Change Comes to the College of Arts and Sciences

Roger Oden, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is returning to his tenured faculty position in the college, effective immediately. In announcing the first step in a reorganization of CAS, Provost Paul Keys said, “Given the globalization of society over the past few years, and given the increasing importance of international students to Governors State, I have asked Dr. Oden to work as an Assistant to the Provost for Global and International Affairs for a period of time, in addition to his teaching and other faculty responsibilities. Dr. Oden can provide the knowledge, leadership, and vision to take GSU to the next level and help assure that we will remain in the forefront of universities serving the global marketplace with ideas and innovation.” In the announcement, the Provost thanked Dr. Oden for his many contributions to the university and for his 32 years of service to GSU.

For the Moment

Dr. Sandra Mayfield, university professor of Communication Disorders, College of Health Professions, will serve as acting dean of CAS for a brief period, expected to be about three months or less. In a meeting with the faculty and staff of the College of Arts and Sciences, Provost Keys said his plan is to bring on board an interim dean who will serve for about a year and until a search for a new dean is completed. Previously, Dr. Mayfield served for nearly a year as interim dean of the College of Health Professions. She also served as interim division chairperson of the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. Dr. Mayfield was recently awarded a grant of $788,592 from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs for graduate and undergraduate student preparation. Of her, Dr. Keys said, “She is widely respected by all, and is considered to be a very open, all-inclusive, competent, and objective administrator, a scholar, and a researcher.”
CBPA Program Receives Dual Accreditation
The College of Business and Public Administration's Master of Public Administration program recently received reaccreditation. The college's program is one of only 155 nationwide programs accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). In addition, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) reaffirmed accreditation of all CBPA programs at its annual conference in June. The NASPAA endorsement is valid for six years. ACBSP has certified the college for 10 years. In both cases, accreditation was received after several site visits by representatives from the respective organizations. Accreditation from the ACBSP and NASPAA means that the CBPA's programs have undergone rigorous professional examination to ensure the highest standards—in teaching and learning.

IBHE: Woodward Appointed
The Governor's Office has appointed GSU Professor Emeritus Addison Woodward to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. "I hope to be a strong voice for public education," Woodward said. He explained that he is particularly concerned about the declining accessibility of a college education. "Universities have to be accessible to our populations," he said. "Education is the leveler, and if it isn't accessible, we create a stratified society." Woodward added that GSU has been a force in making education accessible. Woodward served as professor of psychology in the College of Education for more than 29 years and was chair of Psychology and Counseling from 1979 until his retirement in 2002. Woodward is one of the new retired, who have rendered former connotations of the word counter-descriptive. Since retirement he has traveled the world, met with the Dali Lama, and provided leadership as president of the GSU chapter of the State University Annuitant's Association. And, as Dr. Lori McKinney, professor of Psychology noted, "Since his retirement [Woodward] has remained actively involved in the concerns of GSU alumni and retirees." She added, "I have no doubt that [he] will be a strong advocate for the quality and needs of our educational system." Woodward was nominated to the board by UPI President Sue Kaufman.

IASCC Occasional Papers Published
The Occasional Papers from the GSU International Affairs Steering Committee (IASC) Conference: "Globalization and Education: The University in the Interdependent World of the Twenty-First Century" have been published and are available. The Occasional Papers include presentations made at the conference last spring by professors
The committee is presently working on two exchange requests from universities in Turkey and Taiwan, and researching possible funding sources for international programs. Call Bill Craig, IASC chair at x4492 for a copy.

New Kid on the Block
The Office of Public Affairs is pleased to announce (albeit a bit belatedly) the appointment of Eric Matanyi to the position of Coordinator of University Publications. He replaces long-time grammar guru Virginia Eysenbach, who recently retired after 20 years of removing adverbs and assorted grammatical whatnots from the center of infinitives and performing the all-too-delicate task of removing objective case pronouns from predicate nominatives. While Matanyi is new to Public Affairs, he is hardly new to GSU. He worked in a marketing capacity for CenterPoint, CBPA’s Small Business Development Center, for three years, making no small contribution to its success. He can be reached at ext. #5151.

GSU Undergrads Develop Software for Argonne National Laboratory
As part of a unique 10 week summer program, two GSU computer science students are getting the experience of a lifetime. Under the direction of CAS professor Dr. Soon-Ok Park, students Rakeya Smith and Rico Carell have been working on a project developed at the Structural Biology Center (SBC) at Argonne National Laboratory in Argonne, IL. Dr. Park’s team was one of only 15 teams selected from universities nationwide to assist in projects at the federal research facility. While many of the other research teams include students who are currently pursuing their master’s or doctorate degrees, Dr. Park chose to involve undergrad students, in part, due to their academic acumen. “This project is exciting because we do not usually have this kind of research at the undergrad level,” Dr. Park said. “There is a difference between studying something in a classroom and using a program in a real world environment. It’s a nice opportunity for the students.” Based on an existing web application, the students have worked to develop a PDA/Pocket-PC application for data collection software. The software uses a small scanner that plugs into the auxiliary data card slot of an ordinary PDA. This enables the scientists to scan and record data with the use of a PDA versus their current method, employing the use of a laptop. The new application will allow individual scientist’s data to be immediately entered into a common database via a secure wireless connection, making it instantly available for sharing and viewing with other researchers. “It’s much more convenient than having to carry around a laptop,” said Dr. Park. “It’s exciting because we never get to test this type of application in a real world environment,” remarked Dr. Park. “In most cases, students don’t
Something Mosaic This Way Comes
The Office of International Services and the Homewood Rotary Club know a good thing when they hear it. That's why they're sponsoring Mosaic, a multicultural music talent show featuring an international cast of GSUers. The show is the brainchild of Mosaic's musical director and GSU staff member Marlin Exton and will be performed in the Hall of Governors this October. Meanwhile, the performers, international students and GSU faculty and staff, are rehearsing twice a week and fusing music from India, Brazil, and the United States. Exton said, "Music is universal. There are no boundaries, no prejudice, no color; it's just music." (To see a quick clip of an early rehearsal with Marlin Exton and Brazilian-American professor Maristella Zell, Link to video.)

Gettin' those BBQ Kicks on Route 66
Probably only hard-core Todd Stiles and Buzz Murdock fans (or Sterling Siliphant fans) can tell you whether that picaresque 1960's duo ever filled their little red Corvette up at the Standard Oil station on Route 66, in Odell, IL. But the Food Network's Bobby Flay can tell you there was some serious grillin' there Sunday, with GSUer and Civil Service Senate President Kathy Miller. Miller is corresponding secretary for the Illinois Route 66 Association, which recently restored the gas station to its former glory. (Miller also serves as publisher and co-editor of the organization's magazine, 66 News.) She joined Flay, the cable network's BBQ King and host of Hot Off the Grill with Bobby Flay, at the station to grill boneless pork chop sandwiches for the small army of volunteers who restored the station to its former glory. The event was taped for broadcast on Flay's Food Network show. And wasn't it John Steinbeck who wrote, "Whenever you see a senate president barbequing a pork chop sandwich, I'll be there. Whenever you hear a grill sizzle in the heat of day, I'll be there. Whenever a guy needs sauce for his pork sandwich, Ma, I'll be there"?

The Stuffed Panda Family has a Home! (submitted by Kathy Miller, Civil Service Senate president)
The Civil Service Senate held a special raffle to raise money for scholarship. One scholarship is awarded each term to a deserving civil service employee or his or her dependant child. Trustee Kathleen Field Orr donated the prize of the Stuffed Panda Bear Family. The winner of the Panda Family was Dr. James Howley of Career Services. The Civil Service Senate wishes to thank Trustee Kathleen Field Orr and
everyone that supported the raffle by purchasing tickets or making a
cash donation.

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**Civil Service Senate Scholarship Awarded** *(submitted by Kathy Miller, Civil
Service Senate president)*
The Spring-Summer 2005 Civil Service Scholarship was awarded to
Karla Bass of PPO. Ms. Bass is a full-time employee earning her
degree in the College of Education. The Civil Service Senate asks the
GSU community to join in wishing Ms. Bass congratulations. There
were a record number of applicants competing for the Spring-Summer
Scholarship. “It was wonderful to see so many applicants this time. We
hope to see this kind of response again this fall. We want to give away
the scholarships!” said Kathy Miller, president of the Civil Service
Senate. Applications for the fall 2005 Scholarship are now being
accepted. Please contact Lillian Jung of Human Resources for further
information. You can reach Ms. Jung at ext. 5305 or via email at l-
jung@govst.edu

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**ScholarShip Sails On: American Library Association**
Lydia A. Morrow Ruett en, head of the university library's Serials and
Acquisitions Department, recently presented "ALA -APA Pay Equity
Studies: It Doesn't Take a Consultant" at the American Library
Association 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago. The presentation
covered how to conduct pay equity studies with and without a
consultant. The event was sponsored by the ALA-APA Pay Equity,
Union, Research, and Statistics Subcommittees.