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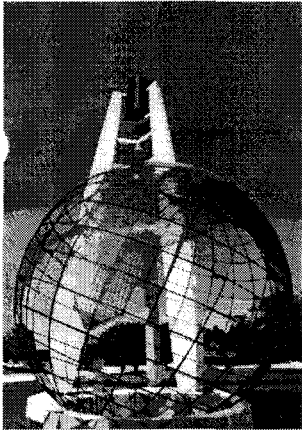
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GSU Universe

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"Far too noisy, my dear Mozart. Far too many notes."

Emperor Ferdinand of Austria.

Let's Move On

At a Tuesday meeting of the Administrative Group, President Stuart Fagan challenged the deans, faculty, and administration to shift their focus from budget concerns to initiatives designed to advance the strategic plan and enhance the academic environment. "The budget's set," he said. "The faculty union negotiations are over. We need to move on." He added, "Some ideas don't require a significant investment. And some funding is available through the recently implemented strategic initiative fee." Fagan listed his priorities regarding use of the fee income: installation of state-of-the-art smart classrooms, development of digitized on-line degree programs, and investments to facilitate interaction among students and between students and faculty. Of on-line programs, Fagan said, "We need to develop programs to protect our market and attract new students. The deans have made some good proposals, such as completion of the on-line program for a Business and Applied Science degree. That could be a winner, and I thank Bill Nowlin and his faculty for his proposal. We need other good deas like this."

Like Banquo's Ghost, Budget Issues Linger

In anticipation of requests for further cuts by the Office of Management and Budget, IBHE is challenging the public universities to demonstrate that by FY 2005 they have reduced administrative costs by 25 percent from FY02 levels. Administrative costs have been broadly defined to include such items as grounds maintenance and administrative costs in the student services and financial aid offices, among other things. GSU has already cut administrative costs more than 20 percent from FY02 through FY04.

CE, Psychological Corporation Partnership Brings WISC IV Workshops to GSU

The College of Education and the Division of Psychology and Counseling have entered into partnership with the Psychological Corporation, making GSU part of the Psychological Corporation's University Outreach Program. As such, GSU has become a designated Test Development Partner and the only site in the south suburbs training test administrators in delivery of the new WISC IV Intelligence Test. What is the WISC IV? It is the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – Fourth Edition. Though an intelligence test, the WISC IV is not a blanket test of intelligence. Instead it is used for specific diagnostic purposes to assess verbal comprehension, perceptual reasoning, working memory, and processing speed in children from ages 6 through 16. After five years of research, it replaces the third edition of the test. "Since the publication of the WISC-III in 1991, the field of assessment has changed significantly," said University Professor Dr. Mercedes Graf, "Now more than ever, clinicians have a responsibility to keep up with the latest research. With the introduction of the WISC-IV, they have a valuable opportunity to learn the updated version of a popular scale with a 50-year history."

The first workshops for test administrators will be held at GSU on September 24 from noon to 5 p.m. and September 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For registration information, contact Yvonne Mastny at 708.534.4516.

On the Air: Counseling (Hint: It Isn't *Frasier*)

WGN Morning News will interview Dr. Jon Carlson about his book *Time for a Better Marriage: Training in Marriage Enrichment* on August 27. The segment with Carlson is expected to broadcast at approximately 8:45 a.m. Carlson co-authored the book with Don Dinkmeyer, Sr.

Off to a Good Start

Mike Hassett received compliments, not complaints, from faculty, staff, and the dean of the College of Health Professions on their move into the Faculty Office Center. They told Hassett that the move went smoothly, that the movers were friendly and considerate and that the accommodations were above their expectations. "I always expect the worst," he said. "All of us in PPO appreciate what CHP said." Next up: the College of Business and Public Administration starts its move Tuesday, August 12. The College of Education's move will begin August 19.

Times Change, Titles, Too

Formerly known as Admissions Counselors, Bill Craig, Sharon Evans, and Marlene Castellanos have new titles in Admission. Evans and Castellanos are now assistant directors of admission. William Craig is associate director of admission. "These changes were made to bring us in line with the other public universities in the state and to reflect experience levels achieved within the admission profession," said Larry Polselli, executive director of Admission and Student Recruitment.

GSU, Hands Across Southland: Celebrating Diversity

Governors State University and the Village of University Park will host the 5th Annual Hands Across Southland Sunday, September 14, on the university campus. The event, designed by the Unity Coalition of the South Suburbs (UCSS), is part ceremony, part celebration. "More than anything, Hands Across Southland is an expression of belief," said Dr. Lorraine Sibbet, executive director of Student Life, who has been working to coordinate the event with the UCSS. That belief? That there is strength in diversity, and that diversity is more than a buzzword: it is a reality worthy of celebration. The ceremony, as the event's name implies, will include a hand holding among participants and a pledge to support and demand excellence from their communities. There will also be family-friendly events: games, food, vendors, and music.

President Fagan and University Park Mayor Al McCowan will speak at the event. "Hands Across Southland represents everything Governors State believes in and strives for," said Fagan. "Since its inception, GSU has been committed to supporting diversity in education and strengthening the diversity of the south suburbs. We're proud to host the event with University Park. I hope everyone in the GSU community will come out to join us."

ScholarShip Sails On: Psychology (*The Long and Winding Road*)

"Remembering What One Intended to Forget: The Lack of Directed Forgetting Effects in Implicit Memory," a journal article written in collaboration between Drs. Lori McKinney and Addison Woodward, has been accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Psychology*. Perhaps as significant as publication in this top journal of experimental psychology is the evolution of the work. Grounded in research and theory that Woodward was involved in in the 70s and 80s, the article is a culmination of three studies conducted by McKinney and Woodward. The first two studies were developed when McKinney was a graduate student at GSU. Incorporated into her M.A. thesis, these were informed by a previous independent study on human memory that McKinney completed with Woodward, then her professor. Later, when McKinney was a GSU adjunct professor and working on her Ph.D. at UIC, she and Woodward completed a third study. The three studies, combined, form the basis of the journal article. "A significant amount of work went into this, from its beginnings to the preparation for submission. Lori deserves major kudos for this work," Woodward said.

Blue Bin Bonanza: No, We Aren't Enron or Arthur Anderson

Bins, bins: everywhere it seems locked-tight blue bins have been cropping up for the security and shredding of confidential documents. Nothing scandalous, mind you, but with the move into the FOC, old copies of transcripts, credit card receipts, and such are in need of destruction. Hence the bins. But the bins have generated

questions for Director of Procurement and Auxiliary Services Tracy Sullivan. Where do the bins come from? Where do they go? "Document destruction is part of the Division of Auxiliary Services," Sullivan said. "We provide the bins and handle all of the shredding in the Auxiliary Services Building." According to Sullivan, there is, in fact, some confusion over where and what the Auxiliary Services Building is. Formerly known as the Planning Building, people often believe it is simply "The Print Shop." In fact, the print shop is just one of the Auxiliary Services housed in the building. Also housed therein are Mail Services, Property Control, Receiving and Distribution, and Document Destruction (shredders and all). And those blue bins? "If people are moving and have documents that should be destroyed, they can call Barbara Lane in Auxiliary Services. She'll coordinate the bin placements for anyone who needs one." Lane can be reached at Ext. 5086.
