Construction Will Change the Face of GSU

By Steve Young

Construction on the B building of Governors State University will begin at the end of April, cutting off direct access between the A building and the rest of the university for over a semester. Mike Hassett, acting Director of the Physical Plant, said one wall will be built just east of the men’s washroom in the B building and another will be built just east of the women’s locker room in the Campus Community Center (CCC) to contain the construction. While this area of the university is closed, it will be completely gutted, leaving only the roof and the area’s concrete columns intact.

Hassett said once the construction is complete, the B section will have a second floor and approximately 11 new classrooms. The number of classroom spaces is approximate because some rooms will have sliding walls, making the count variable depending on how the walls are arranged.

The project has been bid out to a general contractor, John Edward Construction of Downers Grove. The final cost is estimated to be about $2 million.

Hassett said construction is a Capital Development Project, funded entirely by the state. Hassett stressed the fact that no student tuition money will be used.

The project has been in the planning stages for five to seven years. Hassett said exterior construction will begin sometime after April 16. The interior work should begin just after the winter trimester ends on April 23.

The construction will cause some disruption around the university. Some offices have already been re-arranged. Hassett said the two B building washrooms will be closed, but the theater washrooms will be available. The theater will remain open during construction, though there will be noise during the day. Noise will cease during the evenings and weekends, so performances should not be disrupted.

The Physical Plant office and the Career Services office will be moved to the third floor of the C building. Noise may affect areas surrounding the B building. Perhaps the most dramatic disruption will be the lack of direct access between the A building and the C building.

Hassett said a covered walkway will be installed outside the building that will run from the security exit of the C building to the west entrance of the CCC. The east entrance to the CCC will be closed to everyone except contractors.

Hassett said there are other construction projects in the works. He said just after commencement a project will begin in the D building. Then, the university’s entire east wing will be replaced starting sometime over the summer.

Arts Center Task Force Formed

Robert L. Wolf, president of the Governors State University Foundation, has announced the formation of a task force on the Regional Center for the Performing Arts, a group that examines all aspects of the foundation’s capital campaign to determine whether the board of directors has approached all potential sources of funding – federal, state and private.

"The directors of the GSU Foundation are determined to do everything they can to build and endow a regional center for GSU and for the south suburbs. I am confident the task force will identify important new sources of funding for our center," he added.

Construction bids for the performing arts center were let in fall 1992 by the Illinois Capital Development Board. The foundation had received $1.9 million in private gifts and pledges and $3.8 million in challenge grant funds from the state for a total of $5.7 million for the project. The lowest amount bid, however, was several hundred thousand dollars more than the funds we ad available," Wolf noted.

Further, Governors State has, over the past few years, experienced the pressure of ever-increasing fiscal constraints that confront all of the public universities in Illinois. "As funding for academic programs at GSU tightens, the desire of the GSU Foundation to provide an operating endowment for the regional center has intensified," he added.

Wolf has named Bryan Orr of Flossmoor task force chairperson. "We are delighted that Bryan is willing to take on this responsibility," the president said, "and we are grateful." Orr is president of the Chicago law firm Shatuen, Lundberg, Callahan & Orr. He chaired the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra board of directors in 1990 and 1991, and continues to serve on its board of directors.

Sen. Aldo DeAngelis (R-Olympia Fields), a task force member, said, "I know that we still need some construction and endowment dollars. I look forward to working with the task force members so that together we can identify additional prospects. We must succeed. The regional center is crucial to the quality of life of this region."

Joining Orr and DeAngelis on the task force will be Wolf; Governors State University President Paula Wolff; Dr. William H. Dod, chief executive officer of the Illinois Development Finance Authority; Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations at GSU; Richard G. Gibb, president of Federal Signal Corp; in University Park, Beverly Goldberg, special project manager for The Institute for Public Policy and Administration; Patrick Rea, vice president at First National Bank of Chicago; and Pamela Woodward, Matteson branch manager of Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

The task force has been asked to report periodically to the GSU Foundation’s Board of Directors. A final report will be due by the middle of summer, and at that time Wolf expects the board to make a final decision on the Regional Center for the Performing Arts capital campaign.

"I am immensely grateful to our donors and friends who have been both generous and patient," Dodd said. "I am hopeful that, through the work of the task force, we will be able to complete the project, to reward this friendship and loyalty with good news."

For additional information on the task force, call the GSU Foundation Office at (708) 534-4105.
**GUSSY'S BITEs**

by Barbara A. Johnson

YEARN TO GET OUT AND GARDEN... but lack the garden? Volunteer to PLANT, WEED AND PRUNE at the Lincoln Park Zooological Gardens. Sign up CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT by beautifying the earth - and the zoo. Call Rebecca Severson or Elizabeth Wheeler at (312) 294-4676.

LOOKING FOR A HOUND DOG... but can't find a dog to borrow? Call the South Street Human Society at (708) 735-5345 and visit with a bevy of POTENTIAL ADOPTIVES. Most adoptions cost $30-40 and INCLUDE SHOTS AND NEUTERING. No pet store has a deal that good. They ALSO HAVE CATS.

RESIDENTS UNITED TO RETAIN AGRICULTURAL LAND... (RURAL) will give a talk on Wednesday, July 7 at 2 p.m. in A108. Carol Hendricks will explain about this grassroots organization formed to BATTLE AGAINST THE THIRD REGIONAL AIRPORT. Hear why RURAL thinks you should care. Refreshments will be served. The talk is sponsored by The Green Group, a Student Life sponsored club.

EARTH DAY IS THE DAY THAT LASTS... all year long. For THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS, Crayon Power is a 40-page "Environmental Action Journal for Concerned Kids." For 1ST-THIRD GRADERS, Crayon Power is recommended by the UN Environmental Programme. The journal is printed on DIOXIN-FREE PAPER WITH SOY-BASED INKS. For a $25 subscription, each child receives two issues and a Crayon Power T-shirt. A portion of the proceeds supports a kids' NEWSPAPER IN THE FORESTS OF BRAZIL.

LATIN AMERICA, THE COLONIAL PERIOD AND MUSIC IN THE NEW WORLD... will come together in a special concert by GUSY’S MUSIC OF THE AMERICAS in the South Suburbs. Dan Zahm is the director on Saturday, April 10. Edgar’s in located at the Unitarian Universalist Church in the South Suburbs. Dan Zahn is the headliner on Saturday, April 10. Edgar’s in located at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Sycamore Drive just off Western Ave. The show starts at 8 p.m. Donations of $5-10 will help COVER THE COST of coffee, pop and pretzels. For that, you get 3 hours of guitar, harmonica, tin whistle (and whatever) AMERICANICA HISTORY.

CAN JUGGLING A CAREER AND HOME BE BENEFICIAL... for women and their families? Faye Crosby, a visiting professor at Northwestern University, will explain WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CAREER WITHOUT A CONTRACT. This and 12 OTHER WORKSHOPS will be held on Saturday, April 24 at the Congress Hotel. Dr. Dolores Cross, president of Chicago State University, will MAKE THE OPENING ADDRESS, "Women of the 90's: Making It on Our Own Terms." The conference fee is $60 and includes "Chicago's Largest Networking Session" with women of the 90’s. Call DISCUS CAREER PATHS in over 35 fields. Call Women Employed at (312) 782-3902.

**Clubs, Organizations & Activities**

The Multicultural Enhancement Committee will feature a presentation called "Haiti Today" on Thursday, April 15, from 12:30-1:45 p.m., in the Sherman Music Recital Hall. Lionel Jean-Baptiste, director of the Caribbelle Calypso School and Dr. Rudolf Strukoff, will perform Luigi Cherubini's "Requiem in C Minor" on Sunday, April 18, at 5 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. GSU students will be admitted free, though riders will be asked for an $8 donation. The performance will be dedicated to the memory of Maryllyn Wessel (1936-1992). The Cathedral is located at 604 N. Raynor in Joliet.

GSU Weekend Students are invited to a Pizza Party, Saturday, April 3, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Student Life Advisory Special Events Committee.

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**HOW SAFE IS GSU?**

by Mariann L. Early

"GSU has been awarded the Safest State University in Illi­ nios in the last two consecutive years" reporting Director of Public Safety. The crime rate at GSU is low and there is a high percentage of reported incidents of rape, robbery or aggra­ vated assault/battery in the last three years. Universities all over the coun­ try are increasing their aware­ ness of sexual assault. Here at GSU the Public Safety Depart­ ment is currently setting up a new program on "Criminal Sex­ ual Assault Awareness" to be effective this summer. The pro­ gram will include classes on

Criminal Sexual Assault Pre­ vention, Awareness and Self­ Defense and will be given by the campus police. The classes will be offered both day and evening and will be held six to ten times a year.

Presently, the University has developed several procedures to help prevent crime and promote safety. The University’s De­ partment of Public Safety is staffed with ten state­ level commissioned police offi­ cers and two police dispatchers which provide service 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Phil Owkiew has worked for GSU in the Department of Pub­ lic Safety for the past 23 years and has held title of Police Chief for the past three years. He states that working for a univer­ sity this size has its advantages mainly because the "police offi­ cers must wear several different hats." All police officers are either state licensed EMT’s (Emergency Medical Techni­ cians) or certified police medics. They undergo continuous train­ ing to upgrade their skills and work closely with federal, state and local law enforcement agen­ cies assisting with incidents that may affect the university.

In addition to the classes being offered this summer, the cam­ pus police also provide educa­ tional services through various programs to the GSU commu­ nity on topics such as personal safety awareness, security, iden­ tification of hazardous material, emergency medical aid, CPR, prevention of burglary and other property crimes. Arrangements have been made with the university to allow students to call the GSU police directly. The University also offers a Quick-Start/Escort Service which provides students, staff, and visitors safe conduct to their cars. Quick Start Service also provides help to motorists with battery problems, frozen locks, empty gas tanks and will fix flat tires. All of these services are provided by the University free of charge.

The Escort and Quick Start Service attendant can be found at the main entrance of the build­ ing across from the information booth. Escort Services are Monday through Thursday from 3 to 11 p.m.; Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. In the event that the atten­ dat is not there to provide es­ cort service, they will need someone to walk you to your car, the Department of Public Safety will pro­ vide someone to escort you to your car.

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Body Politic
By Eric Crosby

Tunes are once again changing. This time, it might be for the worse. If you recall, back in 1989, Eastern Europe and Russia were opening up to the West and democracy. The Berlin Wall fell. Gorbachev was working on his Russian reforms. Yugoslavia was still in the news. Now, in 1993, when one looks at that same area one sees trouble and disarray. Germany is having economic and political trouble. Yugoslavia is divided. And Russia is having internal problems. So severe, that communism might be back.

Eighteen months ago, Boris Yeltsin took control of Russia by winning the country's first democratic election. He immediately began reforms to point Russia in the direction of the West. However, conservative legislators have stripped away most of Yeltsin's authority and all but destroyed his reforms. This is all because the economic reforms he proposed are not working. And as the Russian economy continues to go downhill, he is slowly losing the support of the Russian people.

However, he still remains Russia's most important reformer and it's most popular politician. He is placing a lot of hope that the West can help him and his reforms. And, for the moment, he is getting his wish. The Clinton Administration and its European allies have taken Yeltsin's side despite the setbacks and his weaknesses as a leader.

For now, the Clinton Administration plans to increase direct aid to Russia this year from $400 million to $700 million. They are also thinking of other ways to help Yeltsin before the April 3 summit meeting between Clinton and Yeltsin in Vancouver, Canada.

However, helping him is a risk. By placing emphasis on Yeltsin's survival instead of Russian reform, they are taking a chance that he will help the West. They are putting their faith in the fact that he is a leader and not a fascist. But, if Yeltsin's way is the best, then he should not be allowed to be on his way.

He is on "the verge of Revolution." And Russia is no one area without lights or a phone. * Ask security to walk you to your car at night. * Walk near the curb in well lit areas. * Look inside before getting into your parked car. * Never park the car next to a van - you could quickly be pulled inside. * Never stop to help a stranded motorist. Drive to the nearest phone/police to seek help. * Avoid a pattern of when you leave and arrive home. * Don't enter elevators if suspicious of the occupants. * There are services available to help if you are a rape victim. If the panelists are any indication, they would want to be next to Alexander Rutski, the conservative Russian vice president. He is being touted by many as a possible successor to Yeltsin. But, in America's eagerness to support Yeltsin, they have given him the cold shoulder.

But, by supporting Yeltsin, the West could find themselves walking a fine line between supporting Yeltsin and pursuing policies that could make his life more difficult. One such policy deals with Serbia. If the West confronts Serbia about its recent actions, Yeltsin would probably be affected. This is because Serbia is an ally of Russia. But, if the West does not intervene someway in Serbia, millions of people could die. So, it's a no win situation.

But it might not matter soon. Russian foreign policy, even with Yeltsin in place is drifting away from the West. This can clearly be seen in their recent actions. Moscow is increasingly reluctant to help straighten out the situation in Yugoslavia. The Soviet leadership has also become ignorant toward destroying Soviet nuclear weapons. And Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev is pushing Western partners for access to Middle East arms markets.

These examples clearly show dissary in Russia. Yeltsin could try to change the mess by trying to impose direct presidential rule. This would violate Russia's Soviet-era constitution. However, in order to do it, he would need support from the military, the police, and the intelligence services. And this is an uphill battle. So far, the military has been shying away from political involvement and it's leaders have pledged to support the law, not any individual.

In the end, until political feuds stop, reforms cannot resume. And until there is some semblance of order, there is little the West can do except wish the reformers well. And this may take awhile. For as Sergei Shakhrai, Yeltsin's deputy premier stated, Russia is on "the verge of Revolution."

Women - Be Aware!
By Janie Kocman

Sexual Assault is a crime of violence. Statistics show one in three females will be a victim of sexual assault during her lifetime. The March 16 Rape Awareness Program, sponsored by the Student Life Advisory Council Special Events Committee and Student Development Division, consisted of an informative panel trained to provide immediate support for survivors and their families.

Terry D'Amico, Susan Hod­son, and Debra Perry from the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago South Suburban District and Cpl. Patrick Fitzgerald from the Park Forest Police Department presented alarming statistics concerning rape occurrences: 80% of the perpetrators know their victims; 60% plan and stalk their victim; most assaults commit 20-40 crimes before they are caught.

No matter how much you plan what to do in a rape situation, you will do whatever you have to do to survive. You must be willing to be alive! Rape victims experience fear, depression, anger, guilt, embar­rassment, and shame. These are natural reactions to severe trauma.

Don't let rape happen to you. Take preventative measures: * Never put yourself in an unfamiliar area without lights or a phone. * Ask security to walk you to your car at night. * Walk near the curb in well lit areas. * Look inside before getting into your parked car. * Never park the car next to a van - you could quickly be pulled inside. * Never stop to help a stranded motorist. Drive to the nearest phone/police to seek help. * Avoid a pattern of when you leave and arrive home. * Don't enter elevators if suspicious of the occupants. * There are services available to help if you are a rape victim. If the panelists are any indication, they would want to be next to Alexander Rutski, the conservative Russian vice president. He is being touted by many as a possible successor to Yeltsin. But, in America's eagerness to support Yeltsin, they have given him the cold shoulder.

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For Common Sense Advice
Ask Jenny

Dear Jenny:
My boyfriend has asked me to marry him. Though I said yes, and came for him a great deal, I do not want to spend the rest of the life with my life. I have also met someone else I would like to date. How do I tell my boyfriend without hurting his feelings?

Confused

Dear Confused:
Obviously you are not ready for marriage. Stop leading your boyfriend on. Tell him how you feel. It's better for him to find out now rather than after the wedding.

Dear Jenny:
I have just moved to my new apartment campus with several different guys. She says she are friends, however, last week I caught her kissing and holding hands with one of them in the cafeteria. She says she is just friends, however, last week I caught her kissing and holding hands with one of them in the cafeteria. She says she is just friends, however, last week I caught her kissing and holding hands with one of them in the cafeteria. She says she is just friends but there are no dates.

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A new approach to printmaking is offered through the "Computer Printmaking" program at Governors State University. Mary Prince, Mary Prince offers classes this 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. class...
The Arts

Shear Madness Still Running
A Theatre Review
By Stacie Young

"Shear Madness" is a comedy-mystery-audience-participation production featuring a small, but talented cast of memorable characters. The setting is a beauty parlor where an offstage familiar, it may years. In the confines of a small auditorium, members of the audience are provided the opportunity to voice their ideas and suggestions to the cast as it attempts to recreate the scene of the crime. For those who find themselves giving advice to characters in movies and on television, this show is an ideal outlet to make the characters aware of your observations—and have them react accordingly. Members of the audience generally feel comfortable interacting with the cast, probably due to the close proximity of the stage. Another facet which adds to the audience's enjoyment is the free interplay between the characters, with an occasional impromptu line or action that may crack up another cast member. The loud, quirky characters manage to amuse the audience without becoming overly annoying.

The most unique feature of this show is its potential for different endings. Depending on how much the audience remembers and which direction the cast members take with the information provided, the audience determines which ending the cast will perform. For those who enjoy a live performance that allows them to participate, "Shear Madness" is an evening of fun, light-hearted entertainment.

Private Landscapes Will Be On Display Soon

Artist Linda Lane Haynes will exhibit her paintings and drawings April 2 through 15 in the Art Gallery at Governors State University. The graduate exhibition "Private Landscapes" is the culmination of her work for a master's degree in art. A reception for Haynes will be from 6 to 8 p.m. April 2 in E-Lounge on campus.

Haynes says the nearly two dozen pieces in the show are "journeys through personal re­alities which ending the cast

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Hansen Contest
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The contest pitting readers against Movie Critic John Hansen is now over. Thanks to all who responded. The winner will be announced in the April 15 issue of the Innovator.
Is Law School The Answer?

By Denio DiFrancesco

Do you want to spend three years of your life and tens of thousands of dollars on an educating salary and placed and they are used to the guarantee that you will have a job of debt but no job? If you meet, then go to law school.

I should know. Despite graduating from a top university, a law school ranked in the top six or seven in the nation and completing a clerkship with a federal judge, my Dad was unemployed for the last six months. And it is not from a lack of effort. I must have sent out five hundred letters and made a similar number of telephone calls. I have had a number of interviews, but so far I have had no offers. A lot of my friends are in the same situation. In fact, most 1993 graduates of all but the few law schools will probably graduate without a job.

The reasons for the poor employment situation in the legal profession can be explained by looking at the recent history of the legal profession and the American economy. Up to the 1980's, the legal profession grew at a relatively steady rate. Law firms hired new attorneys only if they had a specific need for them, and individuals only went to law school if it was something they truly wanted to do.

In the 1980's, however, this situation changed. In the 1980's the legal profession, like most professions, grew tremendously. Wall Street and other industries created a tremendous need for legal services. Fueled by the demand for their services, law firms began to hire new attorneys. To attract new attorneys, law firms paid exorbitant starting salaries and provided them with expensive lunches and lavish social events. The high starting salaries, the abundance of jobs and maybe the over glorification of the legal profession by shows such as L.A. Law persuaded individuals to apply to law schools in record numbers, individuals who otherwise may never have considered a career in the legal profession. For a while, it looked like the party would never end.

As we all know, however, the party did end. Starting with the crash of Wall Street and one of its major players, Michael Milken and the firm Drexel, Burnham & Lambert, the economy slowly started to weaken. By the 1990's America was in a recession. Firms had an acquisition craze over, the savings and loan mess and the collapse of the real estate market. Faced with this shrinking demand for their services, law firms started laying off attorneys by the thousands. Harvard law school graduates who had been making six-figure salaries suddenly found themselves applying for unemployment benefits.

Even greater than the number of attorneys laid off is the decrease in the number of new attorneys that law firms are hiring. Where in the 1980's big law firms may have hired between twenty and thirty law school graduates a year, that number is now closer to ten or twelve. Furthermore, traditional sources of jobs for law students who were unwilling or unable to get jobs at big, prestigious law firms, such as small law firms, state attorneys offices and federal and municipal agencies, have come much more competitive. Graduates of local schools find themselves competing for the same jobs against not only graduates of the prestigious national schools, who, in the 1980's, would have had no trouble getting a job at a blue chip law firm, but also against more experienced, unemployed attorneys. Firing freezes and cutbacks at state and federal agencies make the situation even worse.

Economic indicators and leading economists may say the recession is over, but I am skeptical about whether this will improve the job market in the legal profession. The layoffs at IBM, Sears, Drexel and other large corporations will surely have a negative impact on the legal profession. It is unlikely that the legal profession will expand enough to absorb the glut of unemployed or underemployed attorneys any time soon.

Attorneys are not the only professionals having a hard time finding jobs. From what I have read and seen the employment situation for MBA's may be even worse. A friend who recently graduated with an MBA from the University of Chicago was unemployed for six months before she finally landed a job. She applied to 110 MBA's and got 67 interviews. One of the problems with the law is that you cannot find any other jobs in the business consulting.

It seems that the only professionals who are not having a hard time finding jobs are those with MBA's. Look at any help wanted listings and the majority of positions advertised were for systems analysis or management information systems specialists. With the advance of the information age there is a great demand for individuals who can use computers to solve data and solve problems. A case in point is a friend of my brother who uses a computer to acquire information in a United Airlines' management information systems department. My brother's friend was getting an offer as early as February as part of United's restructuring. Within two weeks he had four offers of employment from big companies. I should be so lucky.

Those of you thinking about going to law school should seriously consider whether it is the right choice for you. A good law school education is three years of your life and costs tens of thousands of dollars. For certain individuals, those fortunate enough to get into a top law school to graduate at the top of their class from a local law school, the possibility of graduating from law school with a job at a big law firm paying a high salary may still exist. But for the vast majority of individuals it is more likely that they will graduate with no job and a high level of student loans. You can probably be said about getting an MBA. You may want to consider getting a B.A. or graduate degree in a computer related subject instead.

Editorial

Student Workers Should Not Be Taken For Granted

As a tribute to the many students who work while attending school, a series of columns through April 16th has been designated STUDENT EMPLOYMENT APRECIATION WEEK. Governor's State University, supported by the Student Employment and Development Office (JLD). the focus during this week will be to increase awareness of student employment and its important role in the higher education experience.

GSU is enriched by the 162 students employed on campus who contribute significantly to the efficiency of many University offices.

Students work for a variety of reasons: to earn money, to gain work experience and skills, to help make career decisions, or to establish a time management frame. For many students working while in school is a financial necessity. For others, working is a voluntary choice to enhance their educational development. Whatever the reason, working while in school demands initiative and self-discipline.

The JLD Office encourages everyone that joins us in thanking our student employees and their employers for the contribution they make to our school. We are encouraging everyone to let those students know that you applaud their efforts.
Dear Readers:

Wise up!

The Easter Bunny is a hoax! Just a mythical creature designed by big business to make people buy all those stupid plastic eggs and day-glo marshmallow chicks every year! (Sorry to have to break it to you like this...)

Happy Easter!

* diff? for Santa, the Tooth Fairy, Leprechauns & my last boyfriend!

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**GSU to Become Site for Third Regional Airport**

UNIVERSITY PARK -- Acknowledging that funding for construction of a brand new third regional airport will be almost impossible, the Edgar administration gave the green light to converting GSU into an airport terminal.

During a recent "P.Q.P." tour of GSU, the Governor was heard to say "Gee whiz, this place would make a great airport."

At the time, President Wolf assumed the Governor was joking, and simply chuckled at his remarks.

The INNOVATOR has learned through somewhat reliable sources about the Governor’s grand plan to shut down GSU as an educational facility and reopen it in 1996 as a major international airport hub.

When it opens, the "A" and "B" buildings at GSU, which will supposedly be converted to gates for Delta and TWA, the Governor hopes to save money by closing both Governors Highway, and Stuenkel Road, and converting the roadways to runways. The Gov’ admitted though that Stuenkel would need considerable patching in order to give airplane passengers a "smooth landing."

Don't pitch those textbooks yet! GSU will reorganize under the "PQP" initiative and offer some drastic curriculum changes during the construction phase. Most of the existing programs will be eliminated, while several new programs will be added. A new College of Airline Stewards (CAS) will be the new name for the old College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health Professions (CHP) will be converted to the College of Hotel Professionals.

An engineering firm looked at the new Columbus Carillon and decided it would build an air traffic control tower on top of the structure. Air traffic controllers would push a red button on a control panel to sound the chimes in the event of an emergency.

As part of the airport effort, Aldo and his buddies have begun a new push to get the Regional Center for the Performing Arts built by the time the airport opens. "We hope to have the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on hand for the grand opening," said Aldo.

The INNOVATOR has learned that the grand opening celebration will feature a special Beatles reunion concert.

When it opens, the airport will have four runways, but the Governor hopes to expand the number to 80 by some time early next century. "This sucker's gonna' go from Richton Park to Rantoul," said he.
Hays Family Living
By Laura Hays

There's a magazine on the stands called "Martha Stewart Living." I don't know much about Stewart, but I am in awe of her. Imagine having a life so tasteful, so elegant, so trendy that an entire magazine could be devoted to it.

I couldn't resist plunking down three bucks to see just how Stewart's lifestyle differs from mine. I found an article on forcing bulbs (this has something to do with flowers, not electricity), recipes on making your own crackers (I promise I'm not kidding), and a historical perspective on bed linens (Stewart recommends ribbons around your stacks of sheets and towels in the linen closet to keep the piles "tidy"). There was more, much more, but since I don't have a pasta maker or plan on painting furniture with the enclosed stencil, I added "Martha Stewart Living" to the already stacky stack of magazines on the coffee table.

It occurred to me that Stewart's ideas, tasteful though they are, do not relate well to real life, at least not to my real life, so I decided to develop my own, more relevant, magazine--"Hays Family Living."

I can envision an article on fashion--"Car Pool Chic." Featured would be clothes that look fantastic from the waist up, as this is the only part of you that can be seen as you pull up to the ball diamond or dance studio. Why spend money on slacks and skirts, the article would argue, when your legs are invisible from 3:00 on? Sink your fashion dollars into eye-catching sweaters and blouses instead--just pray you don't have to get out of the car.

A cooking column could offer suggestions for breakfast menus that reflect the Hays family lifestyle. Typical choices would be cold cereal and orange juice, or toast and orange juice, and for special days, a bagel and orange juice. For the complete Hays experience, breakfast and column? I could offer tips on ironing (don't do it), flower arranging (call a florist), mending (throw away all torn clothing and worn socks, a button may be re-sewn only if it's from a favorite shirt), and gardening (enough with the neighbor's flowers).

Though the Hays family could probably benefit from a big dose of style and grace, we're really more Twigwanks than Petit fours, more involved with Belgium than Brussels. Our hungry Monday nights don't allow for infusing vinegar with home-grown herbs or pondering the technicalities of reaping silver. Sorry Martha. We'll stick to Rice crackers and messy linen cloths--that's living!

Queen's Knight Out
By J.B. Godfrey

These positions show that anything is possible in a chess game. So, next time you think that the position is drawn, look a little harder. In the four positions below its white to move and win.

1. Kc6ch wins the rook.
2. Yes Nc7 mates.
3. Don't take the rook. Bx5ch, and the pawn can be promoted to a queen.
4. Bx4 instantly mates.

Elimination of the BGU Will Not Streamline Education
By Varghese Mathew

Student Trustee,GSU

The elimination of the Board of Governors Universities and the Board of Regents, along with a proposal to replace them with seven individual boards has been proposed by the Governor. This multiplication of boards represents, the report of the Governor's Task Force says, "a simplified approach" to governing public universities in Illinois.

The move to eliminate the BGU and BOR has nothing to do with saving taxpayers money, because it would cost Illinois more than the present system when seven boards have to provide services now provided by two. Tuition would no doubt be raised to help fund these boards.

The Task Force's proposal would not streamline or simplify the governance of higher education or increase cost effectiveness. Instead it would have the opposite effect and would increase bureaucracy, multiply administrative costs, and create confusion. The Board currently saves taxpayers $5.9 million per year through centralized legal, collective bargaining, risk management and insurance, governmental relations and computing, and board liaison services. Elimination of these centralized services would lead to the administrative burdens of the universities, the legislature, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and other state agencies, whose contacts with the BGU would increase five-fold.

The Task Force's proposal would reduce accountability by giving each university its own governing board that would be perceived mainly as a "cheerleader" for the institution and its administration. A local board with just a skeletal staff would find it extremely difficult to obtain the objective information needed to effectively perform its legal and fiduciary responsibilities and before long it would be clear that accountability to taxpayers, parents, and students would require larger staffs for the new boards or additional bureaucracy at some higher level of state government. The resulting administrative costs would far exceed their present amount.

The Task Force's proposal does not treat all public universities in the same way. It creates a hybrid structure in which the Southern Illinois University system retains its existing multi-campus configuration, the multi-campus University of Illinois system to be enlarged by the addition of a third campus, and the remaining seven institutions are left to fend for themselves. While the present structure maintains an effective balance among systems of relative strength, the Task Force's proposal will result in nuncio competition and divert already scarce resources away from institutions.

The biggest losers in such a struggle will be the smaller universities, particularly those in the BGU system, whose student clientele requires the most understanding from legislators and other educational policymakers.

The universities will not enjoy greater autonomy under the Task Force's proposal. Autonomy for higher education institutions means first and foremost freedom from improper interference, which the existing system of systems has been remarkably effective in preserving. In addition, elimination of the existing means of providing oversight at the system level would jeopardize autonomy by leading to increased regulation by state government to ensure accountability.

The proposal to eliminate the Board of Governors Universities has been compared by the Task Force in actions taken by the private sector to cut costs by reducing middle management. The Board is solely responsible for the operation and maintenance of the BGU universities and, while it has regulatory authority, the Board of Higher Education has no governing powers.

The Board does not occupy a middle ground between the universities and the Board of Higher Education. It is the board of directors of the universities which it heads. Clearly, the current trend toward corporate streamlining does not involve elimination of the board of directors.

In addition, higher education, including the BGU system, is already highly decentralized, which is a goal corporate America is trying to achieve. The major problem with corporate America is reduced profits, while the major problem with public higher education is its reduced priority compared with other state responsibilities. These are not the same problems, nor do they have similar solutions. Unlike corporate America, the universities of this country are acknowledged to be the best in the world; and Illinois has one of the best higher education systems in the nation.

This move to eliminate two boards is harkening, a distraction of the public from the real problems with higher education in Illinois such as the decline in state tax support for higher education and the significant tuition increases required to offset this loss.

We should not be distracted from addressing the real issues facing Illinois higher education by this proposal. We deserve better.
New Signage to Help Lead The Way

by Louis Schultz

For new students, and those venturing out to unfamiliar ar- eas at GSU, finding a particular room is often a challenging and confusing experience.

The primary obstacle to finding rooms quickly is the fact that many room numbers are misla­ beled, out of sequence, or misin­ tently. The numbering disarray makes it appear that some­times simply did a poor job of planning room numbers, however that is not really the case. When GSU first opened in the early 1970’s, it had been constructed using the “Open Learning” concept as a basis, along with other educational insti­ tutions across the country.

In the Open Learning environ­ ment, walls were virtually non­ existent. Classrooms or Modules were created using portable seven foot high part­ tions which could be easily dis­ assembled and reconfigured. The partitions offered little sound deadening capability, and as a result students in one course could easily overhear professors in adjoining rooms. According to Mike Hassett, who has created some­ thing to some long time GSU profes­ sors, framers of the Open Learn­ ing concept, it was the over­ hearing lectures in adjacent rooms that was advantageous to stu­ dents who could ‘tune in’ the lecture when they became bored and then ‘tune in’ a later lecture in another room. The Open Learning concept was generally considered a fail­ ure though, and GSU began phasing it out.

GSU began constructing per­ manent walls for classrooms in the late 1970’s to replace the temporary partitions. Adminis­ trative and faculty offices were also constructed in the buildings existing shell using metal studs and drywall.

As the university continued to grow, classrooms and offices were continually added to meet the ever increasing needs, though mandatory constraints have limited the number of Capital Development projects which could be done each fiscal year. Sequential room numbers were put on doors, but many times rooms were added between rooms; which meant either renumber­ ing an entire section, or just leaving the doors blank. Over the years, faculty offices have been constructed using old part­ tition hardware. Since doors on these partitioned offices are interchangeable, doors from one end of the building have ended up being moved to another end with the room number intact, according to Mike Hassett of the GSU Physical Plant Operation depart­ ment. Jumbling the doors has led to utter confusion in some sections, especially in the Business and Public Administra­ tion department on the third floor “C” building.

Finding a room at GSU should be much easier if a signage pro­posal was discussed during a recent GSU Physical Resources Com­ mittee meeting. Walls were vir­ tually non-existent. Classrooms or Modules were created using the “Open Learning” concept as a basis, according to Mike Hassett-Acting director of Physical Plant Operations. The company would produce all inserts the discussion, and committee members thanked him for their professional presentation.

The committee discussed the proposed signage further and outlined their final recommendations, among them were:

1. There is a need for more dis­ cernable colors closer to primary colors to eliminate confusion.

2. All rooms at GSU including rest rooms, mechanical rooms, storage rooms, etc. should be numbered and should be in se­ quence with all other numbers regardless of the type of room. This will aid in giving directions and allow for quicker crisis management.

3. The left most column of numbers (“3” in the example to the right) should be eliminated. In most U.S. buildings the first digit in a room number indicates the floor which a room is located on, not a specific unit. Thus in the example, a person would know the number is “3” to indi­ cate the floor of the building, when in fact “3” could appear as the first digit on any floor on the proposed layout.

4. The effort to eliminate du­ plicate room numbers among buildings is unnecessary, since people normally orient them­ selves to a building first, then to a room. The main prob­ lem now is with the sequence of the numbers not with duplicate numbers.

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