Recognizing the Lincoln Laureate

Jerry Davis El

By Brenda Torres
Associate Editor

Jerry Davis El, a social work student in the College of Arts and Sciences, is this year’s GSU’s Lincoln Laureate.

According to The Lincoln Academy of Illinois website, “each fall, in the Old State Capitol, Student Laureates are inducted into the Order of Lincoln. In this way we recognize and honor greatness and support students.”

Davis El had few memorable highlights about him being chosen as a Laureate; one of them was when Dr. Lori Glass from the Social Department nominated him. The other was when he found out he had won, Dr. Glass told him while he was driving.

“I was driving, I’m saying thank you Jesus. I’m singing my favorite song ‘Never Would Have Made It Without You’ by Marven Sapp. It’s been an honor and pleasure to watch people enjoy this moment because it is not just my moment, everybody is connected to it.”

Davis El will be graduating with his BSW in May of 2016 and has applied for the Masters program here at GSU. Currently, Davis is doing his internship at Emages as a counselor. As part of his duties he does group work, individual sessions, progress notes, substance abuse and DUI. He is also substance abuse counselor at Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI). Davis El is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) and a Mental Illness Substance Abuse Counselor.

Davis El is also a member of Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) and of the Generating Hope Network on campus.

Davis El was honored on Nov. 7 at the Old State Capital building in Springfield, IL.

Locking up negative notions about ex-offenders

By Misturat Ganiyu
Assistant Editor

On Oct. 30 Darryl Cooke and Pete “Esaun” Keller talked to the GSU community about prisons, redemption and hope. Caron Jacobson, a Criminal Justice professor, invited them. The room was packed with mostly Criminal Justice students.

Darryl Cooke is a grad student at Governors State University, pursuing a Masters of Social Work degree. He is the author of “After the Bridge was Crossed.” Pete “Esaun” Keller is a community activist, poet and founder of United Legion One Nation, an “anti-recidivism organization.” He is the author of “Cross the Bridge.”

Jacobson started the discussion by telling the audience how she met each of them. Three years ago, she collaborated with Cooke and in 2014 she began working with Keller.

“My goal is to address the dualistic thinking so inherent in the criminal justice field,” said Jacobson. She added, “if CJ [Criminal Justice] students can start to see that the line they have drawn—’good guys’ and ‘bad guys’—is far too blurred to continue, then empathy can develop. With empathy, we can reduce the use of prisons as the primary means of punishment for all offenses!”

Darryl talked first to the audience. His speech involved storytelling mixed with history and platitudes. “We’re no good to each other unless we’re good internally,” said Cooke.

He elaborated on his own reasoning behind mass incarceration. He also delved into the topic of the “prison-industrial complex” and privatized prisons. Keller introduced himself to the crowd by reciting a poem. It was aggressive, intense and emotional. He told the story of his past entry into the prison system as well and shared with the audience his upbringing in the Cabrini Green neighborhood. He ended his talk by discussing his organization, ULON. “They intend to address public concerns on both sides of the fence with the public, and they are once again trying to become productive members of society,” as per ULON’s website.

“We contribute to their attempts of a law-abiding way of life. We all deserve redemption as well as forgiveness,” said Jacobson.
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Detmer Wells

Interviewed by Brenda Torres
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This week’s Professor Profile is Detmer Wells from the College of Arts and Sciences, division of Communication, Visual and Performing Arts.

The Phoenix: What classes do you teach at the university?

Wells: I teach COMS 4110 (Communication Research) and COMS 4900 (Senior Seminar) which is the capstone course for Communications majors. I also teach a two-day, one-credit summer workshop every now and then on writing a research paper. Past course I have taught at GSU include business writing, script writing for film, television and radio, grant writing, and a course on children’s television. Before coming to GSU, I taught research and writing courses at Chicago State University and I taught several media production courses at Northwestern University’s National High School Institute; a six-week summer intensive program involved in education advocacy for 25 years. And if you count the time I spent teaching in the National High School Institute, which I did as I was completing my undergrad degree and the first couple of years thereafter, I have taught for nearly 30 years.

The Phoenix: How long have you been in the field of education?

Wells: I have worked in higher education for over 20 years, but I have been involved with the National High School Institute let me know that teaching would always be part of my life. I teach at GSU as an adjunct faculty, so I can only teach a limited number of course hours each year, but I have made sure that I have always set aside time to carry that teaching load above and beyond my “full time” responsibilities, be they at GSU or elsewhere. Whenever I take on a new professional/administrative position, I make it known as part of my job negotiations that I intend to continue teaching as an adjunct at GSU.

The Phoenix: Can you tell me about your research in hegemony?

Wells: My own research interests are focused by Antonio Gramsci’s social control theory known as hegemony. When I first began my MA work in Communications, I was interested in the collective effects that ongoing exposure to negative media portrayals of African Americans in film and television were having on the African American public. There were limited positive minority images on television in the late 80s and early 90s when I was conducting my research (I would argue that while things are better, that problem still exists today), and I hypothesized that many Blacks suffered from collective poor self-esteem based on such constant exposure to images that depicted them so poorly. As I conducted my research, I kept coming across this term “hegemony,” and when I explored it further, it offered exactly what I had been looking for to describe this self-esteem hypothesis I had put forth.

Gramsci, a member of the Italian Parliament and the Communist Party in the time between WWI and WWII, suggests that those in positions of power in a society have controls over the channels we use to socialize people, channels like the media, education, religion and politics. Gramsci says that this powerful class uses these channels to send out messages to the masses that validate a social structure in which they can maintain their power and dominance, and that convince the masses to accept being dominated and controlled.

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**The Phoenix:** How did Ray Bradbury inspire you?

Weller: He continues to inspire me. He inspires me today more than ever before. He bristled when writers complained about the writing process and though then why are you a writer. He was a deeply passionate man. He was a hard worker. He made his own career, he had no connections, he had no money, and he didn’t go to college. His father was unemployed through the Great Depression. He had nothing yet, now he is this writer who’s been adapted into 40 different languages, he’s known around the world, and he earned it all himself through his gumption and hard work. He often said, “If you don’t have that drive within you as a writer, don’t be a writer, so he inspired me every day. Am I working hard enough?

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**Campus**

**Sitting down with Sam Weller: Ray Bradbury’s biographer**

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**Interchange completed, travel times reduced**

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

The 1-57/Stuenkel Road interchange and University Parkway reconstruction was completed with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Village of University Park on October 30. GSU’s Board of Trustees Chairman Brian Mitchell and GSU Director of Governmental and Community Relations Maureen Kelly both attended the ribbon-cutting.

As reported by the GSU View, Mitchell said, “This new construction will make it easier for GSU students and staff to get to the university from I-57 as well as I-80. Providing students with easier access and reduced travel times to GSU is critical.”

Both projects began at Central Ave. and continued to Cicero Ave. The University Parkway reconstruction included 0.71 miles of pavement widening, resurfacing, storm sewers, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, traffic signals, and a multi-use path through the largest industrial park in Illinois. The 1-57/Stuenkel Rd. project created a new bridge over I-57, 1.3 miles of a new interchange that includes new interchange ramps, pavement reconstruction and widening, new culverts, stream relocation, road striping, traffic signals and other related work on I-57 at Stuenkel Rd. and University Parkway.

“Better transportation is the key to economic success. This interchange will help people trying to get to GSU and represents a turning point for University Park,” Kelly said.

**Celebrating the Day of the Dead**

By Brenda Torres
Associate Editor

The Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) celebrated Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, by setting up an altar at the Hall of Governors on campus from Monday, Nov. 2 through Thursday, Nov. 5.

In the Roman Catholic Church many practitioners refer to this holiday as All Souls Day which is celebrated on Nov. 2. A common misperception of Dia de los Muertos is that it is the Mexican Halloween. Instead, Latinos honor the memories of family members and friends.

Members of ALAS placed photos on the altar of deceased family members, friends and idols to honor their memory. The photos on display were of aunts, uncles, grandparents and pets.

Other items placed on the altar were fruit, bread, rice, flowers and empty bottles of liquor.

The items are for the deceased so they may eat on their journey in the afterlife. Dia de los Muertos originated in Mexico but the tradition is also celebrated in Central America.

Latinos often make altars at home or in the church.

Traditionally, they decorate it with favorite foods or items of the deceased are placed on the altar such as a deck of cards, liquor, cigarettes and pastries.

Daniel Vergara, a graduate assistant from Intercultural Student Affairs, shared his thoughts on the importance of the altar at GSU. “I think it spreads cultural awareness to other students, displays the diversity of GSU and shows the level of support GSU has with their students in presenting something very personal and important in their culture.”
NASA: Solar winds depleted Mars’ atmosphere

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

NASA held a press conference Thursday, Nov. 5 that detailed their findings during the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution Mission (MAVEN) spacecraft’s mission to Mars.

Billions of years ago, Mars was a wet and warm planet that starkly contrasts the dry desert that it is today. “Quoting Bob Dylan: ‘The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind,’ ” said Michael Meyer, lead scientist for the Mars Exploration Program at NASA Headquarters during the announcement.

As reported by CNN International, new measurements from the Maven, Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution, show solar winds have stripped ions from the Martian atmosphere. Solar wind -- charged particles from the Sun -- have removed gases like oxygen and carbon dioxide from the planet, important elements for understanding the potential for life, according to NASA.

According to the New York Times, summarized the findings and explained that when Mars is pummeled by a solar storm, the “ferocious bombardment of particles from the sun strips away the upper atmosphere at a rate 10 to 20 times as high, perhaps 10 pounds a second.”

These findings help to understand the potential and chance for future life on the planet given the newly-discovered auroras on the planet that are similar to Earth’s northern lights. These auroras are caused by what is left of the magnetic field on Mars’ crust.

Auroras form on Earth when charged particles from the solar winds enter Earth’s magnetic field and travel to the poles where the particles collide with atoms of gas in the atmosphere.

“ ‘What this tells us is loss through space has been an important process,’” Bruce M. Jakosky, a scientist at the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado and the principal investigator for the Maven mission, told to the New York Times.

“We’ve been trying to piece together its upper atmospheric physics from a bunch of incomplete views from other spacecraft,” said Michael W. Liemohn, a professor of atmospheric, oceanic and space sciences at the University of Michigan who is not directly involved with Maven.

“These are great stories that they’ve put together from the initial data sets.”

NASA also discovered through the mission that Mars’ massive amount of dust is believed to come from another unknown planet based on the grains and distribution of dust on the surface of Mars.

How can you have any pudding if you don’t eat your meat?

By Andrew Križ
Intern Reporter

Asbestos, cigarettes and bacon.

Each of these items are now linked to increased cancer risks in people by the World Health Organization (W.H.O) as of Oct. 26.

A study conducted by 22 scientists linked the consumption of processed red meats with higher risks of developing colorectal cancer. Cancer of the colon and rectum has a lifetime risk of 1 in 20 (5%) according to data from the W.H.O. Consuming 3.5 ounces of bacon, sausage or hot dogs per day was found to increase that risk by 16 percent.

There is no need to cut red meat out of diets completely but the amount in which people eat may need to be scaled down.

Additionally, the risk to develop colorectal cancer is already low so the increased risk is not as harmful as smoking which increases the lifetime risk of developing lung cancer by 2500% according to the W.H.O.

The study did say that a healthy life style that includes a well-balanced diet and exercise while consuming less red meat is optimal while further tests are conducted on the link.

Processed meat such as bacon, sausage, hot dogs and beef can increase a person’s risk of colorectal cancer by up to 16 percent according to the W.H.O. Photo from Wikimedia.

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Candidate: Ben Carson
A new development has Carson’s campaign rightfully excited. 50 percent of people polled by NBC that Carson was either their first or second candidate in the election. No other runner has come close to this feat.
Polls: Carson’s first week in the lead has him as a six point favorite over Trump. Carson has 29 percent according to NBC.

Candidate: Jeb Bush
A “Jeb Can Fix It” website that was intended system reform. “She is a mother and she is a woman and I felt she understood where we were coming from,” said Sarah Masri, mother of Tamir Rice. The women noted that Clinton promised to stay involved in their causes.
After the gathering, Clinton tweeted to her followers, “Grateful to spend time today with mothers who have lost a child to violence and turned their grief into a national call to action.”

Clinton released a new TV ad in Iowa and New Hampshire that focuses on gun violence, according to the New York Times. The ad included a clip from Clinton speaking at a campaign event.
In the video, she proclaimed “How many people have to die before we actually act before we come together as a nation.”

Polls: According to the RealClearPolitics, polling average of the Democratic Presidential Nomination, Clinton holds 54.8 percent of the public vote.

Candidate: Bernie Sanders
On Nov. 4, Sanders plan to end the federal ban on marijuana by initiating a bill in the Senate, according to The Daily Beast.

The Democratic campaign

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

Candidate: Donald Trump
Trump had to remove an offensive reweet that he, and not a “young intern,” shared that had Jeb Bush Photoshopped depicted as a Nazi. His campaign manager told CNN that Trump was “unaware” of the image as he shared an album consisting of 12 photos.
Polls: Trump is in second officially with 23 percent according to NBC.

Candidate: Marco Rubio
Trump tried to agitate Rubio by digging up dirt on Rubio’s financial history and claims that he frequently spent money on a Republican Party credit card since Rubio came from a non-wealthy family. The attacks worked but Rubio countered that the only debt he has is the loan on his house and that the card he used was a personal charge card.
Polls: Rubio is in third with 11 percent.

Candidate: Carly Fiorina
Fiorina was scheduled to speak on the View on Friday, Nov. 6 but ABC tried to drop her spots until after the Republican Debate on Nov. 10. The effort to reschedule the candidate came after Joy Behar and Michelle Collins called Fiorina’s smile “demented.” Fiorina told FOX News that she “is tired of dealing with liberal feminists” and wouldn’t budge from her time. Polls: Of the major players in the race, Fiorina has dropped even lower to 3 percent.

Fox Lake officer’s death ruled a suicide

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

During a press conference at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center in Rock Lake Beach, Ill. a thorough investigation revealed that Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz committed suicide on the day of his death.

Lake County Major Crimes Task Force leader George Filenko determined that Gliniewicz committed suicide and faked his murder because he had been taking money out of the Fox Lake Police Explorer youth program and he feared that his theft would soon be uncovered in an audit by Fox Lake.

As reported by NBC News, Filenko said, “Gliniewicz committed the ultimate betrayal to the citizens he served and the entire law enforcement community. The facts of his actions proved he behaved for years in a manner completely contrary to the image he portrayed.”

“This is the first time in my career in law enforcement that I’ve felt adumbrated by the acts of another police officer,” Filenko said.

Filenko and other law enforcement officials announced details of the investigation’s findings that Gliniewicz took a “large sum” of money from Fox Lake Explorer Post 300.

Filenko went on to say, “there are no winners here. Gliniewicz committed the ultimate betrayal to the citizens he served and the entire law enforcement community. The facts of his actions prove he behaved for years in a manner completely contrary to the image he portrayed.”

Filenko said Gliniewicz was using the Explorer fund “as his personal bank account.” He added that $250,000 flowed through the account over seven years, and investigators estimated Gliniewicz took about “five figures” worth of funds.

According to a Lake County Sheriff’s Office news release, an investigation found Gliniewicz had been stealing and laundering money from the Fox Lake Police Explorer Post and had been forging signatures on official documents.

The news release stated that investigators concluded that Gliniewicz strategically aimed the first of two shots from his .40-caliber weapon at the lower abdominal area, striking his cellular telephone and bulletproof vest, which absorbed most of the impact of the first shot.

Gunshot residue was found on the interior portion of Gliniewicz’s bulletproof vest cover when the second shot was fired, which indicates the gun was placed under the vest when the fatal round was fired.

Additionally, the investigation found that Gliniewicz had intentionally left a staged trail of police equipment at the crime scene, including pepper spray, baton and glasses.

Officials determined it was an attempt to mislead first responders and investigators to believe it was a home invasion.

According to WGN, Gliniewicz’s wife Melodie and son D.J. are now under criminal investigation as Fox Lake Police try to find out how much they knew about Lt. Gliniewicz’s misuse of police fund money.

The Republican campaign

Detmer Wells cont.

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...Much of the literature on hegemony looks at labor management relations, noting that media coverage of labor-management conflicts favors management by showing their leaders in controlled and authoritative settings while showing labor leaders in chaotic and agitated states. The message sent to us all is that management should be in control. I have applied this theoretical perspective to the consistently negative images of Black people in the media — messages that ultimately validate the fact that continue to Blacks suffer disproportionately at the lower levels of the socioeconomic ladder. This concept continues to focus my research to this day.

The Phoenix: What is your favorite part about teaching?
Wells: I teach for two reasons. First, because I have worked so long in educational administration, teaching keeps me grounded in why I do the other work that I do.

It is easy to get so caught up in the business of running programs such that you lose sight of the struggles of (and the importance of) students. I love interacting with students because the satisfaction I get in seeing their growth makes the administrative stuff that I do all the more meaningful and worthwhile.

My second reason for teaching is my recognition that it is a way to change lives, and to change the world. It is a catalyst for people to advance in their own personal lives. It provides opportunities that folks might not otherwise have. It leads to better jobs, more informed decisions, greater confidence, and an understanding of how to innovate. Also, given my own research agenda, if I can make students who will work in the media or other communications fields aware of the power and control that the media can exert, then perhaps those students, when they become professionals, will do so with compassion and a sense of social justice that they might not have had otherwise.
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1. tangy undead cucumber
4. Science fiction film phenomena, slated for December revival
7. Individual under investigation for a crime
9. Matriarchal ruler
10. Bearded fellow with a pleasant demeanor that doesn’t understand why student don’t manage their time better
13. Not me, not him, not her, but 
14. A citizen of Hamburg
16. Your mother’s brother’s daughter
17. Used to lubricate machine parts, commonly served with bread at Italian restaurants
18. Individual prone to dropping things, candy bar
20. Individual stereotypically acne ridden, with glasses with in depth knowledge of a specific topic
21. Numerical ruler
23. The frog’s wart covered cousin
24. 7 day span

Down
2. Leader of the Titans in Greek mythology
3. Without strength
5. Plastic flatulence machine
6. JFK came out as one of these during a trip to Germany
8. Delicious green goop made from avocados
10. Mixture of aromatic vegetables used as the base for many sauces and soups
11. Circular intersection common in Europe
12. Small furry rodent kept as pets, not rats
13. Drug of choice of the Wolf on Wall Street
19. February 29th occurs only during this
22. The individual for which this puzzle was once named

Art Forum’s Art Market
Visit the GSU Art Forums Student art sale on Nov. 22 and 23 from 10a.m. to 6p.m.
Purdue University North Central Panthers pounce over Jaguars

By Andrew Kriz
Intern Reporter

The Purdue University North Central Panthers established themselves as the dominant cat this season as they swept the Jaguars in all three matches and took the final game in three straight sets.

In the first set, the Jaguars and Panthers traded point for point until a break in the game caused by a scoreboard error killed the momentum being gained by the Jaguars.

Following the official timeout, the Jaguars surrendered four points in a row before Hayley Wacker scored a kill to stop the relentless Panther attack.

Despite a solid shot by Ariel Williams and a second kill by Wacker after another Panther’s point run, the Jaguars were unable to make up the deficit, down 11-18. The first set went to the visitors, 25-13.

At the beginning of the second set the Jaguars commanded an early lead by going up 3-1. A host of attack errors by the Panthers also helped Governors State keep their lead but the tide turned when the Jaguars began to give up points on attack errors and fell victim to the often difficult to defend corner shots from the visitors.

Both teams failed to pull ahead as double hits were called frequently on either side.

On a serve by the Panthers, an official called that Wacker touched the ball after the ball skimmed over her head and out-of-bounds. Not agreeing with the ruling, Wacker took time between serves to approach the official at the officiating stand and her actions earned her a yellow card.

Governors State kept the game within an arm’s reach throughout the entire set and took the lead 20-19 after the Panthers reached over the net illegally.

Unfortunately for the Jaguars, the Panthers were able to rally and came back to score five straight points that sealed the second set, 25-21.

During the last set, the Jaguars again came out strong and looked poised to take one set out of the match with a 5-2 lead and excellent defensive work by securing critical digs but the Panthers rose to the challenge and overtook the Jaguars 11-6.

After giving up the lead and falling into a five point hole, the Panthers never let off the accelerator until they created some breathing room up 23-14.

The final set went to the Panthers 25-18.

Wacker ended the night with 5 kills and 15 digs, leading the team in the contest. Savik Salgado shone in the first and second sets where she earned 8 assists. Erika Halverson added seven assists to the scoresheet.

Turnovers doom Jaguars versus nationally ranked opponent

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The women’s basketball team got their first taste of taking on a ranked team on Tuesday, Nov. 3 as they matched up against the 18th ranked Robert Morris University Eagles.

The Jaguars went down in the first quarter 23-5 and were never able to recover. Robert Morris scored 23 straight points before the Jaguars recorded their first field goal.

In the second quarter, GSU held the Eagles to 10 points while scoring nine of their own. Robert Morris scored 17 points and the Jaguars 18 which brought the game to 52-32.

In the third quarter Robert Morris scored 17 points and the Jaguars 18 which brought the game to 52-32.

The Jaguars amped up their attack in the final quarter scoring 22 points but their disastrous first quarter was the dagger that spelled the end in the contest. Robert Morris left University Park with a 81-54 victory over the Jaguars.

One bright spot was that GSU outrebounded the Eagles but 32 turnovers by the Jaguars and 33 free throw attempts off fouls only added to their troubles. Junior guard Kanitral Averhart contributed a team-high 14 points and added eight rebounds. Junior guard Naihla Williams pulled in 13 rebounds and lead the team in rebounds.

On the season, the Jaguars’ women basketball are 0-3.

The away game was Robert Morris’ first game of the season.

The next home game is on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 3:00 PM in a rematch against Robert Morris University.