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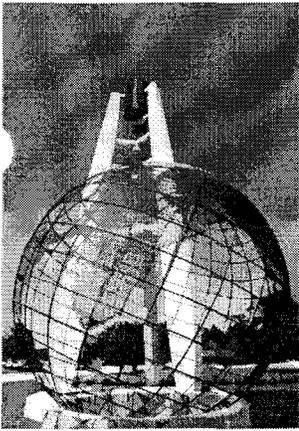
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"Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended with diligence."

Abigail Adams

Budget Still Unsettled

President Stuart Fagan testified on the impact of the Governor's proposed budget on higher education before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday, May 8, just three days after he testified before the House Appropriations Committee. On this occasion, he focused on the Governor's proposal to mandate a reserve of 8.1 percent of the income funds of public universities. He made two points. First, that the proposed reserve, which amounts to \$961,000 in the case of GSU, is excessive. It will require further consolidations or elimination of classes, force layoffs, and curtail essential services to communities. Second, and more important, state mandated reserves will rob public universities of the flexibility to meet student needs and meet unexpected developments. He urged the Legislature to request that the Governor not impose any limits on the income fund. At the Senate hearing, presidents of other public universities supported Dr. Fagan's position.

Wetland and Wet Prairie Grant Awarded to GSU

The Conservation Fund awarded GSU's Division of Science Biology Department a grant of nearly \$20,000 for wetland and wet prairie restoration of the Thorn Creek Headwaters. Grant administrator Dr. Mary Carrington said that the grant money will be used in the restoration of 44 acres on campus to their natural state and vegetation. Currently, the area remains a remnant of pastureland.

The grant money is part of larger effort to secure funding for restoration. "We're working on more than one source of funding for the project," Carrington said. Previous money for the restoration has been awarded through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources C2000 program, with Dr. John Yunger as grant administrator.

Student Housing Feasibility Study Due this Month

Century Development, the company recently selected by President Fagan and Provost Keys to provide a campus housing feasibility study for Governors State, has indicated it will produce the results of the study this month. The study was conducted free of any obligation – financial or otherwise – from the university. It will provide hard data and a comprehensive recommendation that will answer the question, "Is campus housing a good idea for GSU?" More details will follow once the study is in.

E-Mail Distribution Lists in MS Outlook and OWA

 There has been growing interest in the use of e-mail for distributing announcements, information, and notices to the campus community. ITS maintains multiple distribution lists in MS Outlook and OWA for sending mail to groups of individuals. To find out more about these lists and their contents, please go to www.govst.edu/its/support/publications/tutorials.html.

Call for Published Authors: Promote/Sell Your Work at the Printers Row Book Fair

The Printers Row Book Fair is the largest show of its kind in the Midwest and one of the largest in the country. Again this year, GSU will have a table at a show that attracts about 75,000 visitors. Anyone on the faculty or staff, or any student, is invited to use the GSU table to promote or sell his or her work. The show will run on June 7 – 8. Contact Chuck Connolly (ext. 4059) or Mike Hopkins (ext. 7090) for details.

ScholarShip Sails On: Psychology and Counseling

From the Division of Psychology and Counseling and hot off the press: Dr. Catherine Ford Sori's book *The Therapist's Notebook for Children and Adolescents: Homework, Handouts, and Activities for Use in Psychotherapy*, co-edited with Dr. Lorna L. Hecker, is now available from Haworth Clinical Practice Press. The book, a reference replete with homework, handouts, activities, and interventions, is, as the title implies, geared for children and adolescents and incorporates play into therapy. The book addresses the range of children and adolescent therapy issues: sleep problems, divorce, illness, grief, sexual abuse, and more.

ScholarShip Sails On: Education

Dr. Karen Peterson has authored a discussion paper for the Illinois Learning Partnership. The paper identifies recognized economic and quality issues attendant to high teacher attrition rates and details, historically, the growth and implementation of induction and mentoring programs that address the underlying causes of attrition. Peterson herself chaired a 1998-99 Induction Advisory Panel on the issue, co-authored a panel's finding that that mentoring should also include professional development and formative assessment, in 2000, and helped develop the statewide Regional Office of Education initiative, "Induction for the 21st Century Educator."

Peterson's paper includes a description of GSU's Certified Cooperating Teacher Initiative, which was developed in conjunction with the Illinois Teachers Federation. The program prepares teacher leaders to mentor student teachers.

ScholarShip Sails On: Business

"Business Ideologies and Perceived Breach of Contract during Downsizing: A Chinese Perspective," a paper co-authored by Dr. Jun Zhao, University Professor of Management, College of Business and Public Administration, has been accepted for presentation at the International Association of Chinese Management Research's (IACMR) inaugural conference in Beijing, scheduled for June 2004. The paper is a finalist for the Best Paper Award, and was invited to be submitted to the inaugural issue of *Management and Organization Review*, IACMR's official journal. Zhao's paper was written with the financial assistance of a university research grant.

ScholarShip Sails On: Board of Governors

Dr. Diane Balin, director of the Board of Governors Degree Program, presented "Prior Learning Assessment," a full-day workshop, at Ferris State University on April 25, at the request of the Council on Adult and Experiential Education (CAEL) and the university. Balin provided a cross section of faculty, staff and administrators with information about the theory and practice of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). She also shared an assessment of their various PLA processes and facilitated discussions of how to improve the PLA processes at their multi-campus university. The workshop outlined specific areas that are the foundation on which they will complete the writing of their first strategic plan on PLA.

Rumor Hotline: Not Everything You Hear is True

Of the Vietnam Conflict: "Victory is in sight" – General Paul D. Harkins, 1963. Of Presidential Elections: "Bill Clinton will lose to any Republican nominee who doesn't drool on stage" – *Wall Street Journal*, 1995. Of life on the Sun: "We need not hesitate to admit that the Sun is richly stored with inhabitants" – Sir William Herschel, 1791. Just because someone said it doesn't make it true. Want to know what's *really* going on? Send an e-mail to GSUfacts@govst.edu, and you'll get an answer within 48 hours. It's a confidential procedure. The program is administered by Public Affairs.