New Phoenix Face

Congratulations to Tom Forys, winner of the Phoenix logo contest. Forys is a psychology major at GSU and a graphic designer by trade. He will be awarded a $100 check and his logo will run on the Phoenix cover. Turn to page 2 to see the other logo entries.

Picture Unclear for Next Fiscal Year

Though enrollment up slightly from last year, GSU still in financial pinch

By Staci J. Sessler and Carole Schrock

Total student enrollment at Governors State University for Winter trimester is up .3 percent. Credit enrollment is up by 753 credit hours from last year, which is a 2.09 percent increase. As of Jan. 22, there are 46 more students enrolled at GSU than last year at this time, according to Jeff Slovak, acting director of budget planning.

The big increase is in the graduate enrollment, which is up 3.7 percent. In the dormant job market, many are finding themselves not receiving anticipated raises, taking pay cuts or being out of work altogether. This lends to a higher enrollment, as adults return to college in an effort to increase their existing knowledge.

“When people are looking to advance in their company, it generally will require a degree,” said Slovak. “When you get a new degree, you are positioning yourself for a big step up. This is the kind of institution people are likely to come to for that.”

This slight raise in enrollment is aiding GSU in its fight to stay afloat with a much lower budget than in previous years. According to Slovak, tuition and fees make up 50 to 51 percent of the overall budget. The remaining 69 to 70 percent comes from the appropriations from the State Assembly.

“This year our appropriations are down, as are all other schools,” Slovak stated. “We all received about the same percentage (of the state budget).”

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NEWS RELEASE
GSU Webmail Made More Accessible
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Every GSU student has a university email account, whether they use it or not. Many students may be interested in reading important GSU email. However, in the days when most people already have one, two, or even several email accounts, adding another into the mix is too much of a hassle. The university is now offering a service to allow students’ GSU email account, in order to utilize this service, follow these instructions.

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The date of Commencement was listed incorrectly in the schedule. Commencement for this year’s graduates will take place on Sunday, June 1, 2003. Please note the correction.

Aerobics Classes
The Fitness and Recreation Center offers its members multi-level aerobics classes in the Student Life gym. The fee per class is $5 for students and $10 for community residents. The fee can be paid in the Student Life office.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday - Boxercise 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday - Low Impact 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday - Step 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Thursday - Low Impact 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Friday - no class
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Minor Marks Novelist Milestone

By Kimberly Sanders

Nicole Minor, a secretary in the Liberal Arts Division, recently published a romantic novel called One Weekend in a Blizzard. The book was originally intended to be a screenplay. However, a friend of Nicole’s suggested adding a narrative to the story.

The story is about a young lady named Angel who was beaten by her lover. Subsequently, the FBI gets involved and puts Angel in a “special” witness protection program while they pursue the perpetrator. As part of this program, Angel must assume an alias identity, Cyndil Ellen McKray.

She must also stay in Chicago with a man whom she did not know much about.

Cyndil eventually falls in love with the guy’s roommate. This has the potential of jeopardizing her role as an informant and alias.

Nicole Minor has been working on One Weekend in a Blizzard for about 10 years. After its completion, she was able to get it published by 1st Book Library in October 2002.

Nicole is married and a mother of two girls. Writing has always been a passion for the young writer and getting her work published was a marked accomplishment. She plans to continue working as a secretary as she maintains her writing career.

When asked where the inspiration for the book came from, Nicole stated, “One winter, my husband and I decided to take a second trip with some friends to Jamaica. I suppose it was the actual anticipation of flying in an airplane for a second time that inspired me to begin this novel. I have always looked forward to the bone chilling winters in Chicago, though in some cases they have been classified as vicious. Some places between the first snowfall and the pile up of inconvenience that it brings, there is a romantic interlude that I convey in this novel.”

The novel is available at www.1stbooks.com/bookview/10985 for $20.50 (paperback soft) and for $5.95 (Electronic Book 1101K). Also at this web site is a free preview of the book. If anyone is interested in Nicole Minor’s story or has any questions or comments about the book, feel free to contact her at n-minor@govst.edu.

FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

My Country, Argentina

By Laura Casal, graduate, Communications

Argentina is in the southern part of South America and its capital city is Buenos Aires, where I lived all my life.

The country is divided in 24 provinces, each of them with different and marvelous features that make every place unique. This may be because all types of landscapes can be found: from very high mountains to plains, bays and wonderful beaches.

Argentina has all types of weather. It is really hot in the North and extremely cold in the South. Fortunately, Buenos Aires, located in the middle of the country, has mild temperatures. In general, Argentina is known worldwide for many things: for the excellent quality of its meat, especially beef; for its vast plains; for the Tango, a popular dance, and finally, for its successful soccer team. The name of Diego Maradona surely rings a bell for you. We are fanatic about futbol (soccer). During the World Cup, the entire city and the whole country come to a standstill.

Buenos Aires is said to be the most European city of all America, with French architecture and Italian cuisine. Buenos Aires residents are almost exclusively of European origin and call themselves porteños, taking their name from the city’s historical importance as a port. The dialect of Spanish spoken in Buenos Aires is unlike anything heard in other parts of South America. We call it castellano.

My city may well have the latest nightlife on Earth. Restaurants don’t fill up before 11 p.m. and nightclubs aren’t full before 3 a.m. We say that you haven’t had a good time if you get home before the sun comes up.

We love coffee and stopping for a cup of coffee is a ritual in my city, where there are endless sidewalk cafés and corner bars. However, the most popular beverage among families and friends is mate. Drinking mate with someone is a sign of friendship and solidarity.

A golden-brown butter called dulce de leche is also typically argentine. (Though I recently found out that I can get it in some supermarkets here). Made of boiled milk and sugar, the dulce de leche is layered in every cake, or poured over every ice cream sold in my country.

See ARGENTINA, back page.
Unfortunately, the Phoenix was not able to interview every candidate for Student Senate. However, we wish them all good luck.

1: What do you think is the main issue or idea you will concentrate on most if elected to Student Senate?

- Maher Hussieni, CBPA Senator
  1: Working together as a team and not being divided. Even though we all have different ideas, we can work together toward one goal: To promote GSU students' academic progress and experience.

- Daven Bowen, CBPA Senator
  1: My main reason for running was hearing a lot of concerns from students about day care. It should be more accessible for students and allow them more options.
  2: I'm very opinionated.

- Elizabeth Green, BOC Senator
  1: Customer service. We're here to learn interpersonal skills and to get to know one another to improve our spirits. We're also here to service each other.
  2: I have a desire to communicate with people, a desire to understand, learn, and promote understanding and respect.

- Toure Peck, IHE Representitive
  1: My main goal is to get feedback from students to see what they're most concerned about. The position I'm running for allows me to bring student concerns directly to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

2: What unique talents or characteristics do you possess that will benefit Student Senate and the university?

- Linda Williams, CBP Senator
  1: I think promoting an image of professionalism within Student Senate is important. I want an environment where students feel like the voices representing them are of quality and excellence.
  2: I'm a people person. I like to be helpful and make everyone smile. I'm also outgoing.

- Anthony Norman, CAS Senator
  1: I want to promote a culturally diverse and intellectually stimulating environment for community and students of GSU through innovative and creative programming initiatives.
  2: I'm a creative thinker and a logistic thinker, which will expedite student needs and programs and fiscal concerns.

- Troy D. Roseborough, Student-At-Large Senator
  1: I feel I'm going on issues concerning financial aid. A lot of students have brought up concerns about book advances. The amount they're offering, in my experience, is not enough.
  2: I was blessed with a gift to gab. I will push and push for an issue. I accept defeat, but I won't give up on an issue.

- Joy Farmer, Student-At-Large Senator
  1: I will focus on personal student concerns, personal service and the quality of the service extended to students.
  2: I have experience at a student senate at another school. Also, I have a great attitude. I'm willing to learn and reach out to others.
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-Derek Stevenson, COE Senator
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-Theresa Yunita, CHP Senator
My concern is that GSU students aren't very involved in activities. I'd like to encourage students to get more involved.

-Evelyn Taylor, Student-At-Large Senator
Student awareness of different issues activities is important to me. I want students to be aware of the opportunities and power they have at this school. I want them to realize that Student Senate is the body that will help them.

-Laura Vetrinalie, Student-At-Large Senator
I would like to support current issues that effect students. For instance, class cutting is affecting people's graduation. I would like to look at inconveniences and barriers that students face at GSU. For example, those of handicapped students.

-Ronke Thanni, Student-At-Large Senator
I'd like to rewrite the bylaw, allocations for funds in fiscal year 2004 for functions across the campus, in clubs and in Student Life for upgrading some equipment. As a treasurer, I am part of the student finance committee.

-Pamela Thompson, Student-At-Large Senator
I will concentrate on increased communication with students to find out their needs and concerns, then express them to the administration.

1: Maintaining affordability of student fees and creating a distinction between part-time and full-time students in terms of student fees. They shouldn't be paying the same fees.

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2: I think because I'm an international student, it gives me a different perspective and insights into the needs of other international students and all students in general.

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NEWS

Still No Agreement
Faculty and administrators remain at odds as teachers hold protest

By Scott Bessler

Negotiations for a new faculty contract between Governors State University administration and UPI Local 4106’s negotiating team have still proved unsuccessful.

UPI and administration negotiating teams resumed negotiations Jan. 16. Both sides agreed to seek federal mediation on a few outstanding thorny issues, according to Peggy Woodard, a member of the administrative bargaining team.

The role of the mediator is to help the parties bring closure to open issues in a non-binding process. The teams are negotiating other open issues with the hope that they can be resolved before the mediation process begins.

"We started on opposite sides," said Woodard. "We have grown closer to an agreement but have reached a plateau."

The key issues that have seemed to plague the negotiation process have been salary and workload.

The contract being offered by the administrators offers no new money and no guarantee of increases in subsequent years, according to Marsha Katz, lead negotiator for the faculty’s union.

Additionally, the administrative team’s contract goal is to increase required research for professors and institute a ranking system for faculty members. According to Woodard, "We have built negotiations around this priority."

"The university wants faculty to do more research with no reduction in workload," said Katz. It is a factor that could potentially hurt the quality of teaching at GSU, she said.

GSU students stand to be affected by these negotiations as well. Since the money the school must work with is somewhat fixed, faculty raises could mean decrease in equipment spending, decrease in course offerings, or possibly lay-offs.

Students fear that a decrease in course offerings might lead to overflowing class sizes. "It would be impossible for professors to teach as effectively," said Monique Doyle, student at GSU, "Students come to GSU for its intimacy," added Doyle.

Other students are even more baffled with how the school is spending state and tuition monies. "Where is all the money going if there isn’t some left for faculty raises?" asked Tom Mcinerney, a GSU student.

It is unclear where negotiations will end, but some faculty members participated in an informational picket held right before 4:30 p.m. classes began during Welcome Week. The picketers held signs reading, "We demand fair play and fair pay," "End past inequities," and "Stop stalling." They paraded throughout campus, distributing flyers and ending their walk in the administrative office vestibule on the third floor.

Annette Swanson, psychology undergraduate, watches as professors with picket signs march around her cafeteria table. When asked about professors’ protests, Annette commented, “I think they should go for what they deserve.”
Marrow Donor Registration During Black History Month

By Carole Schrock

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) will be recruiting donors at Governors State University on Feb. 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and then again from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Life Service will be on campus in the Hall of Governors taking blood samples from potential donors to add them to the National Marrow Donor Registry.

"To register takes about 5 minutes," said Michael Perkins, representative from Life Service, the company recruiting for the NMDP. "You fill out a brief health questionnaire, sign a consent form and we draw on teaspoon of blood."

Possible donors are then placed on the NMDP Registry and can be called and asked to donate at a later date. Marrow is the body's source of protection against illness. When the body is affected by some blood disorders, marrow is unable to maintain the immune system.

People are likely to be marrow matches with someone from their same race, which makes it difficult for minorities to find a match. "Minorities are significantly lacking on the NMDP Registry," said Perkins.

There are 4.5 million people on the Registry, of which 76 percent is Caucasian. That is one of the reasons the donor recruitment is taking place during Black History Month. NMDP is trying to encourage more minorities to register to be donors.

According to their website, www.marrow.org, "Since its founding in 1986, the NMDP has facilitated approximately 12,000 unrelated transplants for patients with blood disorders, such as leukemia and aplastic anemia, as well as certain immune system and genetic disorders."

Heritage Challenge Sure to Teach, Entertain

By Carole Schrock

As part of Black History Month, Governors State University Student Life department will be hosting a "Heritage Challenge." The challenge, coordinated by Vanessa Newby, director of cocurricular activities and voluntary services, will have teams playing against each other with their knowledge of African-American trivia. There will be areas such as sports, medical knowledge and arts and sciences.

"We're looking for people to be on an eighth team right now," Newby said. "I encourage people to come and see me if they're interested in getting involved on a team."

- All the teams are racially mixed and are from the Board of Governors, the Counseling Club, Human Resource Managers Club, the Black Student's Association and the office of Admissions. The challenge is intended for those with a general knowledge level of African-American trivia. Newby stresses that a player does not need to be a scholar in the field.

"People were really nervous to participate," she said. "They thought they were going to have to study. But we just want people to come together to have a good time."

Lisa Meredith, director of Project SOAR, will be the mistress of ceremonies over a three-day team elimination on Feb. 25 to 27 in the Hall of Governors. The rounds will take place between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. and be 30-45 minutes long.

Newby encourages people to come out and watch the games. All who participate in the challenge will receive a reward and the winning team, she said, will get something special.
Grammy winning African folk ensemble at CPA

Ladysmith Black Mambazo gained U.S. acclaim on Paul Simon’s Graceland

By Krisin Thirion

Ladysmith Black Mambazo will be appearing at the Center for Performing Arts on 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. Ticket prices range from $10 to $33. The performance is an opportunity for the GSU community to share in a unique cultural experience, and an addition to our campus observance of Black History Month.

Over the past couple of decades, the members of the vocal group Ladysmith Black Mambazo have become the preeminent musical representatives of South African culture. Their embodiment of cultural traditions suppressed during Apartheid resulted in their presence at the Oslo Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in 1993. They also performed at Nelson Mandela’s inauguration in May of the following year.

According to founder Joseph Shabalala, the idea of forming a vocal group that was to become Mambazo originated with vocal harmonies he heard in a dream. Shabalala recruited family members and friends associated with his hometown of Ladysmith to help him perform these harmonies.

The new group enthusiastically entered social music competitions, which remain an integral part of Zulu culture. The group soon became so successful at these events that they were asked to refrain from competing at them, although they were welcomed to continue to perform by way of entertainment.

This success is reflected in the group’s name. “Mambazo,” the Zulu word for “axe,” is symbolic of the group’s musical prowess at “chopping down” the competition. “Black” makes reference to black oxen, considered to be the heartiest variety in farming towns akin to Shabalala’s native Ladysmith.

Most U.S. listeners have heard of the group via American folk singer Paul Simon’s Graceland album of the late 1980s. Simon’s efforts to return to the African roots of American rock and roll included Mambazo’s harmonic accompaniment on two hit songs from that album, “Homeless” and “Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes.”

The ensuing global acclaim of these recordings enabled the group to tour internationally. Their first U.S. album, Shaka Zulu, earned them the 1987 Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk Album. As a result of their unprecedented commercial success in the United States, Mambazo is credited with sparking current consumer interest in world music.

Mambazo’s music follows in the tradition of isicathamiya (is-cot-a-me-ya), a genre originating in South African mines of the nineteenth century. After an oppressive six-day workweek, the miners would entertain themselves by singing and dancing on Saturday nights into the early hours of Sunday, their only day of rest. In order to avoid drawing the attention of camp security guards, participants gradually choreographed quiet dance steps, calling themselves “cothoa mfana,” or “the tip-toe guys.” Through Mambazo’s success, this vocal tradition of modest origin has gradually broken through cultural barriers to reach an international audience.

Prestigious Art Exhibit Comes from New York to Help GSU Celebrate Black History Month

By Scott Bessler

Governors State University will proudly present the premiere of “Remnants of Ritual, Traditional African Art from the Gelbard Collection” on campus during February.

The Gelbard Collection is an exceptional New York Collection of 121 first-rate art objects. David and Clifford Gelbard are prominent property lawyers in NYC and have agreed to open their collection at GSU, before other anticipated showings including the St. Louis Art Museum.

The opening reception for the exhibit will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the GSU Art Gallery, E1580. In conjunction with the exhibition, Dr. Roslyne Walker, former director of the National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, will present a slide lecture in Sherman Recital Hall at 7:15 p.m. The lecture is entitled “Anonymous Has A Name, Olowe of Ise, a Yoruba Sculptor to Kings.” One of the Olowe of Ise sculptures is featured in the Gelbard Collection and will be on view.

As part of Black History Month celebrations at the GSU campus, the opening reception will feature a drummer and procession. Attendees are encouraged to wear African attire and/or accessories for this occasion.

"In surveying a cultural past we are left only with remnants," writes Dr. Arthur Bourgeois, art historian and professor in the GSU College of Arts and Sciences. "The remnants...that sit mute on museum pedestals and whitewashed walls are here, alive and part of an ever-changing self-defining moment." Dr. Bourgeois co-authored a full-color catalog of this collection, which will accompany the exhibition.

The “Remnants of Ritual” exhibit will be on display at GSU from Feb. 5 through Feb. 28. The exhibit will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon to 5 p.m. in the Art Gallery, Room E1580.
Being a student in a foreign country
Casal Followed Her Passion to the U.S.

By Laura Casal

I am from Buenos Aires, Argentina. I have been here for six months already; and my experience as an international graduate student in Governors State has been very enriching. Journalism and languages in general are my passion. That’s why I decided to do my graduate studies in Media Communication in a foreign country.

Every day, I discover new things and come across different situations that make my stay fun and worthy. Since my first day here, I have strengthened my knowledge of the English language, as well as the culture of the U.S.

My media communication courses are really interesting and I found professors who are inspiring as well as committed to their students. I also consider my classmates to be very open-minded and helpful. I met valuable people who became my friends. Some of them are also international students from Jordan, Chad and France.

I regard myself as a sensitive, sociable and outgoing person. I devote a lot of time to reading; both fiction and non-fiction stories, though, I haven’t had much time lately! Music and dancing are essential in my life. I like listening to rock and reggae.

I consider this experience a priceless opportunity to help me to achieve my goals. I feel I am growing as a human being in the professional and personal aspects.

Finally, I hope to be a faithful ambassador of my own culture and customs in the U.S. and to achieve a true cross-cultural understanding.

Laura Casal teaches Spanish at GSU. These are some comments from her Spanish II and what they think about studying a foreign language.

"Me gusta aprender y hablar Español porque es una lengua muy bonita. Deseo aprenderlo para mi trabajo. Mis amigas hablan español y quiero hablar tambien. También quiero ir a Chile y comprender a las personas allí."  Kathryn M. Hungness

"Me gusta hablar y estudiar español porque es interesante. Este es mi segundo año de español en Governors State."  Stephanie Burress

"Soy una estudiante de Español II porque es el idioma del futuro de los Estados Unidos. El Español me ayuda a avanzar en mi carrera como policia. Me gusta estudiar Español porque es popular."  Brian Mackie

"Me gusta estudiar Español while I work toward another. However, the appearance of what is now, I guess, the "old building" could stand some improvement. A better general environment, I believe, is a better learning environment, working environment and social environment. I see improvements on campus already. I like the fresh coat of paint the cafeteria is currently sporting. Student Life is getting a spruce-up with new signs and some new paint. I don’t think we need to worry about expanded parking right now. (Point of order, isn’t there already parking almost all the way around campus?)

Scenery and nature around our campus is so beautiful. The main foyer vestibule and Hall of Governors are a grand entrance way. Even the façade of the building is pretty nice looking. It’s great that the Faculty Office Center was built. Now it’s time to look toward improving some of those construction items that have been covering the campus since 1969 (ahem, orange carpet). Let’s face it, people and wine get better with age, not interior design.

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Evita Peron, the once first lady of my country; the activist Che Guevara; the writer Jorge Luis Borges and the former soccer player Diego Maradona are, among many others, the most well-known Argentine people abroad.

Nowadays, the country is going through a very deep economic crisis, and unfortunately the political system is too corrupted to solve the social and economic needs of my nation. It is hard to understand how a country with so many natural resources and rich culture could end up with such a deep crisis. I am convinced that Argentina will be able to overcome these difficulties and become the powerful nation it once was.

Describing the unique characteristics of Argentine people and the number of interesting places of my country could be an endless task. But I encourage you to visit the national Web site, where interesting information and great pictures of some Argentine places are shown. Please do not miss it!!! Visit www.turismo.gov.ar

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In one part of a multi-faceted effort to help offset some of the declining appropriations, GSU has increased tuition and fees this Winter trimester.

"It has helped to limit the degree of the declining budget from last year," said Slovak. "Although it will not make up for all of it, it would definitely be more difficult if (tuition and fees) weren't increased."

GSU's plans for the following fiscal year remain unclear and will depend in part on decisions made by new Governor Rod Blagoyevich. The governor usually delivers his budget plan in min-February. However, the governor is allowed to request an extension, something Slovak thinks he's likely to do.

"Given that budget matters in Illinois are very troubled and that there is a completely new administration, I wouldn't be surprised if he asks for an extension," Slovak said.

Slovak and administrators have already begun doing scenario planning for the next fiscal year, but it won't be until the governor announces the budget plan that the real planning will begin.

To also help counteract the declining appropriations, "virtually no one received raises this year," said Slovak. This is the first time in a while, Slovak said, that so many university employees went without a raise.

According to Slovak, it is a high administration priority to find money for salary increases. "We want to have competitive salaries for faculty and good staff," he said. However, many members of faculty are very disconcerted with lack of salary increase for this fiscal year and are currently trying to renegotiate their union contract with administrative negotiators to compensate for the lull in salary.

From right to left, Karen Reynolds, Lisa Meredith, Ronke Thanni and Elizabeth Green sport traditional African clothes for the program "A Great Beacon Light of Hope," which celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 30.