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"I hate quotation."

Emerson

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GSUniverse Proof Reeder Retires

The departments proof reedor just retired. Verginyah Eyesinback has been alot of help to Chuck Conly and I went me and him put the newlitter together every week. Chuck and me is going to miss her but we think we no how to spell and punquate good enough with out hir here shakin' hir read pen at us all the time and screaming about hir chicago stile mannuel.. Our writting is already good. Good luk to hir, yeah, but it don't effect our writting none now that shes gone.

Like a Barge Down a River, the Budget for Higher Education Advances Slowly

President Stuart Fagan and Board Chair Bruce Friefeld testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 25. Friefeld stressed that there could be no improvement in K-12 education, nor improvement in the state's health care systems, without adequate funding for higher education. After all, he said, it is higher education that produces the teachers and the health care professionals. Fagan reinforced those points in his testimony. He called for three actions by the legislature. First, at a minimum, hold funding for higher education flat with last year – no cuts, no rescissions, no give backs. Second, appropriate funds for the renovation of GSU's science labs – a project the legislature, the governor, and the Capital Development Board have already approved. Third, authorize a supplemental appropriation to GSU of at least \$200,000 for additional cohorts in education, new initiatives in the health professions, and additional support for the Small Business Development Center.

The Legislative Mix: Low on Ideas, High on Risks

The state faces a possible budget shortfall of more than \$1 billion for the coming fiscal year. The only ideas on the legislative table: pension reform, which the governor claims will save up to \$800 million; more slot machines for existing casinos; and an increase in the income tax, with the additional revenue to be designated for education.

And, the Winners of the Ideas Are...

Who knows? Pension reform, as proposed by the governor, will hurt the university's efforts to recruit faculty and staff. It is opposed by UPI, the civil service, and others. The proposed pension changes may also impact current employees. More slot machines? The gaming industry has been lukewarm to the idea. And a tax increase for education? Well, the Governor has promised to veto any tax increase.

About the Tax Increase

Senator James Meeks, and others, including Senate President Emil Jones, support raising the state's income tax to five percent, as well as increasing the corporate tax. Their proposal would provide for some reduction in property taxes. The additional funds the tax would provide would be diverted to education. Higher education would be allocated \$300 million – 25 percent would be allocated to the community colleges; the balance would go to the public universities. Under the formula put forth in Senate Bill 750, GSU would receive about \$5.3 million in additional funding.

A Tough Road to Hoe

The governor has said he will veto any tax increase. Meeks and other legislators are working to build a veto proof majority. Stay tuned.

ScholarShip Sails On: Cada Defends Dissertation

Students call her terrific, but now they're calling her "Doctor," too. Dr. Beth Cada, chair for CHP's department of Occupational Therapy, successfully defended her dissertation to earn her Ed.D. from Northern Illinois University. "We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Cada!" Dean Linda Samson said, "Doctoral studies and a role as faculty and department chair mean that Beth has really juggled responsibilities. We are so proud of her accomplishments."

ScholarShip Sails On: Craig Defends Dissertation

Associate Director of Admission Bill Craig successfully defended his dissertation titled "On the Possibility of Teaching a Natural Religion" on April 7 to earn his D.Phil. from Canbourne University. Dr. Craig will be formally awarded his degree in June at Canbourne's Russell Gardens, London, UK.

ScholarShip Sails On: Academic Computing, or Of Course They're out to Get You.

John Meyer, professor of Computing Education, presented "Cyber Security: Panic or Healthy Paranoia?" to the South Suburban Chapter of ICE, Illinois Computing Educators. GSU Alumni Lynn Bibens, director of Technology for South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, co-presented.

Hail to the Chief

Dr. Meyer was also elected president of the ICE. The organization has been in existence since 1986 and works toward the integration of technology into the educational process.

MPA Sweeps I: Donaldson Elected Mayor

Master of Public Administration Professor Robert Donaldson won his bid for election to the top village post in Hazel Crest in the April elections. Donaldson defeated incumbent Mayor William Browne by 189 votes. Browne had defeated Donaldson in the previous mayoral campaign by six votes.

MPA Sweeps II: Swain to be Honored by ASPA

Faculty Member of the Week? Please. Faculty Member of the Month? Peanuts. "2005 Faculty Member of the Year"? Now you're talking, and talking about Master of Public Administration faculty member John W. Swain. Swain will be honored as "2005 Faculty Member of the Year" by the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration at the Annual ASPA Awards Ceremony, May 6. Former senator Peter Fitzgerald will also be honored with the Adlai Stevenson II Award for Public Service. Swain, in addition to his work as faculty, is director of the Institute for Public Policy and Administration.

MPA Sweeps III: Kriha Takes Trustee Seat

Secretary of GSU's Master of Public Administration Club Sharon Kriha entered the public arena in the April elections, winning her bid to become a trustee of Richton Park's village government. Kriha has worked with the MPA Club to bring luminaries to the GSU campus to speak in the club's Distinguished Lecture Series, including Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., Senate President Emil Jones, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners John Stroger, and Illinois Senator Debbie Halvorson.

Eysenbach Gone: Hopkins Sure to Get Squinty-Eyed

It's funny how much you take a person for granted until she retires – not as funny when you find out you're the guy who has to do her work now that she's gone. Which is to say, the new person to whom colleges, department, units, and obscure GSU hinterlands should send publications for proofing and approval is yours truly, *de facto* Coordinator of University Publications Mike Hopkins, office G370, extension #7090.

Changing your Network Passwords – from ITS

Changing Your Novell, Microsoft, and Jenzebar Passwords Every 35 Days: In compliance with the State of Illinois security regulations, effective May 2, 2005 Information Technology Services is enforcing the following guidelines for network passwords: Each user is required to change his or her network password(s) every 35 days. On May 2nd, upon logging in to Novell Netware, you will see a prompt to change your password. A similar prompt will appear on Jenzabar CX (CARS). You will be guided through the procedure to change your password. If you want to change your password prior to the 35 day prompt, please review the documentation online. Novell Netware and Microsoft

Password: Go to http://gsunet/its/t_its.asp?id=247 for instructions on how to change your Network password(s). Jenzebar CX (CARS)

Password: Go to http://gsunet/its/t_its.asp?id=38 for instructions on changing your CARS password. If you have questions, please call the GSU Helpdesk at Ext. 4357.