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*When times are especially
tough, avoid over-
cautiousness and overcome a
culture of fear— Eric Schmidt*

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Generation Next

Maureen Bendoraitis and Ann Glascoff have just received word from Secretary of State Jesse White that the GSU Library has received more than \$23,500 in grant funds to create a mini-wireless lab for students. The lab will have five laptops, wireless access point to the GSU network and multimedia software. Bendoraitis, and Glascoff, who wrote the grant, said they got everything they asked for.

A New Sheriff In Town

Gail Bradshaw is the new director of human resources. Gail is no stranger to the position, having served as interim director for the past eighteen months. She's known for her decisive manner, quick wit and sense of fairness. What more could we ask for?

Honorary Degree to Scholar/Educator Barbara Bowman

Professor Barbara Bowman will receive an honorary degree at the commencement in June. She is a co-founder of the Erickson Institute, and served as its president from 1994 to 2000. She is an authority on higher education, a national advocate for improved and expanded training for practitioners who teach and care for young children, and a pioneer in building knowledge and understanding of the issues of access and equity for minority children.

Thank Goodness, Some Good Economic News at Last

Hilary Burkinshaw, director of the Centerpoint at GSU, reports that so far this year, the Small Business Development Center has helped its clients secure nearly \$2 million in loans from area banks.

GSU ScholarSHIP Sails

- Mary Lanigan, College of Arts and Sciences, has received the International Society for Performance Improvement's Award of Excellence. She got the organization's most prestigious award for her paper entitled: "Creating Evaluation Instruments to Predict Transfer: A New Theory and Measures in Training Evaluation."
 - Marsha Katz, College of Business and Public Administration, had her paper, "Sexual Orientation Harassment: It's not what you think," presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Industrial Relations Research Association.
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Twice As Nice

Few awards are given at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference. However, this year Governors State will be in the spotlight twice. The College of Education will be recognized for launching a high-tech Live-Text project that

aligns course syllabi with state and national standards electronically – an initiative led by Drs. Linda Proudfit and Karen Peterson. This year's conference will also highlight members of the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board. Dean Alexander has served on this board for five years.

Call for Publications Deadline

February 28 is the deadline to submit published material for the March 20 event spotlighting the scholarship of faculty and staff. Materials should be given to Diane Dates Casey or Marie Turak. Casey said, "Please don't be like Douglas Adams, who said, 'I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.'"

Who will win the pink pig this year?

The Alumni Relations Phonathon needs volunteers for the March 1-14th Phonathon. The department that raises the most money will receive \$1,500 and the coveted "pink pig" trophy. Second and third place runner-ups get \$1,000 and \$500 respectively. Call extension 4128 for more information.

Employees First

The "Coping with Workplace Transitions," seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 26, from 11 am – noon in the Hall of Honors. Rick Kronberg, Vice President, Workplace Solutions, will roll-out his three-point plan for dealing with workplace changes.

Auditions

The Center For Performing Arts at Governors State University will hold open auditions for public performances of the children's classical story *Treasure Island* on February 25, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Center. Fifty local children, ages five through thirteen, will be cast in roles for the performances. Call extension 2222 for more information.

Dog and Cat

The GSU Charter School will present *Dog and Cat Tales*, a puppet play, in the GSU campus gym on February 27 at 7 pm. Additionally, the Charter School children will present songs and choral readings as part of the evening's events. There is no charge for this event.