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"Good sense is of all things in the world equally distributed, for everybody thinks he is so well supplied with it, that even the most difficult to please in all other matters never desire more of it than they already possess."

René Descartes

GSU Partners with UPI

Governors State is supporting UPI's initiative to lobby legislators for funding for faculty salary increases. "We told the Illinois Board of Higher Education that compensation needs to be competitive in order to retain and recruit qualified faculty," President Stuart Fagan said. "The state hasn't appropriated funding for salary increases for the past two years. They need to step up this year. Illinois and Governors State can't afford the brain drain. We've already lost two good professors to other states."

Diane Dates Casey Appointed Director and Coordinator

Professor Diane Dates Casey has been appointed director of the University Library and coordinator of Academic Information Technology effective November 16. Casey was previously appointed interim director and coordinator in July of 2001. "We simply could not have found a candidate with a better track record for the position," said Provost Paul Keys. "Diane's work as interim library director and coordinator of academic information technology has been progressive and highly effective. She has brought in several external grants in support of information technology at GSU, and we've come to rely on her to achieve outstanding results." During Casey's interim service, the Library assumed training responsibilities for all academic information technology, from PC basics and keyboarding to research and resources. NCATE accreditation for the Professional Education Unit came with a reliance on Casey and the Library staff as the unit's technology center, a designation that brought several upgrades to the Library implemented under Casey's direction. Casey has worked in the University Library since 1993 when she was hired as head of the cataloging services department and humanities librarian. Currently, Casey's work as chair of the university's Information Technology Policy Council is guiding GSU toward digitized curriculum and smart classroom initiatives funded through the strategic initiative fee.

The Enviro-Friendly FOC – How Is Green Seen by You?

The architects for the newly-occupied Faculty Office Center want your feedback. How well does the building work for you? "It's actually a fairly important question," said John Tuohy, vice president for Administration and Planning. "The concept that went into the building's design was essentially green. They want the building to be environmentally friendly in the short- and long-term." The building's chief architect, Carol Ross Barney of Ross Barney + Jankowski, Inc, has asked for the feedback. "The design of the new Faculty Office Center was developed to make the building 'green' and sustainable," she said. Barney explained that the FOC plans intended a facility that would be "gentle and less damaging to the planet." Features built in to ensure this gentle nature? Natural ventilation; individual control over office environments; increased mass for thermal storage (we think this means more air in the building); and basic construction materials such as concrete, which allow for heat retention in winter and cooling in summer. "Daylight harvesting" is one of the key elements in the greening of the building. According to Ross Barney, the high ceilings, office transoms, and atrium gratings allow "day lighting" to permeate the building, which decreases the need for interior lighting and the subsequent cooling loads that indoor lighting brings in the summer. Send your thoughts to Carol Ross Barney at her e-mail address: crossbarney@rbjarchitects.com.

ScholarShip Sails On: Integrative Studies

Dr. Adriela Fernandez, university professor of social science/Latin America, presented “Diversity in Academia: Strategies for Recruitment and Retention of Minority Faculty and Students” at the Third International Diversity Conference, 2003, “Cultural Diversity in a Globalizing World.” She also presented “Knowledge, Participation, and Democracy: Hispanics and the Civic Space” at the International Conference on Civic Education Research, sponsored by The Center for the Study of Participation and Citizenship and held in New Orleans November 16 to 18. Her paper “Integrated Strategies for Recruitment and Retention of Minority Faculty and Students” was accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations*, Volume 3, 2003. The paper underscores GSU’s success in creating a diverse institution of higher learning.

ScholarShip Sails On: Physical Therapy

Professor Rebecca Wojcik and University Lecturer Joyce Sligar presented “The Older Adult: Communication and Education Issues” and “Functional Mobility Tests for Older Adults” at the Illinois Physical Therapy Association’s 2003 Fall Conference in Springfield. The conference was held October 17-19. Wojcik also presented “Using Systematic Reviews of the Literature to Improve Practice” at the conference.

ScholarShip Sails On: Board of Governors

Diane Balin, director of the Board of Governors B.A. degree program, made two presentations at the 2003 Council of Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) International Conference in San Diego November 13 – 15: “ALFI (Adult Learning Focused Institution) in Action” and “Next Steps: Assessment of an Online PLA Course and the Development of an Online Evaluators Training Program.” GSU was one of the 30 institutions recognized at the conference as a charter member of the “ALFI Coalition.”

From the Archives

Faze 1, November 20, 1972: “IC EXTENSION MAY PROCEED...On a recommendation by KEITH SMITH (VP-Adm), the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District in its last meeting acted to dislodge a grant proposal now delayed because of investigation of the recent IC disaster. Part of the proposal was for the purchase of 15 new highliners while another part dealt with extension of the IC to the new GSU Station in Park Forest South. The District moved to try and get the money and go ahead for the extension part of the proposal.”

Fast Forward Five Years...

Faze 1, November 18, 1977: “DEDICATION ON WHEELS...GSU will be participating in Dedication ceremonies for the new commuter extension and Park Forest South station on Friday, November 18, 1977. The Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District has invited Pres. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, Dr. Melvin Freed, Dr. Curtis McCray (represented by Al Martin), Dr. Virginio Piucci, Dr. David Curtis and William Dodd to attend a luncheon at the Olympia Fields Country Club, after which they will board the Special Dedication Train and proceed to the new station [. . .] Full service on the new extension will begin Sunday, Nov. 20.”

GSUniverse Takes Holiday Break

GSUniverse will take a week off for Thanksgiving.