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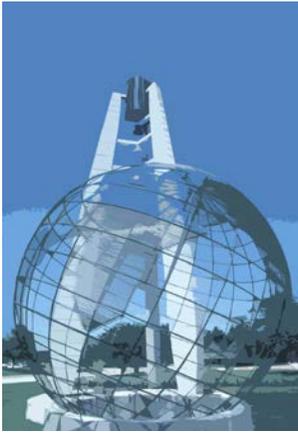
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"There is nothing so powerful as truth, and often nothing so strange." – Daniel Webster

Search to Begin

Provost Paul Keys notified faculty of the College of Education that a search will begin shortly for an Interim Dean of the College of Education. Ed Cehelnik, currently Acting Dean of the College, indicated he agreed to serve for only a short period of time when he accepted the assignment. The candidates to be considered will come from outside the university. Candidates will be interviewed by a faculty committee from the college. The president will make the interim appointment. Forward names of potential candidates to Colleen Rock Cawthon, Provost's Office, by November 15.

"Empower Yourself" Open House Is A Success

The number of individuals attending the November 2 Open House for prospective students was 10 percent higher than last spring's attendance figure. A total of 521 people came to the Open House, including 371 students from nearby community and city colleges as well as various public and private colleges and universities, ranging from Oral Roberts to the University of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Moreover, the Admissions Office staff processed 51 applications on site this year, compared to 28 applications last year. Sharon Evans, admissions counselor, organized the November 2 event.

The Real Work Begins When The Open House Ends

Polselli and his staff have sent e-mails to thank attendees for coming to the Open House. The e-mails are part of an aggressive follow-up strategy. The plan is to contact each prospect at least four times by traditional or "snail" mail, e-mail and telephone. The Office of Admissions is also planning a series of mini-open houses or information sessions for specific programs, such as criminal justice. Polselli said, "It is our objective to convert at least 70% of the attendees at Open House to enrolled students."

Here's Where We Stand On Accreditation...On Top!

Dr. Keys cited in his welcome remarks at the Open House a string of accreditation successes that has made GSU a state leader in the accreditation process. "We have been accepted and are delivering what we call 'Pathways to Effective Accreditation' presentations at several state and national conferences this academic year. We want to share our expertise in achieving successful accreditations with other institutions that are eager to receive it. Our presentations are based on a string of successful accreditations," Keys said. The string of successes, includes the:

- “fast track” accreditation schedule for the master of social work program;
 - accreditation of the master in physical therapy program for the maximum term of 8 years;
 - NCATE/ISBE site evaluation which found that College of Education programs meet every standard with no areas of improvement identified;
 - recommendation by site evaluators from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission that the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs be re-accredited for the maximum period of 8 years; and
 - entire university being awarded accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities in 2000 for the full term of 10 years.
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Year of the Grant: Homeland Security In The South Suburbs

The Institute for Public Policy and Administration is assisting in a grant project to seek federal funding to improve preparedness for homeland security in the Chicago Southland. “We are sharing ideas, making suggestions and helping with the writing of the grant,” said John Swain, director of IPPA and professor of public administration. The project is being lead by officials in the Village of Matteson and Southcom (a regional emergency dispatching entity) and by Dale Smith of the Professional Management Network. The project also has the support of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. The partnering organizations have developed position papers that show existing and proposed programs to improve the region’s capacity to prevent and respond to terrorism and to serve as an evacuation corridor.

Renowned Sculptor Brings Exciting Addition to Sculpture Collection

Governors State has received an important sculpture from Chicago’s Navy Pier collection created by renowned sculptor Harry H. Gordon. The sculpture is located west of the main entrance. It is made of two large pieces of granite taken from a Pennsylvania mine. It is 11 feet high, weighs 40,000 pounds, and sits on a one inch steel plate, approximately 5 ‘ by 8’. The sculpture is on loan from Navy Pier for three years to Governors State. Gordon has his own studio in Lambertville, NJ 08530. To view his works, log on at www.gordonsculpture.com

GSUniverse ScholarSHIP Sails On

- Dr. Robbie O’Shea has been invited to author a chapter on assistive technology in the textbook, **Physical Therapy for Children** by Suzanne Campbell. The book is considered to be the most recognized and used text on pediatric physical therapy in the nation.
 - The Addictions Studies program has been nationally recognized for being one of two counselor education programs in the nation to endorse multicultural counseling.
 - Dr. June O. Patton, professor of history, presented a paper entitled “*The Life and work of Lucy Craft Laney*” last month at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. It is the premier national organization for historical research about African Americans.
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