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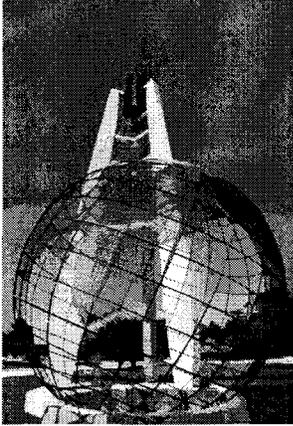
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*"Truth, like infinity, is to be forever approached, and never met." Ayres
(Suggested by Russ Carter)*

New Leadership for the IBHE

At the end of this month, Keith Sanders will step down as Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He will be succeeded by Daniel J. LaVista, president of McHenry College. Also at the recent IBHE meeting, Phil Rock, former President of the Illinois Senate and current Chairperson of the IBHE Board, resigned, effective immediately. And Vice Chairperson Jane Williamson announced her immediate resignation because President George Bush had appointed her husband to a high-level position at the United Nations. She will be moving to New York. It is expected that the Governor will appoint a new Chair shortly.

Challenges for the IBHE and Governors State, too

Provost Paul Keys represented Governors State at the annual IBHE legislative meeting last week. Given the budget crisis in the State and the financial pressures on higher education, the mood was somber. Keys reports there was considerable discussion of the upcoming changes in state leadership because of the November elections. Legislators who attended the meeting said there was support of higher education in the House of Representatives and the Governors office. "But not enough," said one legislator, who strongly suggested that higher education form coalitions and that the IBHE work to place a representative on the new Governor's transition team. The legislators also urged universities to continue lobbying the legislature.

OK, Be Sarcastic. But We'll Take Your One-liner as a Compliment

Paul Keys also reported that the president of one of the other Illinois state universities muttered under his breath, "Governors State made out like a bandit," in hearings before the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 8. Governors State was recognized by the Senate Appropriations Committee for the commitment of its faculty to teaching and scholarship, as well as low tuition increases, expertise in supporting students who are working adults, and community outreach programs.

Coming to Closure

As to the litigation brought by some GSU Master of Social Work students, the federal judge in the case has granted summary judgment in favor of the university and has dismissed all matters in the federal suit.

Raising the GSU Profile

Governors State University personalities are being featured monthly on a program carried by WCFJ-AM. Focus is on important issues affecting the south suburbs. Ron Bean, executive director of the South Metropolitan Leadership Center at GSU, participated earlier this month to discuss race relations in the region. "This is a terrific opportunity to spotlight the close relationship our university has with the surrounding communities," said Chuck Connolly, Interim Executive Director of Marketing and Communications. "Going forward, we'd like to see several of our faculty go on the air to talk about their community-based initiatives. Call Carolyn Dennis (ext. 6366) if you have a project you think might fill the bill." Dennis of Public Affairs negotiated the agreement.

We Didn't Need the Supreme Court to Decide, but the Cabinet Did Ask to Be Told Newsletter's New Name First

You know the winner by looking at the masthead: *The GSUniverse*. Congratulations to Tracy Sullivan for the winning proposal, which was the unanimous choice of the committee headed by Diane Dates Casey, interim director, GSU Library. Sullivan's prize is a \$25 gift certificate to be used at either the bookstore or the cafeteria. The committee thanked other contestants, including Dick Burd, Loretta Jones, Mel Muchnik, Janice Schultz, Yvonne Franklin, Stephanie Wenzel, Michael Purdy, Rosemary Hulett Cohee, Carl Stover, Viola Gray, Kathy Miller, Diane Balin, Clifton Haywood, and Brenda Montgomery. Suggestions ranged from creative, to bad, to incomprehensible. Some of the runner-ups: *The One-Armed Paperhanger*, *The Penguin*, and *the Platypus*.

GSU ScholarSHIP Is Still Sailing

Check out the display case by the Performing Arts Center. Dr. Diane Balin, Director of the Board of Governors B.A. Degree Program, is exhibiting some of her artifacts from her recent Fulbright trip to China. This was her first Fulbright and second trip to China in the past four years. She had just left Beijing and was in Xian when the announcement was made that Beijing was selected as the site for the 2008 Olympics, so she experienced the jubilation first hand. Contact her on extension 3198 if you wish to borrow any of her materials to enhance your teaching.

News FLASH!

Each office in the new Faculty Office Complex will have a window. Don't believe everything you see in an architectural drawing.