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"Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons."

Woody Allen

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*First GSU Flower of Spring:
Taken by Bruce Crooks
3/30/05*

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The Tempo on the Budget Is Picking Up

Though the real budget debate won't begin until probably early May, a lot of action is developing. "It's like spring training," President Stuart Fagan said. At House Speaker Michael Madigan's suggestion, representatives across the state are holding Budget Financial Forums during the legislature's recess. At each forum, there is a presentation on the Governor's proposed budget and then statements by constituents in that representative's district. GSU has participated in four such forums to date, represented by the President, Provost, and members of the Board of Trustees. Trustees who have presented include Kristi DeLaurentiis, Jack Beaupre, and Lorine Samuels. Samuels hit a home run when she told the representatives that local communities won't have the business leaders, teachers, informed municipal officials, and health professionals if the state keeps squeezing the higher education budget. While the legislators are home, directors of the GSU Foundation are personally visiting with them to deliver the same message.

April 13: Mark the Date

On April 13, GSU is scheduled to testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee. GSU will be represented by Board Chair Bruce Friefeld, President Fagan, outgoing Student Senate President Linda Williams, and Director of Budget, Planning, and Institutional Research Jeff Slovak. Also joining in the effort that day will be GSU student and UPI representatives. Both groups will lobby state representatives for support for higher education. GSU's student representatives will combine their efforts with the efforts of students from the state's other public universities. UPI's contingent will lobby for adequate funding for higher ed, as well as protection of SURS benefits. And the presidents of the public universities will be meeting with the legislative leaders.

On the Home Front: Grant Writers Extraordinaire

The piggy banks may have been small, but the contributions weren't. Provost Paul Keys recognized 30 faculty, administrators, and staff at the February 25 "First" Friday for outstanding contributions to the GSU coffers, attained through indefatigable grant-writing efforts. All told, GSU grant writers brought \$8,500,000 into the university. Grants have helped GSU and its students on a variety of fronts, from lighting upgrades in the building itself to teacher quality enhancement.

Conservation, health disparities, reading, intervention, alternative teacher certification, library resources, and community programs – this is just a partial list of the things GSU has had an active hand in as a

result of the grant monies brought into the university. Others grants written, but not received, totaled nearly \$8 million. "Every effort is appreciated," Keys said. "The business of grant writing is highly competitive, and there's never a guarantee that a grant proposal will succeed." Keys added the only certainty is that a grant not written will never be funded.



Pristine Pig Award: Elegance is the Eye of the Grant Writer

We're Moving Uptown

Not exactly uptown. But GSU may be moving west and south. Provost Paul Keys reports that GSU is responding to requests from officials in Kankakee and the Bolingbrook/Plainfield area to establish education sites in both areas. They are among the fastest growing areas in the state. With the support of local and county officials, GSU is preparing a proposal to be submitted to Congressman Jerry Weller to provide funding to investigate and implement off-campus learning centers of education in both locations.

Progress in Fund Raising

The phone calls of the phonathon have been made, the solicitations of staff and faculty are done, and the grand total is: \$125,100, more than triple the funds raised in FY04. "And we've still got almost three months to go," said Jim Britt, Vice President – Institutional Advancement. He added, "We raised more than \$15,000 from faculty and staff. More important, 28 percent of the faculty and staff contributed in our first ever internal fundraiser. I thank everyone who contributed. That gives us great leverage as we now start making calls on local businesses. We can demonstrate to the public that our people care."

On the Job: New Campus Safety Committee

Faculty Senate President Gary Lyon has initiated and now chairs

GSU's new Campus Safety Committee, which officially came into being March 3. Lyon said, "The charge of the committee is to monitor issues of campus safety and security and recommend and develop policies and procedures as appropriate." Lyon said the committee's first priorities will be to create an emergency preparedness plan for the university and to work on laboratory safety, campus facilities, and communication. "We're reviewing a draft emergency preparedness plan that was previously prepared by the university as well as several old and new documents related to campus safety and security," he said. Lyon asks members of the GSU community for their help: "If anyone has access to documents related to campus safety or security, please forward them to me (Gary Lyon) or Rita Mannion."

University Honors Program hosts Dr. Quentin Young

The University Honors Program hosted a lecture by Dr. Quentin Young



Dr. Quentin Young presents his view on health care to University Honors Program

on March 23, in Engbretson Hall. Larry Levinson, Honors Program director, lauded Dr. Young as "a firebrand activist" fighting for health care reform, including a national single-payer health care system. Young is the national coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP). He

is the former chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Cook County Hospital and a frequent guest on WBEZ.

Special Olympics: Torch Run Fundraising in Full Swing

Ordinarily, your *GSUniverse* editors do not recommend GSU employees and students hand their cash over to the first person they see carrying a gun. Such a policy only encourages thuggery and lawlessness. However, about this time of year we amend our policy and suggest GSUers do just that. Oh, we should mention that just any person with a gun won't do – pick one of GSU's finest instead. Our big-hearted Department of Public Safety officers are working to earn money for the Special Olympics for the 21st year in a row, and they need your help. GSUers can support the Special Olympics' efforts by purchasing Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run gear from GSU's DPS officers. T-shirts go for \$15, hats for \$12, and pins for \$3. What's the Law Enforcement Torch Run? It's the annual run by Illinois' police agencies. The agencies run with the Flame of Hope, symbol for the Special Olympics, for more than 1,500 miles though the state. Officers pass the torch from runner to runner until it arrives for the Special Olympics' opening ceremonies. DPS is also looking for GSUers to run, walk, and roller blade with them on their June 13 leg of the run through campus. Participants can sign up in the DPS office

and help raise money for the event. For every \$50 raised, they'll receive a t-shirt. Sergeant Debra Boyd said last year's efforts raised \$12,000. She said the department hopes to match that this year. She added that the money raised helps special needs children in the surrounding communities. For more information, call the Department of Public Safety at extension 4900.

Civil Service Scholarship Deadline

A Civil Scholarship is available for any civil service employee or his/her spouse or dependent. Deadline for filing for the scholarship is April 19. E-mail or call Lil Jung in Human Resources at extension 5305 for details.

Offerings Expanded

Four certificate programs have been added to the catalog. The certificates: On-line Teaching, Reading Specialist, Reading Teacher Endorsement, and Supervisory Endorsement in Reading.

ScholarShip Sails On: Communications

Emmanuel Alozie, professor of Media Communications, published the following articles: "Development and Anti Development Messages in Nigerian Advertising," *The Journal of Development Communication* 15 (2):13-31; "The Digital Divide and Globalization: A Call for 'Balanced Action' in ECOWAS Nations, *Journal of the Global Communication Research Association*; and "How Sub-Saharan African Mass Media Covered Events Leading to the Anglo-Iraqi War of 2003," in R. Berenger's *Global Media Go to War: The Role of News and Entertainment Media During the 2003 Iraq War*, Marquette Books.