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"Facing the press is more difficult than bathing a leper." -- Mother Teresa
(Suggested by Connie Zonka)

Governor Names New IBHE Chair

Governor George Ryan has appointed Steven H. Lesnik as the new Chairman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He succeeds Philip J. Rock, who resigned as Chairman last month. Lesnik was appointed to the position on May 1. His term expires in 2003. Lesnik is CEO of Kemper-Lesnik Organization, which comprises Kemper-Lesnik Communications and Kemper Sports Management.

Some Classy Folks

One of the greatest challenges faced by Chicago housing officials is finding homes for tens of thousands of Chicago Housing Authority residents who will be relocated as part of the city's \$1-billion Plan for Transformation. In the South Shore community, Professor Anthony Andrews from the College of Business and Public Administration is leading community efforts to evaluate the impact that the plan will have on the quality of life in area neighborhoods. For this project and other significant community efforts, Dr. Andrews has been named as one of two winners of the 2002 Community Service Awards. The second winner is Annie Ware, a technical assistant in the GSU Library. In 1999, she began to focus on the growing number of abandoned and pregnant teenagers in the south suburbs. To help this at-risk group, Ware founded The Right Choices Youth Services, a registered not-for-profit that provides a range of referral services. She is currently working to open a group home for this population. At present, there is not a facility of this type in the entire south suburbs. Dr. Andrews and Ware will have their names displayed permanently on a plaque in the Hall of Governors. They will also receive a framed certificate of recognition. Finally, the GSU Foundation and the Alumni Association will make a contribution of \$500 in the name of each honoree to go to a charity of their choice. (FYI: **Beverly Goldberg (Development) and Professor Ralph Bell (College of Health Professions) received honorable mention.**)

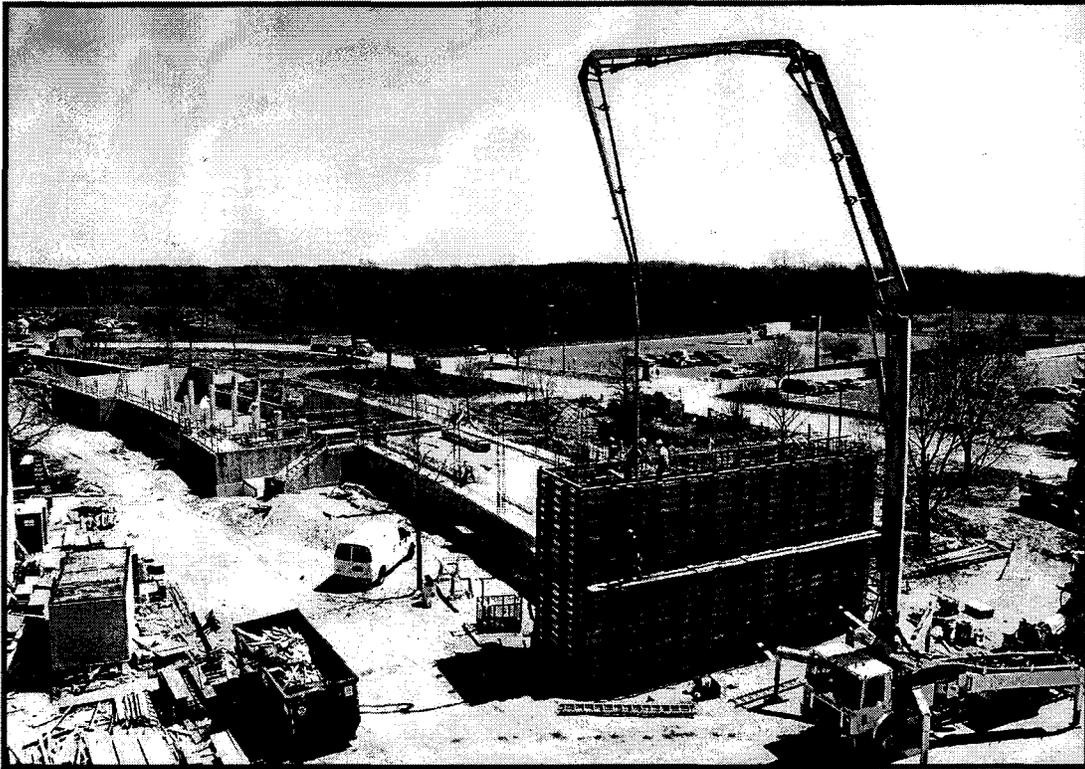
GSUScholarship Sails On

Dr. Catherrine Tymkow's study on the topic, *Integrating Family Pedigree Construction in the Health History Prior to Genetic Counseling*, looks at how documenting and discussing family pedigree in advance of a genetic counseling visit may impact a patient's satisfaction with the experience. She will present the study results at the Academy of Health Research and Quality National Convention in Washington, DC in June.

The Students Have Spoken

On Wednesday, May 15 at 3:30 p.m., the division of Student Life will hold installation services for newly elected members of the Student Senate. The incoming senators are Sean Audy, Valcar Bowman, Eric Camper, George Ceska, April Evans, Claude Hill, Verna Jackson, Erin Kelly, Gail Kallend, Thomas Lux, Eva Moore, Keith Myles, Toure Peck, Evelyn Taylor, Ronke Thanni, Elizabeth Vazquez, Debra Wilson and Theresia Yunita. Congratulations.

A Bird's Eye View Of Progress



Construction Update

The Family Development Center is nearly half completed. Floor slabs have been poured and exterior and interior framing has begun. The Faculty Office Center is approximately one-quarter of the way completed. The first floor slab over the basement was poured this week and columns will be poured next week. Electricians are running main power feeds to the building and plumbers are “roughing-in” their work. Demolition has begun outside of the E-wing entry and the area is being prepared for columns, which will support the bridge above. (Photo Credit: Dick Burd)

We perish for lack of information

A Benefits Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 7, in the Hall of Honors from 9:30 - 11:00 am and from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Find out what benefits are available to GSU employees.

Ding. Ding. Ding.

Dave Dixon, university auditor, recently evaluated the integrity of the security system in the University Library. Repeatedly, he left the library with a book that had not been checked-out. The alarm went off like clockwork. There's a lesson here.

Wanted: Runners and Joggers for “TEAM GSU”

The American Cancer Society is seeking participants for the South Suburban Relay for Life event. You can join a team or organize your own. Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for cancer research and programs. Participating teams will gather at Rich Central High School on June 22-23 to take turns walking or running laps. If you're interested in forming a GSU team, call extension 6366. For general information about the event call Heidi Gonzalez at the American Cancer Society at 708-633-7770 or e-mail her at heidi.gonzalez@cancer.org.