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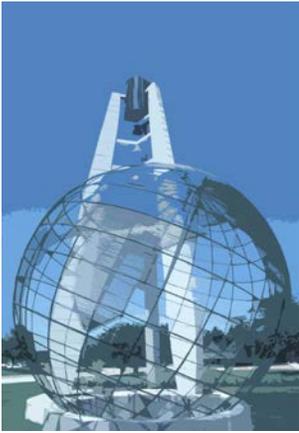
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GSU Universe

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*"Facts are the enemy of truth."
-Don Quixote - "Man of La Mancha"*

GSU Submits Fiscal Year 04 Budget

The university's proposed budget for FY04 has been submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Governors State's request for \$42.4 million represents a 10.9 percent increase over the FY03 budget. It includes funding for increased salaries as well new academic initiatives and technology for enhanced learning. GSU's budget proposal, along with those from other state universities, will be compiled by IBHE to create a consolidated budget request for higher education. IBHE is expected to approve the consolidated budget in December, and then submit it to the new governor for action. Commenting on the FY04 budget, President Stuart Fagan said, "The fiscal environment in Illinois is very rocky and dollars for education are tight. However, we have a lot in our favor, given our mission, and I'm hopeful we'll get an increase in our funding."

IBHE Visit to GSU Scheduled

Dan LaVista, recently appointed executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and his senior staff will visit the campus on October 8. The program includes a briefing on Governors State's mission and programs, discussion of two proposed new academic programs, a preview of the proposed FY04 budget, a campus tour, and lunch with state legislators from the area. "We'll emphasize that our administrative costs are among the lowest of any public university and that the quality of the academic programs we deliver to working adults is superior," said President Fagan.

Commemorating Abraham Lincoln

Dr. Fagan has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. On September 23, he, other members of the board and the commission, and the Illinois Congressional delegation led by Sen. Dick Durbin, visited the White House to meet with President Bush. Fagan also visited with lawmakers and their staffs to encourage their support of grants to Governors State, which are included in the proposed Federal budget for the next fiscal year.

Celebrating the spirit of Abraham Lincoln

Be on the lookout for the student Lincoln Laureate nomination form via e-mail and hard copy. The award honors an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their overall excellence in curricular and co-curricular activities. Students must have a cumulative and major GPA of not less than 3.0. Recipients will receive a certificate of achievement and a check for \$150. They will also be invited to attend a special awards ceremony held in the House of Representatives of the Illinois State Capital in Springfield, Illinois. To learn more, please visit the website at: www.thelincolnacadeyofillinois.org. Hard copies of the nomination form are available in GSU's Office of Student Development. Nominations are due by Friday, October 4.

Faculty Senate Elects New Officers

The faculty senate re-elected Michael Dimitroff (CE) as president at its September 19 meeting. Ralph Bell (CHP) was elected vice president. “Two of our absolute top priorities are to maintain continued communication with the administration and Board of Trustees and to increase student enrollment,” said Dr. Dimitroff.

GSUniverse ScholarShip Sets Sail -- Crusading Against Domestic Violence

Beverly Younger Urban (CHP) will be a guest speaker at a conference on domestic violence on October 10. As a researcher, she recently completed a three-year study of a workplace domestic violence prevention program. Her article, based on that research, was included in [Empowering Women in the Workplace: Perspectives, Innovations, and Techniques for Helping Professionals](#).

GSUniverse ScholarShip Sets Sail Down Route 66

A humorous story by Kathy Miller of Institutional Research, about the allure of “The Mother Road” (Route 66) has been published in the Fall issue of *The 66 News*.

Don't Hold Anything Back

Provost Paul Keys will resume his one-on-one meetings with the university community on Wednesday, September 25, from 11 a.m. – noon in the Hall of Honors. Visit with Dr. Keys if you have any questions, concerns, or comments that you'd like to share.

Focus on Vietnam

On September 26, the College of Arts and Science will hold a free public lecture on “Vietnam Society, Culture and Development from 1986-2002.” Professor Nguyen Phuong Chi will be the guest lecturer. Dr. Chi comes to GSU from the National Center for Social Sciences and Humanities of Vietnam. The lecture will be held in the Sherman Music Recital Hall from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Scheduling Change – Celebrating Latino Heritage through film

The show dates for *Tortilla Soup* and *Open Your Eyes* have been changed. The movies will be shown on October 2 and 3, instead of September 25 and 26 as originally planned. The location and times remain the same: Engbretson Hall at noon and 3 p.m. For information on other activities planned for Latino Heritage Month, contact Marlene Castellanos on extension 7059.