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*"...madness in great ones must not go unwatched."*

Ian Caldwell & Dustin Thomason  
*The Rule of Four*

(Stolen rather directly from *Hamlet*, but then Shakespeare stole everything from everybody, so where's the harm?)

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**Turkeys Unite!**

It's often been observed that your humble *GSUniverse* editors are a couple of turkeys. True enough. And in solidarity with turkeys everywhere, we will be on strike next week. There will be no *GSUniverse* produced, published, edited, or otherwise contemplated. It's the least we can do to show our unflinching support for our soon-to-be-slain-and-delectable brethren.

**Fasten Your Seat Belts – CARS Going for a Ride**

On November 16, President Stuart Fagan met with the ITPPC Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Task Force. Enterprise Resource Planning refers to the planning an organization undertakes in switching from one computer system to another. Fagan told the group that no decision is as important or carries such potential for disaster as replacing a university's computing system. The committee will proceed in two phases. In Phase I, the committee will initially develop a plan for the selection and implementation of a new ERP. That report is due to the president by the end of February 2005. In Phase II, the committee will begin implementation of the plan. "We'll seek the opinion of just about everyone in the university," Fagan said, "because this affects each of us."

**Committee Members Named**

Linda Samson, College of Health Professions, has agreed to chair the committee. Other members include Freda Whisenton-Comer, Financial Aid; Karen D'Arcy, College of Arts and Sciences; Diane Dates Casey, University Library; Marge Godowic, Information Technology; James Howley, Student Services; Rosemary Hulett-Cohee, Alumni Relations; Greg Kain, Information Technology; Pete Mizera, Information Technology; William Nowlin, College of Business and Public Administration; Jackie Roberts, Admission Office; Tammy Rust, Business Office; Jan Schultz, Human Resources; Jeff Slovak, Budget and Planning; Dora Smith, Registrar's Office.

**This Week:**

**International Education Week – November 18**  
The Office of International Services will host "International Volunteerism," from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room C3370.

**Workshop: Effective Public Speaking - November 18**  
Held at the Offices of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, 1904 West 174th Street, East Hazel Crest, from 6 to 9 p.m. Registration is \$50. To register, contact Rita Kueny, SSMMA, at 708.206.1155.

**The Center for Performing Arts: Jim Brickman - November 20**  
Pianist Jim Brickman will perform at The Center for Performing Arts at 8

**Financial Aid a Priority in the Next Legislative Session**

President Fagan visited with members of the Student Senate last week to brief them on early developments concerning the FY06 budget, answer senators' questions, and outline legislative priorities. He reported that because of reduced funding for the Monetary Assistance Program (MAP), the presidents of the public universities jointly lobbied the last legislative session to limit grants to the highest rate of tuition and fees charged by an Illinois public university. The proposal would have increased the number of students who could receive state aid. Private universities strongly opposed the proposal and it was defeated. Fagan said the public university presidents would make another effort this year.

**Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser: Roger Williams in Concert**

The Governors State University Foundation needs your help, and helping couldn't be easier. All you have to do is agree to enjoy a fabulous December evening with renowned pianist Roger Williams, share in good company, and drink a bit of champagne with your dessert. It all happens at the Foundation's annual scholarship fundraiser concert, Saturday, December 4, at 7 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are on sale now for \$75. Included in the ticket price are the Roger Williams concert, an intermission reception, and a post-concert champagne and dessert reception. Money raised will provide scholarships for GSU students throughout the

p.m. For tickets, call The Center at 708.235.2222.

**Coming Soon:**

**Information Session: Alternative Teacher Certification - November 22**

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. For more information, call 708.534.4987.

**The Center for Performing Arts: Michelle Wright and Jeff Bates - November 27**

Country music stars Michelle Wright and Jeff Bates will perform at 7 p.m. The show, "Celebrate Adoption Music Fest: A Special Evening Celebrating Adoption," is presented by The Chicago Area Families for Adoption. Proceeds will fund adoption education programs. Adults \$28. Children under 17, \$22. For tickets, call 708.235.2222.

**Information Session: Alternative Teacher Certification - December 1**

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. For more information, call 708.534.4987.

**The Center for Performing Arts: Roger Williams - December 4**

Pianist Roger Williams will perform at 7 p.m. For more information call at 708.235.2222.

upcoming year. For information and tickets, call extension 4105.

**Scheduling Survey Extended through November 30**

The university's Scheduling Task Force's scheduling survey, posted online at [www.govst.edu/survey](http://www.govst.edu/survey), has been extended through November 30. The task force originally slated the survey to stay open through November 15, but hopes to receive more responses; hence, the extension. Students, potential students, and faculty are all invited to take the survey and help the task force assess scheduling preferences.

**CAS: Distinguished Lecturer Series – November 18**

James R. Coldren, Jr. will present "What Goes Around Comes Around: Punishment and Rehabilitation in America" on Thursday, at 6 p.m. in E-Lounge. The lecture is part of the College of Arts and Sciences' Distinguished Lecturer Series. Coldren, who earned his bachelor's in Sociology from Rutgers University and his master's and doctorate in Sociology from the University of Chicago, has also accepted the position of academic program coordinator for CAS's Criminal Justice Program. He starts in January.

**GSU – 2-for-1 Tickets Available Next Week for Michelle Wright and Jeff Bates**

Good news for country fans. 2-for-1 tickets will go on sale for GSU employees and students next week for the November 27th [Michelle Wright](#) and [Jeff Bates](#) concert. As reported here last week, Wright and Bates will appear in concert for Celebrate Adoption Music Fest at the Center for Performing Arts on November 27. The event is presented by the [Chicago Area Families for Adoption](#) (CAFFA) and organized by Physical Therapy's Robbie O'Shea, president of CAFFA. Proceeds will fund adoption education, awareness, and other resources.

**ScholarShip Sails On: Health Administration**

Jay Shen, professor of Health Administration, presented at the Minority Health Symposium, organized by South Suburban Center for Health Information and Prevention Services, on October 23rd in Park Forest's Freedom Hall. Other symposium presentations addressed minority health issues from a local community, Cook County, and state perspectives, while Shen concentrated on a national perspective.

**ScholarShip Sails On: Board of Governors**

Diane Balin, director of the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, co-authored the recently published "Effects of Portfolio Prior Learning Assessment on Time-to-Degree," which appeared in the *Journal of Higher Education*, Vol. 52, No. 2, Spring 2004. Balin's co-authors were Tom Flint, from the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL); William Martin and Bert Rivera, from Chicago State University; Janet Sandoval, from Northeastern Illinois University; and Kaye Woodward, from Eastern Illinois University. The article presents a study - the largest of its kind - of over 1,400 students from the four Illinois universities with Board of Governors/Trustees degree programs. The article indicated that Prior Learning Assessment did not shorten time to degree completion, but did translate into higher GPAs.

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*"Everything is relative. There are no absolutes."  
"Well, yes and no."*

Intellectually rigorous debate  
recently overheard in the cafeteria

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**This from CTI: Teaching with Technology Grant Awards 04-05**

The Center for Technology and Information looked at and reviewed many creative and far-reaching project proposals for teaching with technology this year. The committee, in making its decisions, sought out focused projects that brought innovation to pedagogy through the use of cutting edge equipment and software. Three excellent CTI grants were awarded to the following individuals for the projects described: Congratulations to Lucianne Sweder (COE), who was awarded \$1,500 for specific needs within the Adventures of the American Mind project. Congratulations to Joseph Addison (CAS), who was awarded \$1,500 for his use of Savant E-learning software. And congratulations to Clare (Xueqing) Tang (CAS) who was awarded \$1,500 to for support of a new course CPSC 762 "Mobile & Wireless Programming"—the course has already been taught once. The grant will cover part of the expense for software for the server required to support the Mobile and Wireless Programming.

**Hamlet Wrong? If He's Talking about Our Library He is**

"Tis an unweeded garden. Things rank and gross in nature possess it merely." So saideth Hamlet, but if he was talking about a library, it wasn't GSU's. Here, thanks to a \$4,000 "Weed and Feed" grant secured from the Secretary of State's Office by university librarian Lydia Morrow Ruetten, a fresh round of "weeding and feeding" will ensue and enhance the library's collection. The grant, which Ruetten wrote and submitted last summer, allows the library to "feed" its circulating non-fiction collection by purchasing new materials in selected Library of Congress classifications. It also facilitates the library's efforts to "weed" out materials in the collection that need renewal for optimum library growth.

**Film Series: It's Baaaccckkkkk!**

The Graduate Council's film series, Transformations, is now a workshop - and it's free for all students, faculty, staff, and, of course, members of the community. The next scheduled workshop is Thursday, December 9, at 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Todd Rohman, your humble *GSU* universe editor's former professor, will be the guest lecturer, discussing memory, identity, and nonlinear narrative. Rohman will show the film *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* to illustrate these themes. Classes are also invited to attend, should brilliantly stimulating discourse, philosophical pondering, and an exploration of all things human be desired.

**This from Linda Proudfit: Elementary Education: Finding Fall**

The Elementary Education program conducted an Environmental Education Field Day at the Biology Field Station for 250 fifth-grade students from Liberty Elementary School in Orland Park, on October 18 and 19. Elementary Education students in Teaching Lab II led the children in field activities that had them looking for signs of fall and collecting evidence on how different plants disperse their seeds. The days' activities were planned by Colleen Sexton, Division of Education, and Pam Guimond, Division of Sciences. Also involved in the activities were Bruce Ketcher, Division of Education, and Linda Proudfit, Coordinator of Elementary Education. The fifth-grade children learned more about how plants change throughout the seasons and why

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the various plants are found within the GSU Field Station area from Sonia Diaz, an undergraduate student in Biology, and Dee White, a graduate student in Environmental Biology.

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#### **ScholarShip Sails On: Communications**

This just in – from Texas no less: College of Arts and Sciences' Michelle McMaster co-authored a paper presented at the [Decision Sciences Institute Annual Meeting](#) in Boston last month. The paper, "Methods to Increase Student Learning by Smoothing Student Workload and Encouraging Greater Student Study Effort," was a collaboration between McMaster and David A. Parmenter, formerly a CBPA professor of production management, now an associate professor in the southern climes of West Texas A&M University.

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#### **Cashier's Office – Open the Last Day of Old Year's**

They say that money is a many-splendored thing (or was that something else?), which accounts for the abiding popularity of payday. And just as nothing should stand in the way of true love, nothing should stand in the way of true paydays – not even GSU's holiday closing. So say our friends in the Business Office, who've made certain that the Cashier's Office will be open on December 31, so GSUers can pick up their end of December payroll checks before 2005 rolls in. The Cashier's Office will be open Friday - December 31, 2004 between 10 a.m. and Noon. "C" entrance should be used. Of course, despite the convenience this provides, the Business Office reminds us: the cozy comforts of the couch need not be abandoned at all once employees are signed up for direct deposit. Something to think about when that snow is piled up in the driveway

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#### **ScholarShip Sails On: Counseling I**

Julia Yang presented her workshop "The Quest for Harmony in Work, Love, and Friendship" at the [Illinois Counseling Association Annual Convention](#), in Naperville last month.

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#### **ScholarShip Sails On: Counseling II**

Yang also presented, by invitation, her workshop "Counseling Asian Americans: Challenges and Implications" at the Chicago Counseling Association, in – where else? – Chicago, also last month.

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#### **ScholarShip Sails On: Public Administration I**

John W. Swain and Christopher Anne Robinson-Easley, professors of Public Administration, have co-authored a book chapter that will appear in the forthcoming second edition of the *Handbook of Organizational Theory and Management: the Philosophical Approach*. The chapter is titled "Niccolo Machiavelli: Learning from the Past as we Move through the Future."

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#### **ScholarShip Sails On: Public Administration II**

"Public Finance Management Information Systems," by John Swain and Jay D. White, will appear in G. David Garson's second edition of *Handbook of Public Information Systems*.

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#### **PPO Hears Plastics Plead: "Can Can Cans"**

Aluminum's been riding pretty high of late, getting preferential recycling treatment from the folks at PPO. No more. GSU's former recycling policy, which called for recycling cans just for cans and proprietary plastic pitching places, has been replaced with a new policy: recycling plastic or cans in the same plastic recycling cans. Building Service Supervisor Margaret Schiesher said the change is due to the recent ascendancy of plastic containers over cans in vending machines and in the cafeteria. "We still recycle everything, but commingling the plastic and cans now makes it easier for collection," she said, adding PPO's plea: Pitch only empty containers into the recycling cans.

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#### *This from Kathy Miller: The Civil Service Senate*

Cathy Swatek will once again serve as the EAC representative for GSU. Cathy ran unopposed. The [GSU Civil Service Senate](#) has appointed five new senators to complete the roster and fill all vacancies. The new senators will serve until June 30, 2006. They are Marva Hampton, CHP; Mary Hellings, CAS; Martha Hellman, CE; Audrey McIntyre, FDC; and Karen Sinwelski of SAS/CS. Congratulations!