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*"Just standing around looking beautiful is so boring. Really boring. So boring."*

Michelle Pfeiffer

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### New Registration Procedure Announced

Registration for the Spring/Summer Trimester begins March 21, with a new procedure in place. Starting with the Spring/Summer 2005 Trimester, students must pay or make payment arrangements by a certain date, or their registrations will not be complete, and they will be dropped from official class lists. The new procedure has been thoroughly vetted by students, deans, faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees. Notice of this important new procedure is being mailed to all students in the next few days. Flyers announcing the procedure will be distributed in all classes as well. Details below.

### New Procedure: Pay to Play

Effective with the Spring/Summer 2005 Trimester, students must pay all applicable tuition and fees, or have made arrangements to pay, or be approved for financial aid by the appropriate due date before registration is complete. Students who do not fully complete all steps in the registration process will be dropped from all classes. This procedure is being implemented to address the problems of budget reductions and the resulting reduction in class offerings. With fewer available openings in classes, Governors State University needs to assure that the available seats are not being "reserved" by individuals who aren't serious about using them (e.g., who intend to take only one course but have registered for three). This procedure is also intended to eliminate the problem that arises when students register and then do not drop classes until after registration has closed (typically, the 100% refund date) and, consequently, prevent others from enrolling in those classes. It is also consistent with the practices of community colleges and other universities in the area. If a student has not completed all steps in the registration process, including payment or payment/financial aid arrangements by the appropriate due date, that student will be dropped from all classes. Registration will be considered

complete for students who have not yet been approved for financial aid by the due date but who have submitted a completed financial aid application with all required documentation and have signed a payment plan agreement. Students will be notified by U.S. Mail if their registrations are not complete and their classes have been dropped because they have not complied with this procedure. Students who are dropped for non-compliance will have the opportunity to re-register until the last day of registration (May 14, 2005 for Spring/Summer). However, there is no assurance for students who re-register that seats in the class(es) of their choice will still be available. Students can check the status of their registration on the Web at [www.govst.edu/online](http://www.govst.edu/online) or by calling the Touchtone registration system at 708.235.8887. Or they can call the Registrar's Office with any questions.

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### **Deadlines for Payment**

For students who register between March 21 and April 7, the payment deadline is April 7. For students who register between April 8 and April 28, the payment deadline is April 28. For students who register after April 28, the payment deadline is 5 p.m. on the following business day.

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### **Annuitants to Meet at GSU**

On March 10, the State Universities Annuitants Association will hold its annual meeting at Governors State. James Hacking, executive director of State Universities Retirement System, will report to the group on recent developments at SURS. The meeting should be lively, given the governor's comments in his recent budget address on the need to deal with pension shortfalls.

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### **Supporting the mission: GSU Foundation presents 29 faculty awards**

The GSU Foundation announced that that it has selected 29 Faculty Development Awards for funding through University Advancement. Awards as high as \$1,000 go to winners for travel to conferences and will send GSU faculty as far afield as France to present their research. The 2005 Professional Development Awards winners were selected by a committee comprised of a representative from the Provost's Office and each college. Rosemary Hulett-Cohee, interim associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, said, ""We're pleased to make funds available to support faculty for research and professional development." Funding for the awards is provided through donations from faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the university. Donations can be made through the Faculty and Staff Campaign. To donate, contact the Institutional Advancement Office at extension 4105.

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### **Volunteers wanted! Annual Phonathon**

Volunteers are still needed in the last days of the university's annual phonathon. The event kicked off February 28 and continues through March 10. Phonathon proceeds help with important GSU development activities (see previous article), scholarships, and university improvements. To volunteer, call the Institutional Advancement Office at extension 4105.

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### **Friefeld reelected**

GSU Board of Trustees chair Bruce Friefeld was reelected president of the Civil Service Merit Board at the meeting of the Merit Board on Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

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### **The Aviators**

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring the First Annual GSU Fly-in on March 17 in the Hall of Governors. There will be awards for the best paper airplanes in three categories – distance, time in the air, and stunts. Planes must be constructed from 20 pound paper that is 8 ½ X 11 inches or smaller. Only scotch tape is sanctioned – no staples, paperclips, or glue allowed. There is a \$1.00 entry fee for each plane and a \$1.00 fee for each category entered. Proceeds go to the Civil Service Scholarship Fund. Registration will be from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lift off from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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### **Email Fraud Alert** from ITS

If you receive email from Washington Mutual, another financial corporation, or someone asking for personal information, delete the email. The best rule is to never send information, such as your credit card or Social Security number, to anyone who is soliciting through email. ITS is not able to block or filter these emails, so act in your own interest by deleting all requests for personal information. To learn more about current Internet email fraud go to <http://www.fraudwatchinternational.com>.

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### **Civil Service Scholarship: Now awarded every term** Submitted by Civil Service President Kathy Miller

Civil Service Scholarships are once again awarded one per term. With the success of fund raising efforts, the Civil Service Senate voted unanimously to pass along the benefits and return to awarding three scholarships per year at the December 2004 meeting. "For the past 3 years, scholarships were only awarded annually. We are happy too pass along this benefit to GSU employees. This is what the senate is about! Taking care of each other," said Senate President Kathy Miller.

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### **And the Winner Is...Winter 2004 - GSU Employee Connie Schrage**

by Kathy Miller

Connie is a single mother working full time as staff secretary in Student Affairs and Services for the A.C.E.S.S.S. program. The Civil Service Senate is proud to award this scholarship to Ms. Schrage and wish her continued success and congratulations. The GSU Civil Service Senate offers a scholarship to a GSU Civil Service Employee (\$300.00) or his or her dependant child (\$500.00). The winner of the scholarship must be enrolled for 6 or more credit hours at a university or college. See Lil Jung in Human Resources for details. The deadlines to apply for the Civil Service Senate Scholarship are as follows: Spring/Summer 2005 - April 19, 2005; Fall 2005 - August 16, 2005.

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### **ScholarShip Sails On: Counseling**

Byron Waller in the Division of Psychology and Counseling received licensure as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. Waller earned many of the required hours for licensure helping students in the Student Development Department.

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### **ScholarShip Sails On: Accounting**

Lloyd Sage, Ph.D., CPA, professor of Accounting, presented a paper entitled "Financial Statement Analysis Project and AICPA Core Competency Framework Survey." The paper, co-authored with Judith Sage, Ph.D., CPA, was presented at the national Decision Sciences Institute annual meeting, on November 20, in Boston, MA.

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