part by publishers Allyn and Bacon/Longman, which publishes Rhetorical Choices: A Reader for Writers, written by the presenters. In his opening remarks for the event, Eric Martin, assistant provost and director of the Center for Quality, noted that GSU's commitment to the teaching of writing is reflected not only by the town hall event, but also by other recent developments related to writing, such as Dr. Holdstein's editorship of College Composition and Communication (the flagship journal for the field), the recently announced partnership between the Writing Center and the University Library, which will make writing tutors available in the library during evening and weekend hours. Martin also noted GSU's implementation of online directed self-placement for both writing and mathematics which has made the university a national leader in this area.

What a Snafu
Charles Schuster, of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and one of the presenters at the "Rhetorical Choices" forum, was caught in the traffic jam on Stuenkel - caused by the break in the gas line - and he worried if he'd make the event on time, if at all. But GSU's staff from the Department of Public Safety were working with University Park police, and they gave him an alternate route to the university. Schuster made a point of telling just about everyone he met what a good job the GSU officers did in directing people to the campus. A number of students said the same. John Tuohy, vice president - administration, said, "Al Chesser and all of our officers showed their professionalism in that small crisis. Too bad the Cubs don't have clutch players like ours."

Illinois Academic Advisors Association Conference
No small contingent of GSU personnel was front and center at last year's ILAAA conference (see photo), and this year's conference, coming up October 22, will likewise see GSU well represented. No surprise, GSU is a sponsor of the event, and two GSU advisors are officers for the organization: Judy Wood, academic advisor for CE, is vice president, and Bonnie Gregg, academic advisor for BOG, is secretary. This year, CE's Hugh Crether will be giving his second IAAC presentation. The 2004 conference, titled Modernizing Your Toolbox for Today's Students, will be held at DePaul University in Chicago from 8 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Registration is $55 (find form here). The keynote speaker will be Ghingo Brooks, vice president of Student Services and Enrollment Management at Malcolm X College. The conference, as well as the organization, is open to advisors, counselors, faculty, academic professionals, para-professionals and administrators in higher education. The organization's mission is to support the development and professional growth of advisors in higher education.

Scholarship Sails On: Accounting
Lloyd Sage, Ph.D., CPA, professor of Accounting, presented two papers entitled "Teaching Intermediate Accounting Topics Using Self-Generated Elaborations" and "Income Tax Research Case and AICPA Core Competency Framework," co-authored with Dr. Judith Sage, Ph.D., CPA, at the national Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association on August 11 in Orlando, Florida.

Learn How to Chill Out
The Certificate in Stress Management has been reinstated. Advisors are Rachel Berg and Albert Tuskenis.

Privacy Policy Posted on the Web
The privacy policy, which defines how information is posted and used on the web site, and which is mandated by the state, has been posted.
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is $50. To register, call 708.534.4092.

Open house: College of Business and Public Administration graduate programs - October 16 Graduate Programs Open House from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, e-mail BPA-INFO@govst.edu.

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