Moratorium On Printing Fee Stands In ACS Lab

Student Senate and ITS Continue Talks on Fees

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The Information Technology Service (ITS) Department imposed a moratorium on the pay-to-print charge in the Academic Computer Services (ACS) Lab after the student senate voiced its disapproval of the policy.

The moratorium was put into effect after members of ITS realized that there had been some mis-communication when it came to notifying students about the charge. Students returned from winter break to discover a seven cent per page printing charge had been implemented in the ACS Lab. The senate met with ITS on Feb. 27 to discuss the situation.

Vice President of administration and planning, John Tuohy, told members of the senate, “We feel responsible for not communicating with this group in January. We intended to. We didn’t get the job done.”

Tuohy was referring to the fact that members of ITS did not attend the December senate meeting prior to implementing the charge, as well as the fact that an article regarding the new printing fees missed the December deadline for the GSU newspaper, the Phoenix.

In January the Phoenix ran the article about the pay-to-print fee and also included a memo from the senate which stated: “We the members of GSU Student Senate, did not support this fee. The newly assessed charge was never brought to the attention of the Student Senate.”

“We please don’t interpret the reason that we installed the pay-to-print charge is that we have to punish students,” said Tuohy. “We are doing this because [the] economy has really driven our budget down.”

ITS has been looking for ways to economize. According to Tuohy, $30,000 is spent on paper and toner in the ACS Lab each year. ITS looked at what other schools were doing to recoup costs and decided to utilize the pay-to-print system.

ITS also discussed the fact that the initial seven cent charge was to be reduced to five cents per page due to newly negotiated printing contracts with vendors.

“We’re trying to avoid further cuts in services,” said Tuohy. He acknowledged that ITS has already had to cut one-third of its staff.

ITS Executive Director Peter Mizera provided a breakdown of what the proposed five cent printing cost covers. In relation to the breakdown, the five cent cost covers toner at $.106 cents, paper at $.0042 cents, “ACS” continued on Page 2

GSU Holds Ceremony To Honor Congressman Jackson For TRIO Support

Stephanie N. Blahut
Editor in Chief

In a ceremony to honor Illinois Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., GSU held an appreciation ceremony on Feb. 21, 2004. The ceremony featured speakers from several schools within the 2nd Congressional District, which Jackson represents.

President Stuart Fagen welcomed the large audience which had gathered in the school's atrium annex. TRIO program student speakers included Kole Walker (Albion College), Marissa Harring (Elgin High School), Roy Dorsey (Roosevelt University – Veterans Upward Bound), David Smith (Chicago State University – EOC), and Linda Williams (Governors State University – ACCESS).

The students were introduced by the TRIO program directors from their respective schools.

The program also featured the music of the Thornton Singers from Thornton High School District 205.

The Illinois representative from the 30th District, William Q. Davis, introduced Jackson in a speech outlining his work with the congressman.

Jackson’s high powered motivational speech was well received by the crowd, as he discussed topics ranging from his childhood to his support of the TRIO programs.

Beginning his political career within the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Jackson was sworn in as a member of the 104th Congress on Dec. 12, 1995. It made him the 91st African-American to be elected to Congress.

Jackson’s educational background includes a B.S. in business management from North Carolina A & T State University, a M.A. in theology from the Chicago Theological Seminary, and a Juris doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law.

Jackson also holds an honorary degree from Governors State University.

The program ended with closing remarks given by GSU TRIO Program Director Viola Gray.

TRIO programs offered at GSU include Upward Bound, McNair, and ACCESS. For more information on the TRIO programs at GSU, please contact Viola Gray at v-gray@govst.edu or by phone at (708) 534-3967.
The ComicPalooza was well attended and planning that went into both events. The Performing Arts Center was pretty full—a lot of people came to both events. The ComicPalooza was pretty well filled with students and others, obviously from all around the surrounding community—and everyone had fun. Public Safety was on hand and very much in evidence, and they too had fun. Based upon the attendance, more of these well-thought-out events should be scheduled. My wife and I, like Bush, had the pleasure of being at the After Party, sponsored by the Student Senate and its After Party. Staff and students from the Performing Arts Center were filled with weekend activities of the weekend of GSU activities. Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. had the pleasure of attending the Graduate Council last year, and it is through its many subcommittees that the Graduate Council is doing so well. To round out a stellar weekend of GSU activities, Congresswoman Jesse Jackson, Jr. had the pleasure of welcoming Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. as he was honored for his role in the U.S. Congress and the House Appropriations Committee, in supporting the Federal TRIO Programs. These are: Student Support Services, McNair, Upward Bound, Talent Search, Veteran's Upward Bound, and others. The event, sponsored by the Illinois Association of Equal Opportunity Program Personnel (ILAEOPP), the state-wide TRIO organization drew over 200 TRIO staff and students from all over Illinois, who testified as to how they were helped through college and even into graduate school by these programs. I also had the pleasure of hosting a breakfast for Congressman Jackson, Jr. and the National Association of Equal Education Opportunity Program Personnel (ILAEOPP) leadership at this event. In other words, GSU was filled with weekend activities of all types. Staff of the Phoenix were hard at work and taking pictures at the weekend’s events. The Editor of the Phoenix and its superb student staff are to be congratulated too, for their high level of professionalism with GSU’s new student newspaper. I know personally, from many planning, organizational, and bylaws discussions with them, going back well over two years, that Student Life has played a major role in this revitalization as well. We are now seeing the benefits of that work. All of these events and activities are much-appreciated by the entire GSU community, and go a long way toward strengthening GSU’s culture and raising the awareness of GSU’s importance, vitality, and ongoing contributions in the surrounding community. To all of those involved, it is a great accomplishment. I would just say—keep up the good work.

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Campaign 2004: Bush vs. Kerry

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It’s now clear that John Kerry is the Democratic nominee to run against President Bush in November. Everyone by now, including myself, has formed an opinion with regard to either of these candidates. Personally, I like Bush.

Since Sept. 11, I have seen Bush become a strong leader in the war against terrorism. His education plan is making teachers accountable academically, and his tax cuts have been helping small businesses and U.S. taxpayers recover from the current economic recession.

Bush is also making a strong effort to make America a democratic country despite the efforts of terrorists.

Finally, President Bush has pushed for a constitutional amendment to acknowledge marriage between men and women as the only legitimate form of that union, which I agree with. The law must be clear that the sinful act of same-sex marriage is wrong in the eyes of God, and should be illegal and condemned in the eyes of man.

So what do I think of the idea of Kerry becoming our next president? A very bad thing. John Kerry to me seems like a snooty, gooby-gooby liberal from Massachusetts that enjoys bashing Bush more than presenting his ideas on how he would make America a better place for the next four years.

However, when Kerry does present his ideas, middle-class Americans would face higher taxes, and as a result our small business owners will lose everything. Moreover, Kerry’s foreign policy is weak and he would love no more than to drastically reduce the number of our armed forces.

I think that the best thing for us to do as Americans is to re-elect President Bush in November, because we need a president that is strong during this time of terror.

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Students Question Safety, Delays At Nearby Intersection

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At the intersection of Governors Highway and Stuenkel Road, there is a four-way stop sign that is causing a student outcry.

It is said to be the worst intersection in town. Students at GSU find themselves sitting at this intersection for twenty minutes or more at times. Some students are concerned that if they do not get to this intersection at least half an hour earlier than their scheduled classes, they run the risk of arriving to class late.

"I have found myself sitting at this intersection for what seemed like hours. It is ridiculous that the town of University Park will not do something to make traffic move more fluently," said Kenya Wanner, a graduate student of media communications. "At certain times of the day, there is absolutely no room for even emergency vehicles, and that scares me."

Students at GSU are tired of waiting at this intersection. They believe that town officials and GSU administrators need to deal with this problem to make their commute to school better. They feel that their concerns are valid.

"If you are familiar with University Park, you might know other ways [of getting around this mess], but because I’m not familiar with University Park, there is no alternative for me. I have to sit through this nightmare," said Leigh Montgomery, a media communications graduate.

Students believe that a traffic light should be put at Governors Highway and Stuenkel Road instead of a stop sign. They believe that a traffic light will keep traffic moving better and help minimize delays.

According to Stacie Munroe of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), before a traffic light can be put at Governors Highway and Stuenkel Road, the intersection must first be subjected to an engineering study.

The study entails reviewing the traffic volume on both intersecting roadways. IDOT will have to perform a manual traffic count at the intersection as well as a three-year review of its accident history. IDOT will then be able to determine if placement of a traffic light is warranted for Governors Highway and Stuenkel Road.

Currently IDOT is coordinating with the Village of University Park in an effort to make improvements to the intersection. For more information on IDOT, please visit www.idot.gov.

GSU Funding Attained Through Skilled Grant Writing

Christina Carney
Staff Writer

Senator Durbin recently visited GSU to present the Adventurers of the American Mind (AAM) grant, which provides almost $700,000 in funds to community teachers and students throughout the state of Illinois.

With the direction of the AAM Grant Director Sondra Estep, Governors State University will distribute the funds awarded by the grant to various surrounding area schools, both at the secondary and elementary levels. GSU is also to provide a forum for the teachers and students involved in the program in order to display the students’ discoveries on the Internet.

Interestingly enough, the grant program did not originate in Illinois, but in North Carolina. The program had begun the process of introducing students K-12, with teacher assistance, to the United States Library of Congress.

The program has expanded to other states since, including Illinois, due to determined individuals such as Senator Durbin, and their quest for educational excellence. Sondra Estep, the grant-writer, along with Luci Sweder, AAM assistant director, helped bring this technology to school teachers in communities throughout Illinois, and now to GSU. In addition to GSU, many other public universities are taking part in the program.

Training workshops, provided by both Sondra Estep and Luci Swenson, is extensive and can even qualify teachers for continuing education credit. In fact, Luci Swenson was awarded credit for her contribution in a 'Best Team Presentation' on the AAM program at the Illinois Online Conference.

Sondra Estep, a very capable individual, earned a Ph.D. in educational administration from Purdue University, and has been a professor for GSU’s College of Education for the last four years. When she talks about the program, one can almost envision the extensive collections available on the website of the Library of Congress.

The Library of Congress contains millions of digitized resources, including wonderful works of art, original archival documents, videos, music, and a large array of once private collections, all of which the library has, for the last several years, been adapting for web use.

Examples of the intriguing resources found at the Library include rare footage of Niagara Falls, filmed in 1918, and the Bob Hope Room, a collection of Hope’s jokes, catalogued by Hope himself. Estep calls the AAM grant an “ideal training program.”

School teachers equipped with grant-given, software-loaded laptops, can bring such resources to the classroom to enrich children’s educational experiences. Teachers involved with the program can now involve the entire classroom in the website creation process, producing achievements that in turn motivate the students with their newfound knowledge and skills.

GSU takes great pride in hosting such unique web creations. The GSU main website for this program is http://aam.govst.edu.

For further information about the Adventure of the American Mind project in Illinois, visit www.aamprogram.org and be sure to check out the Library of Congress website at www.loc.gov.

ACCESS Equals Student Opportunity

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Contributing Writer

The university’s Access to a College Education Student Support Services (ACCESS) program reaches out to students with a fun and fresh attitude on education. ACCESS is one of many programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Viola Gray, director of the ACCESS department at GSU said, "ACCESS is a one-stop shop for students." The department provides a wide variety of activities and academic advising. ACCESS has been around for six years and on average helps 40 to 50 students graduate each year. Several GSU Student Senate members, including President Linda Williams, are ACCESS students.

When describing the program, Martha Brooks Lawson, the program’s academic coordinator, said that ACCESS is available to everyone. "The more you put in, the more you get out," said Lawson.

Activities offered by the department are designed to be interesting and educational. From March 18th to the 23rd, ACCESS is hosting a women’s conference. The conference was an idea requested and set in motion by ACCESS students.

Next month, the students will be participating in the Underground Railroad in Indianapolis. Participants are told that they’ve just been sold into slavery. Each person must then determine their fate; either to remain as slaves or choose to escape and commit to a five-mile hike, to replicate what many African-American slaves had to go through in the past.

Lynette Miller, a member of ACCESS and a communication disorders major said, "It made it much easier" in regards to deciding to come back to the university next trimester to start her graduate program.

"It definitely gives me an advantage in school," Miller said.

The department is here for ACCESS students, even if they just want to come and hang out or need someone to talk to," said Gray.

The ACCESS program targets a variety of students. For more information on eligibility, brochures can be found in the ACCESS department, located on the second floor of A-wing in the student life center.

For more information about ACCESS contact Viola Gray by e-mail at vgray@govst.edu or by phone at (708) 235-3967.
A Successful Black History Month 2004 Wraps Up At GSU

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The Black History Planning Committee filled Governor State University's February calendar with a number of historical, educational and cultural events in support of Black History Month.

According to committee member Darlene Alexander, "flavor" was added to this year's Black History Month events.

The official GSU kick-off date was Feb. 2, 2004, beginning with the arts and crafts sale in the atrium annex. Vendors flooded the area with products ranging from herbal therapy to paintings. Approximately 40 vendors rented space through the Student Life department in an effort to generate revenue for their small to medium businesses. Profits from the craft sale went to the Civil Service Scholarship.

Feb. 2 also signified the start of the "Soul Food Menu," offered through the GSU cafeteria. Featured menu items included fried chicken or catfish, greens, red beans and rice, and corn bread, among other side dishes.

"The Soul Food Luncheon gave everyone a taste of what African-Americans call 'grandma's home cooking,'" said Alexander.

On Feb. 4, the E-lounge was the site of the African-American Art Exhibit, featuring work from Dr. Margaret Burroughs. The festivities included food, drink, and a lecture by Dr. Burroughs. Her new autobiography, Life with Margaret, was also for sale during the event. For more information or to purchase a copy of the book, please contact leonard@intimepublishing.com or visit www.intimepublishing.com.

The Coffee House, coordinated by Vanessa Newby and Student Life, rounded out the week, successfully blending together jazz, spoken word, and spirituality. Poets throughout the GSU community joined together to listen and share their personal poetry, as well as the words of authors who have inspired them. The Coffee House was supported in part by the Student Senate, the Wellness Club and the Phoenix student newspaper.

On Feb. 16, the Sherman Recital Hall housed the African-American read-in. It was followed by three showings of The Murder of Emmett Till, on Feb. 19. Comicapolooza ended the week on Feb. 20 in the Performing Arts Center, and showcased comedic talent from Leon Rodgers Jr., Darron Williams, and Nancy DeMoss. The show was followed by an after party that offered food, music and fun.

The GSU Black History Planning Committee is: Darlene Alexander, Debra Conway, Taheris Brown, Mykhia McSwain, Chinyere Okafor, Sheere Sanderson, Dr. Lorraine Biblot, and Arthur Bourgeois.
**Prince And Me A Modern-Day Fairy Tale**

**Stephanie N. Blahut**
Editor in Chief

Driven, meticulous and career-oriented University of Wisconsin student meets cute, playboy Prince of Denmark—a plot that takes several twists through adversity and romance. The storyline is that of Paramount Pictures' new movie, *Prince and Me*, set to open Apr. 2, 2004.

Paige Morgan, played by Julia Stiles, is a college student in Wisconsin. She is hard-working, driven and responsible and is concentrating on being accepted into Johns Hopkins University to pursue a career in medicine.

Prince Edward, played by Luke Mably, is the immature, carefree prince of Denmark. He comes from a world of rules and privilege. After watching an American commercial, he wants to embark on a trip to Wisconsin. Dropping "Prince" from his name, Eddie starts taking classes along side the students.

"He's a bit goofy and a bit arrogant. I don't really see myself as that," said Mably in a recent interview with the Phoenix.

Paige and Eddie get off to a fairly bumpy start. During one of their first meetings, Eddie offends Paige, which results in his being sprayed with soda from across the bar. Despite their apparent dislike for each other, Paige and Eddie begin helping each other in school and work. In the midst of spending a lot of time together, their friendship begins to grow into a passionate college romance.

"So what you have, basically, are two people looking for love, but are unaware they are," said Director Martha Coolidge in a press release for the movie.
Military Academy Provides Structure, Safety To Students

Jean Biba-Brown
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Driving south on the Bishop Ford Freeway, many people miss the brown two-story brick building nestled between 137th Street and the Beaumont Woods Forest Preserve.

Many who know of the building think of it only as a high school. Few realize however, that it’s the nation’s largest public military academy.

Thirty cadets from Carver Military Academy performed at a Dr. King ceremony on Jr. Quant to the audience in “The Pledge of Allegiance.”

Serving just under 800 high school students, the academy is the Chicago public school system. In addition to taking the oaths, students commit to four years of JROTC coursework.

Real military officers teach these courses, which include character education, leadership, and service. Students also participate in drill teams, color guard, and physical training.

The military model employed by the school, enforces Carver Military Academy staff to provide a safe and structured environment for students.

“I have high expectations. We stick behind our product of providing a good education,” said Principal Dr. William Johnson.

Accepting about 200 freshmen a year, the military model was phased in the school over a four-year period, said Johnson.

“We functioned as two schools for a while,” Johnson explained.

Cadets could be distinguished from the general population by their army uniforms. Cadets were required to wear class A and class B dress greens once a week, green polo shirts twice a week, and physical training once a week.

“Teachers are attracted to a safe educational facility. Teachers want to be able to teach,” said Johnson. Johnson hopes to maintain an enrollment of around 800 students.

Social studies teacher James McGuffage concurred with Johnson by

Identity Theft: What You Should Know

Monica Bass
Staff Writer

You are walking around the campus when you realize that your wallet or credit/debit card is missing. What do you do? In this age of technology, information or personal data is the hottest commodity.

The loss of personal identification, a wallet or purse, usually leads to what is known as “identity theft.” Credit card fraud and identity theft has victimized more than 750,000 people.

Sometimes identity theft is so subliminal that it may take a moment to realize you have been a victim. Perhaps you notice that the box of checks you ordered was missing a checkbook, or maybe your bank statement never arrived this month. Detecting unauthorized charges on your credit or debit card may be another key to theft. In any event, there are several ways you can protect yourself.

The first thing to do is to report it to the police. This can be a victim of the victim. The police will ask you to provide information about yourself and your account. The police can also be contacted through their Identity Theft Hotline (877-ID-THEFT) and may be a source of information.

It is recommended that the three major credit reporting agencies or bureaus, Trans Union, Experian (formerly TRW), and Equifax be contacted as well. A fraud alert can be placed on your credit report for 90 days. Equifax will contact the other two bureaus on your behalf if you are a victim of fraud.

Each credit card company should also be notified so that the stolen cards can be cancelled. They can then issue new accounts and pin numbers.

Also, notify Social Security Administration to request a new card. You will need the number to obtain a replacement driver’s license or state ID. You may be entitled to a free replacement ID at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) if you are a victim of theft. You should instruct your utility companies not to print duplicate bills.

Don’t forget to notify the issuers of your insurance cards or building entrance cards. Unauthorized access may have been granted while the “live cards” were out of your possession, whether they were stolen or lost. Missing keys to your home, auto or bus should prompt a call to a locksmith immediately to change the locks and provide you with new keys.

You can minimize the effects of this emotionally draining process by making a photocopy of every item in your wallet (front and back) prior to placing it in your wallet. Make a list of all account information and phone numbers for future reference. It is suggested that you only carry what you need. If you are carrying items in your wallet that you haven’t used in the last three months, then you should remove them.

“Since 1978 we have sent more than 700,000 Chinese students and scholars abroad,” said Bo. “Foreign exchange students to China have [also] increased by 20 percent over the last few years.”

And according to Bo, in the United States alone there are nearly 60,000 Chinese students and scholars, 3,000 of which have come to call the Chicago area their homes away from home.

The delegation from Tianjin arrived shortly after the podium was exhausted by “guest” speakers and was greeted by Dean Oden and Provost Eric Martin. After a brief introduction by Oden, President Gang began his speech.

Addressing the audience through a translator, Gang said that it is important that Tianjin University and GSU cooperate in order to promote understanding and unity between the different peoples of China and America. He said that hope and understanding is needed to bind and promote cooperation. Differences between the two cultures and their students and institutions.

Gang concluded by saying that Chinese and American efforts were to succeed in promoting the dissolution of barriers between these two great cultures, our “true international students” would rise with open minds and reveal a horizon for education that has no limit.
GSU Nursing Degree Sets The Pace
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Health Columnist
The Department of Nursing at GSW has recently revised the curriculum for the B.S. in nursing degree program. This allows students with an Associates of Science (A.S.) degree to complete the program in just one more semester. The program coordinator, Catherine Tymkow, says that in lieu of the competitive environment associated with the admissions and completion of nursing programs, GSW now offers any candidate who is accepted into the program a “guaranteed admission” system. This means that once a student has completed the required courses and has been accepted into the program, they will be guaranteed admission regardless of the number of students who apply. This system is designed to ensure that students who meet the requirements will have access to the program, regardless of the number of students who apply. The new curriculum includes the addition of a new course in nursing ethics and the elimination of a non-credit course in anatomy and physiology. The Department of Nursing and the Office of Admissions have worked together to ensure that the new curriculum meets the needs of students and prepares them for success in the nursing profession. The new curriculum will be implemented in the fall of 2009.