EDUCATION PROFESSORS TO BE RETAINED!!

by Sean M. Carr

In a private meeting held on Friday, September 1st teachers and members of the administration got together to discuss a plan to retain: Mary Chadick, Karen Peterson, Taida Kelly, Karen Johnson, Nancy Peters, Janice Klemen, and Clint Desmond, the eight professors who were jeopardized of losing their positions due to a lack of funds, and an ending to their contract. Due to the protests of concerned students, and a larger allocation of funds the administration conceived a plan to retain the professors.

To get greater information on the retention of the students Provost Wayne Hamilton of the Education department was interviewed.

Provost Hamilton explains where the funds came from; "The administration added some money increasing the budget instead of cutting it. The amount was previously requested exceeding the amount available. When asked whose decision it was to raise the instruction Hamilton added, "President Wolff, myself and Dean of Education Leon Zalewski decided at the faculty meeting. In revising the professors it will be a long process of revising a trimester set of classes in one week to fit their load."

Another concern of students and faculty was of the aforementioned professors status. Provost Hamilton clarified the issue by saying that it is sort of a pecking order in that "Full time/tenured professors receive a full lead more or less than full time temporary professors." In turn it was also said that regular adjuncts receive what is left from the tenured. That is the situation that the department had in the possible expulsion of the professors.

Hamilton professed that the new contracts will hold out for one year. In first time, based on full-time professors' abilities and length of duty in the department a person may possibly move up to tenured track candidacy, provided that a position is open.

All of the professors have been given full-time workloads except for one, due to his leaving the university for finding another position. The Provost added that students would be informed not at the meeting, but by personal letters and postings on the wall of truth.

To get the point across to students Provost Hamilton stated, "We all got a happy ending, the administration was very responsible, and eager to listen to students. We respect the views of the students. Their thoughts and ideas are very important to us. Contrary to popular belief the dismissal of the professors was not disregarded by the administration, we did listen to the students very carefully."

In the wake of the Education department's new decision to retain the professors, some persons remain sceptical. One Elementary Education major, Karen Kraus admitted that she was glad for the retention of the professors, but it shouldn't have happened in the first place. In her opinion, "The administration didn't think the teachers or students would protest the way they did."

She also added, I would like to know why the education divisions budget is not proportional to student enrollment. We have the largest department on campus, yet we are allotted such a small amount. I'm also interested in knowing why Paula Wolff was so hard to reach for comment while our quality of education was in jeopardy. Lastly she states some fears that other students may have, "Everyone's concerned about whether or not this problem will occur again next year."

UNIVERSITY WATER SUPPLY QUESTIONED

by John P. DeYoung

When it comes to the drinking fountains at G.S.U., many students very skeptical about using these contraptions when they need to quench their thirst. There is the myth that some students believe that the water that trickles out of the fountains comes from the lake that's near the university. When new students ask old time students where the nearest drinking fountain is located, so they can get a drink, long time students take on the role of surgeon general and warn newcomers before they take a sip from the fountain. It has even come to the point where students would rather shovied out sixty-five cents for a can of pop than take a chance at free water from the various fountain scattered all over the campus. So what's wrong with the water? Is there more than H2O coming out of the school's artificial springs? The person to answer these questions is Mr. Mike Hassett, Director of Physical Operations.

Hassett reassures that the water which comes out of the various drinking receptacles is not from the lake, and that the university has no control over the situation. "There's not a whole heck of a lot we can do." Hassett stresses, "It's tested periodically through Consumers of Illinois water company where we purchase the water."

The Physical Plant director says he relies on Consumer for this extensive testing for health safety and very often talks with them.

Before the aging and deterioration of equipment, Consumers provided testing to the water in order to make it pleasant, but because of time passing and the equipment getting worse, there was only one option for the college and consumers could take that would make the water price less expensive. "The equipment didn't work anymore, and they (the college) doesn't have the money to fix it, so what we get is basically the water Consumers pump from the ground." Hassett points out. He also guarantees that this ground water is also periodically tested. It's just not as informed which Hassett feels also contributed to the equipment's deterioration.

When it comes to improving the water, Hassett knows it all boils down to dollars and cents. He also knows how bad testing the water is so he thought of an idea that might help achieve better testing water. However, it was lack of funds and restrictions from the Environmental Protection Agency that put his idea to a screeching halt. "I briefly looked into whether there was any feasibility of putting in our own well here, but when I got a little further into it, the E.P.A. guidelines to treat water, the liability you take, and the cost ran into multi-million dollar project." The P.P.D. director states.

Hassett also mentions that Consumer raises the water rates every without improvements. "The assumption would be that the ones who say, well if you want it (the water) to be improved, your water rates will go up four hundred percent. In fact, our water rates have almost doubled in the last year here at the university." Hassett points out. Why the increase? Consumer informs Hassett that it's because of new, stringent, E.P.A. guidelines in regard to waste disposal.

Hassett hopes that in the near future the university water will improve. One way he sees it improving is the school getting access to the lake water from Chicago Heights, Matteson or other neighboring suburbs. For now, Hassett mentions that the water is safe enough though it doesn't taste very good. As for getting some answers from the Consumers of Illinois water company, Dennis Council, a representative from the company, could not be reached for comment.
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Looking To Network? Join WICI

By Patricia M. Gorsnick

Governors State University is forming a communications organization known as WICI (Women in Communications, Inc.). This student chapter is open to all students who would like to meet with professionals in their field of interest as well as network with students and professionals alike. WICI has a wide range of benefits that will provide important information on a wide range of subjects.

Meetings will be held along with many opportunities to hear from as well as speak with professionals that can help land that job or provide important information on the field of study of which you are interested. Trips to other organizations will also be provided for a personal look at professionals in different fields.

National membership is also available, which provide additional benefits. GSU's first introductory WICI meeting will be held in the Student Commons meeting room on September 28th at 3:00 p.m., and October 6th at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Pat Gorsnick at 531-3866 for further information.

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Genealogy Conference

The 8th Regional Conference on Genealogy will be held on Saturday, September 23, 1995 at Governors State University in University Park, Illinois. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will end at 4:00 p.m. Exhibits will be presented. Guest speakers will include: Ray and Pat Goody, Patricia Geyh, and Marilyn Zajo.

Topics will include: Beginning Genealogy, Indiana Research, Irish Records research, Court House Research, Part I & II, Canadian Research, Griffith's Valuation and Land Records.

Registration fees are: $25 for members of WGSs or SSQS, $28 for non-members; $30 for everyone after September 16.

A lunch will be provided for everyone registered by the September 15 cut-off date. After September 15, lunch will not be guaranteed, but cafeteria facilities are available at the university.

Watch for flyers in your local society newsletters, or by calling Millie Albott at (815)478-7872, Steve Albott at (815)634-2518, Deborah Kuse at (815)478-7175, Jane Hodge at (708)596-3895 or by writing to: WGSs, PO Box 24, Wilmington, IL 60401-0024.
The King's English

THE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE
By Bruce Weaver

Watching NOVA the other night, I was fascinated by a program called CODEBREAKERS.

Basically, the show told the dramatic story of brilliantly gifted men cracking the secret diplomatic and war codes of the Japanese and German governments during World War II.

While devising these machines were very secretive (one machine was only opened at the request of the show's producers) I began to wonder if there was a science of the English language.

Ever since secret codes and ciphers have been developed to keep information out of the hands of enemy agents, scientists have been tinkering with our language to find out what makes it work.

MURDER, INC. In 1975 published a listing of books dealing with cryptologists, and I dutifully set out to find them in libraries and lending institutions. I was told by a friend of mine that the books listed were so good they were confiscated by the United States Government.

They were only printed by the government printing office, and you had to have (I'm not kidding) a license in order to have the book in your possession.

Women, Art, and Change

In celebration of this year's 75th anniversary of the women's suffrage movement, Governors State University Professor Joyce Morishita will teach "Women, Art, and Change."

Dr. Morishita has selected pieces from her personal collection of more than 1,500 original source documents on the women's suffrage movement as materials for the course. She has designed the class to examine the "new woman" within a social, political and artistic context and popular imagery of the suffrage movement and the portrayal of women in the fine arts.

The course also will look at changes in the discipline of art history with an examination of feminist art history and postmodernism, as well as the role of gender in creation and viewing art.

This fall trimester course will meet from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 11. Registration is being accepted by telephone. For information on this course, or how to access the registration system, call the GSU Registrar's Office at (708) 554-4500.

Program For Coping With Aids

The Professional Counseling Club at Governors State University invites the community to a free 7 p.m. presentation Sept. 15, on ways to assist persons with HIV/AIDS.

The program will focus on developing coping skills needed for not only the patient, but also the families and friends who are faced with various problems such as medical expenses, social issues and the loss of a loved one. These topics are part of the American Psychological Association's training sessions known as "Project HOPE."

The speakers, Dr. David Matteson and Dr. Claudia Pitts, both licensed psychologists, will share first hand knowledge obtained from working with patients in their private practices. Dr. Matteson, a GSU professor of psychology and counseling, also will share his research work into biochemistry funded by the Centers for Disease Control.

The meeting will be presented in the GSU Student Commons. For additional information, call Dr. Matteson at (708) 554-4599.

What's Up With The Library?" by Yvonne Wilson

Mr. Richard Bradberry has "gone out" as the new director of the Library at Governors State University. He has been the director since July, 1994. I was pleased to have interviewed him on February 16, 1995.

I was very curious to learn about some of the intricate details concerning the library at GSU. Mr. Bradberry told me some of the many innovations at the GSU Library such as the inter-library loan program in which various other books not held at GSU can be loaned to our college via computer. In addition, the library no longer uses the card catalogue. All information is stored on computers. Last but not least, there are no longer any fines for library books at GSU, besides the fact, there are also photocopy machines available to students at GSU.

The library at GSU is divided into different departments such as the Reference Department, Catalogue Department and Governmental Department. There are a total of eight librarians at GSU, in addition to an

Model United Nations Prepares For Exciting Year

As the United Nations celebrates its fiftieth anniversary it is a time to acknowledge its accomplishments while at the same time looking at its current situation and future prospects. During this time of congressional criticism it is easy to forget about its accomplishments. It is easy to forget that the UN has won four Nobel Peace prizes for the work of the peacekeeping.

The model United Nations will deal with many of the same issues when it convenes with students from around the country and the world about the UN while at the same time furthering their knowledge of world events. Governor's State is very excited to be representing Egypt at the regional conference this fall. If you are interested in taking part please contact Dr. Levinson in the political student department at extention 4576 for more information.

While the method is vastly over-simplified, it does give us an answer to the question I addressed in the beginning. Our language definitely does have a science to it; is the science of deciphering.

By learning what letters and words we use the most, we can learn what words are effective, ineffective, sloppy sentences from well-constructed sentences; and good English from bad English.

Aside from the words I have mentioned there is also an excellent article in the old MURDER, INC. compilation entiled, "CODEBREAKING," by the well-known mystery writer, Edward D. Hoch.

After thinking about this when the program aired, I found myself remembering the excellent sentence Churchill once spoke to the House of Commons.

"Never in the course of human history have so many owed so much, to so few."

The letter was only printed on the jacket cover.

According to Poe, the next list of letters used frequently other than E are, A, O, I and D.

This seems highly probable since three of the letters are vowels.

If you remember the old school rhyme: A, E, I, O, U and sometimes Y and W - you're probably on the right track.

Teachers in grammar school make us memorize this sentence so we can remember those all important vowels which can change sounds, as well as meaning.

Following Poe, if E is the most commonly used letter in the alphabet, then the word that is used most frequently is THE.

The letters used least of all are: F, Q, X and Z.

Using this simple outline, you can experiment with making all kinds of cipher output and secret messages for yourself.

These principles were studied closely by American cryptologists at the beginning of the second world War; the German and Italian codes were the easiest to decipher because the languages are similar to English.

However, the Japanese language gave the most trouble in solving, since one word in Japanese can have at least thirty-one different meanings.
Innovative Teacher Wins Prestigious Award

View & Opinions

WELCOME WEEK WORKS!

by Sean M. Carr

Throughout the first week of September, Governors State University held a got-to-gether fest replete with information booths, refreshments, and entertainment. The waiting smell of popcorn along with a smiley happy "hi there" from the staff lightened the atmosphere of the Hall of Governors drawing many new G.S.Uers. The guitarist artistry of Jimmy Logston heard throughout the halls was reminiscent of everything from musicians like Eric Clapton to Billy Joel.

Both Green, relief supervisor for Student Life said that "the Welcome Week was a great success, it was held from Tuesday the fifth to Friday the eighth." She added, "They loved the musician, the central L.D. validation location and the friendly ambiance overall. People knew where to go, the information offered and class locations were readily accessible."

The Welcome Week was sponsored by Student Life Services. Accompanying the L.D. validations, various clubs and organizations were present. Some of the groups present were: Student Senate, W.I.C.U. - Women In Communications, the Association of Latin American Students, the Multicultural Student Enhancement Committee, and the Professional Counseling Club. The students manning the tables would pass out various flyers and information detailing their organization's purpose. Other groups held demonstrations, namely one on how to surf the Internet, conducted by the on campus Computer Technology Center. One table that was manned consistently throughout the Welcome Week was the Professional Counseling Club.

Sherry Troike, President of the Professional Counseling Club said that 26 people were signed up after many members staffed the tables during the first week of September. The activities at the table included buddy sales for fundraising, and dispersal of a four page club flyer that states the purpose of the club, members present and schedules for all forthcoming meetings. Troike added, "Our club is open to undergraduates and graduate students, we have twenty regular active members."

When asked about specifics of her club she gave a synopsis, "The speakers that we have at our meetings are former students and numerous other professionals in the counseling field. The main purpose of our club is mentoring and networking. The people in the counseling field are monitored by people who have been in the degree program for a while and can explain certain aspects of the discipline in a clear and concise manner."

Club president Troike has been in the club for two and a half years. When asked what she likes most about the club she revealed, "I like the students, their interests and how they work together to achieve their goals. Her main concern as president is to train new members and have them assume some of the responsibility of the club. The real essence of the Professional Counseling Club Troike adamantly posed, "was people helping people."

Other persons on hand at the Welcome Week gathering were representatives from the new business and Sprint phone-card services. Both spokespersons had booths in place to make their presence known and to sign up potential customers. The Welcome Week has been consistent in serving students for many years and with this successful turnout it will continue to do so.

My message is simple: learning and teaching are fun. "You know that, That's what motivates you," Illinois' "Teacher of the Year" Lynn Gedda told teachers meetings at Governors State University.

Gedda, a 17-year teacher in Normal, Ill, public schools, has been cross-cressing the state carrying her message not only to teacher groups but also to Gov. Jim Edgar, legislators, community and parent organizations. Her address at Governors State was part of the third annual Teacher-Mentor Workshops. The Teacher-Mentor Program is a yearlong initiative that gives first-year teachers a partner in their schools who acts as a mentor for everything from ordering supplies to dealing with discipline problems.

Gedda addressed the role of the teacher using the analogy of Dorothy in the movie "The Wizard of Oz." "You're following the yellow brick road looking for the perfect educational system," she joked. "On the road you meet a few strange monkeys or fall asleep. You can also do a song and dance routine when you get very excited, and you'll run into a few good witches and a few bad witches along the way, and people who will disappoint you," she warned the new teachers.

"But remember, you're looking for those three great friends - with hearts, brains and courage to share. For you new teachers, your mentors will share those traits with you. Really, we teachers all have them, and the kids in our classrooms have them, and that's what brings us to Oz," she says.

Explaining that message to some gets very difficult, Gedda admits, because it gets bogged down in school finances, quality standards, statewide mandates and a variety of other issues that tend to cloud what is happening each day in the classroom. And, she adds, teachers are the ones really making the difference.

Gedda has found a recurring message from teachers across Illinois telling her, "I'm so tired and so overwhelmed." The reason, Gedda believes, is because teachers "want to do everything right now. They want to make everything the best and keep all their materials up to date.""Very many times have you walked into a mall and found a new computer program or art project and say to yourself, "If my kids could only do this! It's all part of the sharing process," Gedda says, as heads in the audience nod in agreement.

While Gedda has the platform this year, she is giving several important messages to anyone who will listen. Illinois must have an increased education budget and a larger share of the technology budget. Students must get computers in the classrooms, and learn best how to use them. Illinois' schools pale by comparison to others when it comes to finances and equipment, yet Illinois' students will be expected to compete with students from the other 49 states.

Students have got to learn to think independently. Too often they are not rationalizing and arguing their decisions. They are falling back to the old rote mode of learning, which Gedda decries and tests do not practice in her classroom.

"We need real life applications; I've talked with plant managers and business people asking them what they want, and they all say they want problem solvers," she notes. Illinois needs equity in education. Gedda explains one of the saddest facts of life in Illinois education today is that all students do not have a fair chance at succeeding. It has come down to where you live and what your school can afford. "It's wrong and I can't believe we let that happen," she says gruffly. The sixth grade teacher told her audience being selected "Teacher of the Year" has left her very emotional. "I'm not the perfect teacher, and I'm not the best teacher in the state. What I've learned is I'm representing and presenting for all teachers," Gaddy says proudly. "Learn, care and share as much as you can," she tells her colleagues.
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1. Sherlock Holmes knows that Mr. and Mrs. Moriarity have exactly two children. Dr. Watson knows, and has told Sherlock that at least one of the Moriarity children is a boy. Assuming that the chances of having a girl or a boy are equal, Sherlock can use his deductive powers to come to which of the following conclusions?
   A. The other child is probably a girl.
   B. The other child is probably a boy.
   C. The chances are equal that the other child is a girl or a boy.

2. Mason, Elson, and Jones have first names of Ed, Jerry and Matt, though not necessarily in that order. One majors in economics, another in journalism, and the other in mathematics. From the clues below find each person's full name and major.
   A. Elson is not Ed's last name.
   B. Ed's major is not journalism and mathematics is not Jones' major.
   C. Jerry's last name is not Elson and his major is not mathematics.
   D. Jason's first name is not Ed.

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off the mark
by Mark Parisi

...AND, AS USUAL, THIS COMMITTEE IS DEADLOCKED...FOUR VOTING "AYE" AND FOUR VOTING "NAY"...

Trapped

Drawn inscrutably by Destiny, from two worlds far apart
They came to the common ground, two victims of the heart.
The look in her eyes was all that he sought
And when with him, to the world, she was lost.

Drifting in circles, were the two little souls
Slowly coming closer in an emotional whirlpool.
Dealing their best to deal with social restraints
As they tried to share both happiness and pain.

How grossly unfair is the view of this society
Torn by real walls and invisible boundaries.
Where race, religion, creed and age are just barriers
To assure some greedy male's desires.

Who knows when it will all longer matter
What country you hail from, or what colour.

But in many a billion million still
Petty reasons like this are enough to kill.

Can we stop this madness, and share the blame
In a world that has lost all sense of shame?

Someday, maybe, people will grow up and learn
To look beyond prejudice, for which any day years.

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Reviews

Mortal Kombat!!!

If you have any chance this article reaches movie makers across this country, I would like to offer a little bit of advice. Please! Please! Stop making films based on video games!!!

We were first played with this phenomenon with "Ninja Turtles" and the massacre continued on. The latest incarnation of video game films is the big screen is "Mortal Kombat." Three martial arts characters compete in a tournament in order to pre-

serve mankind and our world. These three warriors are chosen by a god-like individual named Lord Rayden, played by Christopher Lambert of the Highlander films. Rayden is a sorcerer of good. The champions Rayden chooses consist of a lady cop named Sonya Blade, a man who wants revenge for his brother's death name Liv Kang, and a martial arts movie actor whose name he is not a fake named Johnny Cage, played by Linden Ashby. A story begins to unravel as the sorcerer who brings these warriors to the remote is-

land where their contest is to compete in a Mortal Kombat and wants to make Earth as a hellish realm, has his flankers ready for the tournament. But the first is Kano who is a martial individual with a six pack led on the side of his face. How original. Then there are Scorpion and Sub-Zero who are two ninja fighters whose eyes look like they spent too much time at Foot Fitness. However, Tsung as in the hole is Prince Goro, a hulking, snarling gorilla, a former reign- ing champion of Mortal Kombat. Along with the frightful four, the
evil wizard enters Princess Kitana in the contest. Her world was claimed by the evil Tsung and after tournament, so he helps the three defenders of earth to get revenge on Tsung. In the end, good guys win.

Like its video game predecessors, Mortal Kom-

bat proves that the best
to enjoy this kind of
text-based fiction is just

by playing the game. The special effects were

impressive, but there have been better. The story

lacked a lot. For a person who knows dully squat

about the video game, like me, the movie had a lot
different questions.

For example, why did this Rayden choose these three, out of numerous martial

artists, to defend mankind, and out where did he come

from? What's his story? It seemed that the film makes

just went to get the over-the-top choreographed fighting se-

quences and skip playing the whole story. Not only were the fighting se-

quences lame but so was the acting even from the

veteran, Lambert. I never saw so many harms at one
time except at the the super-

market. However, the actors and actresses are not to blame. It's because of the poor directing and poor writing that I felt this movie was a bunch of

mindless garbage. Most of the dialogue consisted of grunts, grunts, yells, and screams. Whenever there were words spoken, it mostly consisted of really creepy
diches. The only thing I liked about Mortal Kombat were some of Tsung's regal.

regress. Scorpion shot out

a long reptilian animal from his hand that almost
destroyed Cage's face which

I felt was very impressive

looking. Sub-Zero's

character was also impres-
sive because of the way he

drove one opponent by his

touch and then cracking his adversary's body into a

mass of pieces. It was

chilling. Too bad he didn't

have the power that much

before the tournament.
The movie would have ended sooner.

Somebody told me to stop in mind that the tar-
gel audience is thirteen

and fourteen year olds who

play the video games. First of all, I think a movie based on a video game shouldn't have to promote the
game itself. If the game is good, why take a

chance and make a movie

that could do more harm

than good for the sales of

the game? Video games and

film making are two differ-

ent forms of entertain-

ment that should be

separated. Second, if

seventeen and fourteen year olds think that all too much excessiveness of

violence and little or no
dialogue or story telling is

what entertainment is, then

we maybe should forfeit at

the next tournament. Be-

cause the movie wasn't

smartly written, smartly
directed, and the story

wasn't smartly told, I feel

Mortal Kombat should have been called "Mortal Dumbass." On a grading scale, I give Mortal Kom-

bat an F, and that's a wrap.

Economic Education Teachers Honored

Six teachers who participated in training sessions and worked with the Economics America Office of Economic Education at Governors State University were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the classroom by the Illinois Council on Economic Education.

Three of the four honored first place winners attended classes and/or workshops through GSEU, or worked or consulted with Office staff in implementing their course work.

"Because our mission is to help educators become better teachers of economics, we are especially pleased when they are re-

cognized," said Nancy C. Gallagher, director of the Office of Economic Education at GSEU. Receiving special recognition at the Illinois Council on Economic Education's annual luncheon Aug. 16 were:

Sandra Hutchinson of Oak Lawn, a teacher at Fernway Park Elementary School in Orland Park, who won first place in the 3rd grade level. Her lesson, titled "How the Rickety Railroad Works," incorporated economics into the lesson that also focused on teaching math, language arts, social studies and science.

Cherly L. Meunch of Miller Beach, Ind., a teacher at Chelsea Elementary School in Frankfort, working with her partner Cindy Lang, won third place in the 3rd grade category for the "Chelsea After School Economics Club. "Meunch is a twotime winner.

In 1992, she was recognized by the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce as the Economic Educator of the Year for her work then in Matteson District 162.

In the 7th grade category, Judith LaPondusil of Park Forest and Mary Cathenee Ross of Glenwood, teachers at Washington Junior High in Chicago Heights, won the first place award for their "Beyond High School: Alternatives for Continuing Education" lesson that introduced students to the work place and to educational options that will enhance their human capital, making them productive students, workers and citizens.

This is the second year LaPondusil as won a first place honor in the 1012th grade category. James Chasey of Homewood Flossmoor High School for his unit "Taking Advanced Placement and Honors Economics Students Beyond the Classroom." He gave his students a look at economics from many points of view and invited professionals into his class. He encouraged students to use Federal Reserve statistics to prove the
degree and direction of the change in the Gross Domes-
tic Product (GDP) line. His students came closer to the

actual GDP figure than did the economists at the Federal Re-

serve Bank.

We salute these teachers, not only for their hard work in the classroom, but also for their willingness to put their ideas on paper and share them with others," said Gallagher.

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College schedule flexibility is as close as your television set with Governors State University's media-based courses. This fall, GSEU offers 51 courses produced for television, telecourse students who need to study and learn on their own time and at the location of their choice. Topics range from history and literature to psychology and technology.

Students review video taped telecasts which present a professor and students in a classroom setting, and tele-

courses which give materials usually in disciplinary style. Students do meet with a professor and fellow students at least twice during the 15-week trimester, and then come to the GSEU campus to take exams. This fall, the GSEU/CTV course on "Talking Literature: The Classics and You" an English course produced by GSEU that examine literary texts, from Genesis and the book of Job to a King Lear and Huckleberry Finn, makes considerable consideration of the texts to today's world.

"Anthropology in Film" is a new video presentation that explores how culture satisfies human needs and facilitates survival. The videos contain rare anthropological film footage.

"Latin America: Culture and Society" will help students find the historical and cultural evolution of the Latin American and Caribbean societies.

"Senses of Life" is an introductory course that examines the five senses, including stereo-geoptical changes that occur as people move from infancy to adulthood.

These three credit-hour courses are open to students with a minimum of 60 college credits. Registration is conducted exclusively through Sept. 1. For additional information, and a schedule, call the GSEU Office of Media-Based In-

struction at (708) 554-4095 or 4097.

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