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"If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

Eric Blair

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We're Baaaaack!

The Woodward and Bernstein of GSU took a hiatus these past few weeks, due largely to the low late summer population on campus. Perhaps someone noticed. But along with faculty and students, we're now back for the start of the Fall Trimester. There were a few noteworthy events during the sabbatical.

Master of Occupational Therapy Reaccredited for Seven Years

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) sent official word to the President on August 30 that the Master of Occupational Therapy program has been reaccredited for seven years, giving the program the green light to continue through the 2010/2011 academic year. ACOTE's June site visit put the program under the microscope and found many strengths. Most important, the reaccreditation report reflects ACOTE's confidence in the MOT faculty, and their integral contributions to what the accrediting agency deems an excellent program.

New Dean for College of Education

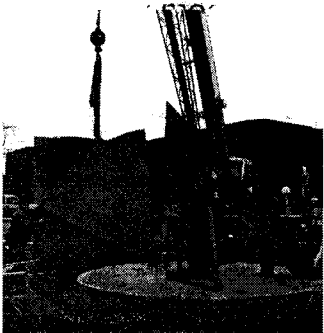
Dr. Randy J. Dunn accepted and then rescinded his acceptance of the position of Dean of the College of Education. He is a finalist for a statewide position. The other finalist, Dr. Steven C. Russell of Eastern New Mexico University, has accepted the position. He brings a wealth of experience to the position, having held deanships at Eastern New Mexico University and Central Michigan University. His extensive scholarship includes co-authorship of three books, six book chapters, numerous articles and reports, and over 120 presentations to international, national, and regional organizations. He will officially join the university community on ~~November 8~~. Dr. Marcus Ahmad has accepted the appointment as Interim Dean of the College of Education until Russell's appointment becomes effective. Provost Keys said, "We are all pleased that Marcus agreed to take this appointment. He is regarded as objective, fair, and the best choice of the faculty for this interim appointment."

GSU Intranet

Committees Address Important Issues

The ITPPC established several sub-committees and task forces to coordinate implementation of the GSU Intranet and help manage the GSU website to assure its quality, accuracy, and timeliness.

The Retention Committee, headed by Linda Buyer, developed a proposal to reduce the number of drop-outs during the 100 percent refund period. Under this proposal, students will be required to post a non-refundable \$100 deposit before their registration is considered complete. Students who do not post the deposit in the required time will be dropped from the class list! The final proposal will be presented to the Student Senate September 10.



Professors Emeriti Jon Mendelson and Mel Muchnik during GSU Memory Project interview

The President established a Scheduling Committee, co-chaired by CBPA Dean Bill Nowlin. The Committee is considering all options, including weekend classes and accelerated courses.

Did you know?

CHP's MOT program began in 1996 and earned initial accreditation in 1998. Today it is the only MOT program in the region that offers part-time options for its students.

The Latino Outreach Committee, chaired by Maristela Zell, is developing strategies for recruiting more Latino students. One result of its initiatives – a Spanish language TV commercial featuring President Stuart Fagan, which aired in several markets this summer.

On the Budget Front

Illinois House Republican leader Tom Cross and eight other Republican representatives went on record in a letter to Governor Blagojevich expressing their opposition to any rescission for higher education in the FY05 fiscal year.



Mendelson interview from above

CBPA Club Brings Heavy Hitters on Campus

The Master of Public Administration Club has established a new Distinguished Lecture Series that will bring four high-profile speakers to campus in September and October, starting Tuesday, September 14, with Patrick Rea, Administrator for the Small Business Administration for Region V. Rea, who is also a member of GSU's Foundation Board, will speak at GSU at 4 p.m. Rea oversees SBA operations in Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Minnesota. Under his direction, the SBA is completing a study on 21st Century Jobs and Entrepreneurship, which focuses on job and entrepreneurship opportunities in Region V. Illinois State Senate President Emil Jones will speak September 29, at 7 p.m. Illinois State Senator and U.S. Senate candidate Barack Obama and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White will speak in October. Republican Senate candidate Alan Keyes has also been invited to speak.

Coming Soon: "Rhetorical Choices: A Town Hall Meeting on the Teaching of Writing," September 30, at GSU. More next week...

Provost Keys Elected Chair of AASCU National Affinity Group

Provost Paul Keys was elected chair of a new Provosts of Color Affinity Group formed at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Academic Affairs Summer Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

International Affairs Steering Committee: Provost Announces Two New International Programs

Provost Keys announced the Plus Scholars Award, sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This new program funds two years of study for the year 2005 of 100 Muslim students nationally to be placed at American universities. Participating universities will need ESL capability, and while the students selected will be fully supported, some ability to offer internships or other partial inducements is desired from the receiving institution.

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The second program announced by Keys is the Andrew Young Good Works International Organization program. This will place 100 Caribbean undergraduate and graduate students with American universities. The students and their tuition and costs will be fully paid by participating Caribbean governments. Students will come with J-1 Visas and will be English-speaking. Target: September, 2005.

The Center for Performing Arts

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ScholarShip Sails On: Communications

Dr. Michael Purdy, University Professor of Communication, presented "Media, Communication, and Ethos: Deficiency of Media and the Need for Listening" at the V International Conference: Ethos and Globalization, Rafael Landivar University, Guatemala, August 9-12. Purdy is on the planning committee for the U.S. and is webmaster for the Global Center. This and other papers presented at the Globalization conference will be published soon.

IBHE News

ScholarShip Sails On: Business

Dr. Akkanad M. Isaac, chair of the Division of Management/Administrative Sciences/Marketing/Public Administration, presented "Disruptive Technologies and the Competitive Dynamics of Firms" at PICMET '04 (Portland International Conference on the Management of Engineering and Technology), held July 31 to August 4 in Seoul, South Korea. "Disruptive Technologies" dealt with technological innovations that disrupt the industrial structure and impose a new business model for firms entering emerging markets.

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ScholarShip Sails On: Psychology and Counseling

Dr. Jon Carlson, University Professor of Counseling, presented on the marriage training program he developed entitled "Training in Marriage Enrichment" at the eighth annual Smart Marriages Conference in Dallas, Texas.

● Economic Development

ScholarShip Sails On: Psychology and Counseling, Redux

Carlson also keynoted the Glasser International Conference in Schaumburg along with William Glasser. They discussed the importance of focusing on ways to create mental health other than prescribing drugs.

ScholarShip Sails On: Psychology and Counseling, Redux Amok

Carlson also presented, with sometimes co-author Jeffrey Kottler, a major program on "Good, Bad and Ugly Therapy" at the American Psychological Association 112th Annual Convention, in Honolulu, July 28 to August 1.

ScholarShip Sails On: Psychology and Counseling, Redux Amok Again

Carlson also conducted a day-long workshop at the APA's 112th on working with couples. Carlson co-presented with Drs. Ayala Pines of Ben Gurion University, Israel, and Lisa Firestone of the Glendon Association in Santa Barbara, California.