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## Happenings at GSU

- 4/5 Rep. George Sangmeister guest speaker for "U.S. and Illinois Elections," 7:30 p.m. Engbretson Hall.
- 4/5 Illinois Appellate Court Justice Blanche Manning guest lecture "Federalism and the Judiciary," 7:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 4/6 GATT, NAFTA and other international issues are discussed at the Third World Conference preconference, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on campus.
- 4/7 Chinese Culture Festival, activities from 1 to 10:30 p.m., on campus.
- 4/8 3-M Club "African-American Expressions" talent show, 7 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 4/17 "What's Going on in Springfield?: A Region Calls Its Legislators," 7 p.m. at GSU and on cable television.
- 4/17 GSU-Community Chorale performs Haydn's "Harmony Mass," 7 p.m., St. Liborious Church, Steger.
- 4/22 "Literary Chicago: A Weekend - 24 Workshop in Fiction, Poetry & the Essay" on campus.

## TV town meeting features legislators

The spotlight will be on south suburban legislators Sunday, April 17, when Governors State University and *Star Publications* host a live, call-in televised town meeting.

"What's Going on in Springfield?: A Region Calls Its Legislators," the

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## GSU grads have hand in President Clinton's visit

BY MARILYN THOMAS



*President Bill Clinton, flanked by Hillcrest High School Principal Gwendolyn Lee and Rep. Mel Reynolds, addresses questions from students.*

Bill Clinton last month as exemplary work in his attempt to increase neighborhood efforts in fighting crime.

In October 1993, two teenagers were shot near Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills. It alarmed city residents, and Welch took immediate action to calm fears by instituting a strict curfew. The city council approved a new restrictive ordinance on unlawful gatherings, and worked with the police chief in developing a staggered shift rotation that keeps more officers on the streets at all times.

In January, Country Club Hills, Chicago and East St. Louis were singled out in Illinois for U.S. Department of Justice law enforcement grants. Muchnik wrote the Country Club Hills application for the \$238,800 grant

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## Staff prepares curriculum for multicultural dimension

GSU education faculty and administrators participated in a multicultural education retreat to learn ways the education curriculum can better represent the cultures of America's many ethnic, religious and racial groups.

"This is the beginning of a journey to turn a teacher education program from one with a mono-cultural to a multicultural perspective," Professor Robert Press, the retreat organizer, explained.

The group of 20 met at George William Conference Center in Wisconsin March 25, 26 and 27. Guest speakers were Dr. Ken Peterson, superintendent of District 167, Dr. Donna Avery of Avery and Associates who has served as an adjunct professor at GSU, Dr. Linda Burd, principal of Bloom High School, and

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## Winter enrollment, credit hours climb

Near record increases in student enrollment and the highest ever student credit hour number were recorded this winter trimester at GSU.

Data show an enrollment increase of more than 500 students this year as compared to the Winter 1993 Trimester. Student enrollment is up 10.2 percent with 5,603 students compared to 5,086 in the winter 1993 trimester. It is the second highest enrollment in GSU history for any trimester.

Compared to a year ago, there was a 14.4 percent increase in the number of minority students enrolling. Minority students now comprise 23.5 percent of the enrollment.

Students also are generating 11.6 percent more credit hours. The 35,950 student credit hours is an all-time high for GSU. The undergraduate increase was 7.2 percent, and graduate student credit hours were up 18.9 percent.

"These numbers are extremely encouraging for all of us at Governors State," **President Paula Wolff** said. "This is clearly a sign of student satisfaction. They appreciate the excellent professors in the classroom, average class sizes under 20, and GSU's ability to offer courses to meet their needs either on campus, via cable television or correspondence."

GSU has reallocated \$767,000 from administration to teaching in the university.

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## GSU student's painting wins international prize, recognition

A vivid depiction of the interior of the Rialto Square Theatre's grand hall has won Governors State University student **Adam Molella** a \$1,000 award in the Liquitex Excellence in Art Student Grant Program sponsored by Binney & Smith, Inc.

The painting also is featured in this month's edition of *Art in America*.

The acrylic piece of the Joliet landmark will be on exhibit in February 1995 at the American Council to the Arts exhibition in New York. Afterward it becomes part of the permanent collection of Binney & Smith and will be displayed at the firm's corporate headquarters in Easton, Pa.

The judges commended the artist for the vibrancy of the piece saying the colors and details depict "a magic inside (the Rialto)."

Molella has framed the work with two dark columns crowned by a Roman goddess sitting upon the cross beam. She appears to look down upon all who enter the grand theater. Despite the cold approach, Molella has decked the interior in hues of yellows, oranges and reds to depict the building's magnificence, giving it a sense of warmth and welcome.

"Adam is really an extraordinary student. It is very rare to see someone at this stage (as a college junior) having such a drive for a profession. He really lives life as a painter," **GSU Professor Joyce Morishta** said. "He can paint a range of styles from representational to abstract. There's a part of Adam that's seen as highly energetic, but in painting he is very ordered and meticulous to detail. He brings order out of chaos."

## President Clinton visits south suburb

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that funds the hiring of three additional police officers. In November, the city council approved a lateral entry provision to its employee code that allows the city to hire experienced officers from other communities. It means Country Club Hills will be gaining from the officers' experience immediately.

For Welch, a former police officer, that is a major benefit. "(President Clinton) is the first president in the history of Country Club Hills to issue any money for law enforcement," he said in applauding the president's efforts.

In his personal meeting with Clinton during his Feb. 28 visit, Welch reiterated his support and thanks to the president.

"It was a very special day for our city," Welch said afterward. "I was really pleased that he spent so much time with the kids," he said of the president's 45-minute question and answer period with Hillcrest students.

In his give-and-take session, Clinton addressed the issues of spending on space exploration, foreign aid,

homelessness, welfare funding, school funding, education, health care options, and the global economy.

"One of the things I learn every day as president, is to be a little humble about what I do," he told the audience of about 1,000 people. "I get up every day and I try to do what I can to make the future better. My job, really, is about guaranteeing the future for America, preparing America for the 21st century, trying to keep the American dream alive for you.

"I've lived most of my life, and I hope, more than I can say, that none of you have lived most of your lives," he said, addressing the students. "I hope the vast majority of you know the majority of your life is still out there ahead of you, but I know there is a limit to what even the President can do.

"The President can not keep you off drugs. The President can't keep anybody from getting in trouble with the law. The President can't keep anybody from resorting to violence. These are the things you have to do."

## Legislators 'on air' for town meeting

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one-hour, live telecast begins at 7 p.m. The program will originate in the GSU television studios and be broadcast via WYIN-TV, Channel 56, and Jones South Suburban, Channel 29, accessed by cable users and on UHF.

The program, moderated by GSU President Paula Wolff, will offer viewers the opportunity to hear from 12 south suburban legislators as they share their insights on their work in Springfield and answer questions from the studio audience and those at home.

Legislators appearing on the program will be Senators Aldo DeAngelis, William Mahar, Patrick O'Malley and William Shaw, and Representatives Bill Balthis,

Frank Giglio, now an 11th Congressional District candidate, Phil Novak, Harold Murphy, Maureen Murphy, Phil Novak, John Ostenburg, John Sheehy, Terry Steczo and Larry Wennlund.

"Governors State University is pleased to provide this television town meeting with legislators to the citizens of its service regions," said Dr. William Dodd, vice president of Development and Public Affairs. "We are anticipating an issues-packed discussion that will enlighten and inform the citizens of Chicago Southland."

For additional information on this television event, call the GSU Office of Development and Public Affairs at (708) 534-4106.

## Multicultural aspects adopted

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Donna Rahn, associate director of the South Cook County Girl Scouts.

"At the conclusion of the retreat, participant/observer Dr. Michael Morris of the University of New Mexico will give his impressions on participants' initial efforts at moving to a multicultural perspective and present his thoughts on where GSU faculty might go next," Dr. Press said. Dr. Morris has done considerable work in developing a concept for a college of the 21st century whose raison d'être would be cultural diversity.

Press, who has spent more than 20 years at GSU working with student teachers, said the hope is to have GSU professors integrate multicultural perspectives into all of their courses.

He also hopes to develop workshops on cultural diversity for specific areas of the curriculum. Press will be on sabbatical from September 1994 through April 1995 to develop a plan for a field-based multicultural teacher education program. He hopes also to develop plans for a national conference on multicultural teacher education.

Staff attending the multicultural diversity retreat are College of Education Dean Leon Zalewski, Division of Education Chairperson George

Garrett, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences Chairperson Sonny Goldenstein, University Library Acting Director Barbara Conant who also is the library liaison to the College of Education, faculty members from the College of Education, Professor Press, Dr. Prince McLemore, Dr. David Blood, Dr. Jane Andringa, Dr. David Suddick, Dr. Benjamin Lowe, Dr. Linda Proudfit, Professor Taida Kelly, Professor Karen Peterson, Professor Penney Shnay, Dr. Jeffrey Kaiser, and Dr. John Meyer with Professor Pat Koutouzos representing the English education faculty, and Dr. Donna Siemro representing the science education faculty.

## 21st century worker topic of conference

"Opportunities in Higher Education Conference: The 21st Century Workforce" will be presented April 15 at Governors State University.

Registrations for this free 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. program are being accepted through April 8.

The community will hear about the uphill struggles of four successful minorities and visit with three dozen employers. The conference also will

## Hall of Famer



GSU Professor Michael Purdy (right) accepts the International Listening Association's 1994 Hall of Fame Award from C. E. Wilson. Purdy received the award at ILA's annual convention in Boston in March. He was recognized for his research, presentations, publications and leadership role in ILA.

## Performers share talents

The Martin-Mandella-Malcolm Club at Governors State University is presenting the "African-American Expressions" talent show at 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the Sherman Music Recital Hall.

The program will showcase talent by singers, dancers, individual musicians as well as bands, and actors and actresses.

Admission is \$2. For details, call the Office of Student Life at extension 4550.

offer the opportunity to learn about college financial aid, degree programs, student services and admissions procedures at BGU institutions.

Four distinguished panelists will outline their perceptions of the minority job market and their own educational and job backgrounds, and offer advice for students and those planning a career change.

## 'Literary Chicago' brings writers to campus

Governors State University is hosting instructional workshops and guest presentations by six of the country's top writers and poets at its third "Literary Chicago: A Weekend Workshop in Fiction, Poetry & the Essay" program April 22, 23 and 24.

The public is welcome to the Friday, April 22, recognition party honoring **GSU Professor Temmie Gilbert** and her husband, **Arnold**, for their continued support of the arts, and to Friday and Saturday readings by the guest presenters.

**Dr. Deborah Holdstein**, professor of English and organizer for the three-day workshop, said participants will have the opportunity to learn from and interact with well-known, published poets and authors **Elizabeth Alexander**, **Maxine Chernoff**, **Edward Hirsch**, **Garrett Hongo** and **David Michael Kaplan**.

Author **Larry Heinemann** will be the keynote speaker for the Saturday, April 23, workshop luncheon. Heinemann's book, *Paco's Story*, won the 1987 National Book Award for fiction, the Carl Sandburg Literary Arts Award, the Vietnam Veterans of America Tu Do Chinh Kien (Freedom to Express) Award, the Society of Midland Authors Fiction Award, and the Chicago Friends of Literature Prize for fiction.

Workshops Saturday, April 23,

begin at 9 a.m. and continue through early afternoon, and participants will receive assignments during that time. Heinemann will be the keynote luncheon speaker at noon. The workshops resume at 1 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. students will be given free time to work on the drafts of their assignments.

Chernoff, author of *Bop* and other works of fiction, and Kaplan, author of *Skating in the Dark* and numerous short stories, will lead the fiction writing workshop.

Hirsch, noted critic and poet whose most recent book is *Earthly Measures*, and Alexander, poet and author of *The Venus Hottentot*, will lead the poetry writing workshop. Hongo, a poet and essayist, will lead the creative non-fiction workshop.

On Sunday, April 24, participants will meet with their workshop leaders at 9 a.m. for review and discussion of their assignments, continuing through a workshop lunch. Following lunch, **Connie Goddard**, Midwest correspondent for *Publishers Weekly* and literary agent, will discuss "Your Work in Print." Commentary will be given by the workshop leaders.

The "Literary Chicago" workshop closes at 3:30 p.m. after readings and discussion of the best of participants' works.

The weekend program opens with a 5 p.m. GSU College of Arts and Sciences special recognition party in

Infinity Gallery honoring the Gilberts for their lifelong support of the arts, particularly at Governors State. A selection of vintage and contemporary photographs donated by the Gilberts to the GSU Permanent Collection of Photography will be on display in the gallery.

The public also is invited to a 7:30 p.m. April 22 program of readings by poet Alexander and writer Kaplan, and a 7:30 p.m. April 23 program of readings by fiction writer Chernoff, poet Hirsch, and poet/essayist Hongo.

This weekend workshop is offered for credit and noncredit. For additional information contact Professor Holdstein at (708) 534-4586.

### Chorale Performs April 17

The Governors State University-Community Chorale and Orchestra will perform "Harmony Mass" by Josef Haydn at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17.

The free program, sung in Latin, will be given at St. Liborius Catholic Church, 71 W. 35th Street in Steger. The chorale will perform the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, et Benedictus and Agnus Dei.

The chorale is under the direction of **Dr. Rudolf Strukoff**, professor of vocal music, and accompanied by **Adjunct Professor Marilyn Bourgeois**.

For details on the program, call Dr. Strukoff at extension 4020.



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## Grapevine

### Two given National Minority Leadership Award

Congratulations to GSU employees **Ruth Barley** and **Marilyn Prater-Rivers** who were recipients of the National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award. They were selected on professors' recommendations and for their academic standing, leadership, support of the university, dependability.

Barley of the Registrar's Office is working on a master's degree in communication studies. She received a bachelor's degree from Chicago State University. Prater-Rivers of the Business Office is an undergraduate student in business administration with an accounting concentration.

### GSU staff invited to 1994-95 budget review April 25

The GSU Community is invited to learn the details of the proposed 1994-95 budget during a 2 p.m. presentation April 25. **Budget Director Linda Heiser** will review the numbers and answer questions.

### Deadline near for "Working Women" conference

Reservations are due April 8 for the Biennial Conference for Working Women at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. **Donna Rutledge** in the Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services has been a member of the planning committee for the May 3 and 4 meetings "Creating Possibilities." The personal and professional development programs include "The Power of Optimism," "You Don't Have to Go Home from Work Exhausted: The Energy Engineering Approach," and "Pass It Along: Women and Self-Esteem." For additional information, call Rutledge on extension 4096.

### Barbara Flowers retiring after nearly 24 years

We bid a fond farewell to **Barbara Flowers**, administrative assistant in the Provost's Office, who will be retiring April 30.

She started at GSU as a secretary to the vice president for academic affairs. She later was promoted to administrative secretary and administrative assistant. Flowers has worked in Academic Affairs since being hired Sept. 1, 1970. She recalls the organizing days working in an office in the Park Forest Plaza (now The Centre), moving to GSU's temporary warehouse campus at the Park Forest South industrial park, and then settling into GSU's permanent facility.

Flowers also used her employee tuition option to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from GSU.

### "Employee of the Month" nominations available

Have you seen a co-worker do an exceptional job? Do you see fellow employees go out of their way to serve students and GSU staff? Nominate them for the "Employee of the Month" award. Now in its ninth year, the program recognizes civil service employees who provide outstanding service to students, co-workers, visitors, their units and the university. Nomination forms are available throughout the building, or from **Marlene Anderson** in the Human Resources Office.

## Cafeteria menu

*(Week of April 4-8)*

**Monday**—Ham/cheese omelet with toast. Beef noodle soup, chili; Philly cheese steak sandwich; roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetable; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

**Tuesday**—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Chicken rice soup, chili; Maxwell Street-style Polish; baked mostaccioli, vegetable, garlic bread; the wokery; pizza.

**Wednesday**—Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, toast. Minestrone soup, chili; Italian chicken breast sandwich; turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

**Thursday**—French toast, bacon. Cream of broccoli soup, chili; fishwich and cheese; southern fried chicken, potatoes, vegetable; grilled chicken, Caesar salad; pizza.

**Friday**—Continental breakfast. Manhattan clam chowder, French dip sandwich, potato bar, pizza.

*(Week of April 11-15)*

**Monday**—Sausage/egg biscuit. Cream of chicken soup, chili; Patty melt; chicken burrito, Spanish rice, refried beans; fresh pasta and sauces; pizza.

**Tuesday**—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Garden vegetable soup, chili; Texas Tommy; blackend fish with hot pasta salad, vegetable; the wokery, pizza.

**Wednesday**—Ham/cheese omelet, toast. Potato chowder, chili; Italian sausage; roast pork, potatoes, vegetables; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

**Thursday**—Egg, bacon, cheese on croissant. Beef barley soup, chili; sloppy Joe; pepper steak, rice, vegetable; grilled chicken, Caesar salad; pizza.

**Friday**—Continental breakfast. Crabby Swiss, chili; marinated chicken breast; baked cod, potato, vegetable; pizza.

## Employee of the Month

# Shelina Hurd recognized for generosity, concern for others

BY LAURA WILLIAMS



Shelina Hurd

Give it to me and I'll share it.

This is the golden rule of **Shelina Hurd**, who is the March "Employee of the Month."

Hurd has worked as a clerk in the Business Office for five years.

Prior to this position, Hurd worked in the parking booth, the tiny building off Stuenkel Road where students and guests would pay their \$1 parking fee.

Before joining the staff at Governors State University, Hurd worked for Kelly Temporaries and attended Prairie State College. Although she has 70 credit hours at PSC, more than enough to transfer to GSU, she is determined to earn an associate's degree, so she is completing her last four-credit-hour course at PSC.

**Helen Spencer**, who works in the Purchasing unit of the Business Office, nominated Hurd. She told the nominating committee Hurd is always courteous and helpful to others. She goes that extra mile.

As you enter the Business Office, Hurd is the person who will greet you and answer your inquiries. Students and guests are using the C-Building entrance since construction started, and Hurd is usually the first person they see. She has answered a host of questions and offered directions to many. She feels badly if she cannot direct someone, so she has taken it upon herself to become more familiar with the building. In her effort to be helpful, if she does not know an answer, she will try to find someone who does.

Hurd enjoys working in her area very much. "I think I really hit the jackpot," she says of her position. Hurd's supervisor, **Evelyn Georgiadis**, has given her great encouragement, taking time to explain office procedures and university functions. "Evelyn is one of the sweetest people I know," Hurd says, calling Georgiadis the nicest boss she's had.

Working in the Business Office is "fun, interesting and busy" for Hurd. Her duties there include logging the daily input of receipt documents and purchase orders, as well as coordinating efforts on student financial aid disbursements with **David Weinberger** and **Bural Wilkerson** in the Financial Aid Office. Hurd also handles the Perkins loan data, inputting it into the Business Office computer system.

The University Park resident is very busy with work, her course work at PSC and two classes at GSU, and being a mom to a 16-year-old son who attends Crete-Monee High School, and a 13-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter who attend Hickory Elementary School.

What little free time she does have she likes to spend with her children reading, swimming or skating. She also enjoys spending time with her significant other, **Claude Humphrey**.

Hurd is majoring in health administration at GSU and wants to minor in substance abuse. She has not decided what she will do with her degree, but knows she would like to work with and help children.

Hurd credits belonging to an extended family with her being thoughtful and willing to help others. She grew up with six siblings and has five half-brothers and sisters. "I love to do for others. It makes me feel good," Hurd says with her infectious smile, dimples and all!

## Minority mentor ranks growing

Another dozen staff and faculty have agreed to join the ranks of the GSU mentors program.

The program serves minority undergraduate students. It is designed to motivate students to achieve their educational goals at GSU and improve retention rates. The overall goal, according to **Glen Abbott**, program director, is to provide meaningful experiences that enhance total personal and professional development of minority students.

New mentor advisors are **Dr. David Blood**, **Dr. Glenna Howell**, **Dr. Maribeth Kasik**, and **Professor Bob Press** of the College of Education, **Bill Craig** of the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment, **Peg Donohue**, coordinator of community college relations, **Dr. Efraim Gil** of the College of Business and Public Administration, **Professor Pat Koutouzos** and **Dr. Michael Purdy** of the College of Arts and Sciences, and **Dr. Jay Lubinsky**, **Dr. Sang-O Rhee** and **Dean Cecilia Rokusek** of the College of Health Professions.

## University searching for 15 staff members

The university will be adding new faces to its ranks this summer and fall.

Positions that are open include coordinator of the English Teacher Education program, provost/vice president for academic affairs, admissions counselor, coordinator of the Early Childhood Education program, dean of the Center for Extended Learning & Communication Services, director of the University Library, and chairperson for the Division of Finance/Accounting/Economics.

Professorial positions to be filled are in elementary education, reading/language arts, early childhood education, nursing, computer science, accounting, finances and economics.

The positions are vacant due to retirements and resignations.

## GSUings

**Dean Roger K. Oden** (CAS), attending the Association of American Colleges and American Association of Deans meeting in January in Washington, D.C...**Dean Leon Zalewski** (CE), being interviewed by Cable News Network (CNN) for a discussion of computerized phonics programs and judging the science fair at Dogwood Junior High School...**Professor Robert Press** and **University Lecturer Karen Peterson** (CE), attending a workshop on teacher-mentor programs in Austin, Texas...**Dr. Lowell Culver** (CBPA), presenting the "metro zone" concept to the Will County I-355 Southern Extension Corridor Planning Council organizational meeting...**Dr. Deborah Holdstein** (CAS), being appointed to the Partnership in Excellence Committee of District 97 schools, a coalition of teachers, parents and community leaders in Oak Park and presenting at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Nashville, Tenn., on the topic "When Composition Teachers Teach Literature" ...**Drs. Sonny Goldenstein** (CAS) and **Cheryl Mejta** (CHP), attending the National Conference on Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse in Dallas, Texas...**Dean Cecilia Rokusek** (CHP), attending a meeting of Thomas Jefferson University College of Allied Health Sciences in Philadelphia, helping to prepare a series of papers as a first step in the development of policy recommendations at the federal level...**Dr. Paul Green** (CBPA/IPPA), serving as keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois, as well as being the guest speaker at Rotary Club of Chicago in March...**Donna Rutledge** (CELCS), serving as GSU's advisory board representative for the May Biennial Conference for Working Women at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign...**Dr. Donna Siemro** (CAS), serving on the Biology Content Advisory Committee for the Illinois Certification Testing System at the Test Review Conference in Springfield, Ill.,

in February...**Dr. Sven Groennings** (PROV), playing a leadership role throughout the annual International Conference of the Partnership for Service-Learning in Washington, D.C., in February, giving a dinner address and chairing, in the absence of the chairman, the annual board meeting...**Dean Esthel Allen** (CBPA) and **Mary Lou Tomaszewski** (CBPA), attending the Academy of Business Administration meeting where they presented papers...**Dr. Larry Levinson** (CAS), speaking on "Prospects for Peace in the Middle East: Looking Beyond the Headline" at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Chicago Heights and at Anita Stone Jewish Community Center in March...**Dr. Judith Cooney** (CE), presenting at the Illinois Counseling Association's state convention in November on the topic "Kids Who Molest: The School Counselor's Role" and presenting a workshop for the Kankakee Area Student Services Association on the topic "Legal and Ethical Issues for the School Counselor" in February...**Christine Cochran** (SBDC/CBPA), attending the Springfield lobbying trip with the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce in March...**Barbara Conant** (UL), serving as the chair of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Bibliographic Instruction Planning Committee for two years...**Professor Nancy Shlaes** (UL) attending the Illinois Library Association preconference workshop on leadership in Chicago in March...**Dr. Phyllis Klingensmith** (CAS) presenting the workshop "Children Living in a Toxic World" at the 20th Annual Early Childhood Conference March 26 at Moraine Valley Community College...**Professor Mari Ellen Leverage** (UL) presenting the workshop "How, What, Where, Why and When to Incorporate CD-ROMs into Your Library," and **Professor Lydia Morrow** (UL) presenting the workshop "Technical Services Staff Providing Public Service—Good Idea?" at the Illinois Library Association con-

ference in Chicago in March, and also attending the association's preconference leadership workshop...**Dr. Shelly Kumar** (CAS) presenting his research paper "Ozonolysis of C-60 (buckminsterfullerene)" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Denver in March, and at the First International Colloquium on Fullerenes at Santa Barbara, Calif., in June, and presenting research findings on buckminsterfullerene, "Non-Aqueous Reverse Phase HPLC of Oxidized Fullerenes" done with assistance from GSU graduate students **Ron Brown** and **Sam Cosentino** at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Chicago...**Dr. Mary Geis** (CHP) presenting a program on Alzheimer's disease at the Green Hills Public Library in Palos Hills March 23...**Dr. J. P. Davé** (CE) delivering the keynote address for the "Best Look Forward" fashion and image fair for women experiencing cancer at the Hilton Inn in Oak Lawn March 26.

### Condolences

To **Dr. Maribeth Kasik** in the College of Education on the death of her father, Leland T. Montgomery, who died March 18.



*A crane lifts sections of the patio as site preparation begins for The Regional Center for Technology and the Performing Arts. Construction work is expected to take two years.*



# American strengths can polarize society: Wilson

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Christianity, charity, fervor for the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and a pride in excellence in education are America's strongest principles.

But as willing as Americans are to recognize these strengths, these same principles often have been what separate us, according to **Dr. Reginald Wilson**, senior scholar at the American Council on Education.

Speaking at GSU for the 7th Annual Professional Development Conference this month, Dr. Wilson said the Christian tradition is the strongest in the western world. And while we can all speak of the influence religion has on American society, it has significant importance for minorities and the oppressed who have used it as a vehicle for social change, he explained.

As African-Americans began the struggle for civil rights, the movement's leaders came from primarily Baptist and Methodist churches, and the congregations often helped organize the demonstrations. Hispanics follow the Catholic Church's liberation theology approach that gives strength through scripture to their struggles.

America's charitable tradition grows out of its religion, but is separate as a secular tradition, Dr. Wilson explained. "We give more to charity than any



*President Paula Wolff and Glen Abbott, affirmative action officer, welcome national expert Dr. Reginald Wilson (center) to campus.*

other western society. We hold it as the dominant expressive vehicle."

Yet charitable acts have been a way of suppressing others. For example, Spellman College in Atlanta, founded by northern missionaries in 1881 to serve the African-American population of the South, only elected its first African-American woman president in the 1980s. Decades after its founding, Spellman's administration and a disproportionate number of its faculty were whites. "In the 1920s, W.E.B. DuBois refused to speak at Spellman until one of its graduates was hired as a teacher there," Dr. Wilson told the audience. "It was a kind of benevolent racism; help(ing) the African-Americans but not recognizing their talents."

As fiercely proud as Americans are about the Declaration of Independence

and the Constitution, it is only of late that all Americans are included under their protection. Initially, the authors of the Declaration wrote a stipulation that African-Americans came here against their will, but the line was deleted. The issue of slavery festered until the Civil War, Dr. Wilson explained. The Constitution also did not initially protect white men without property, women or African-Americans but has since been amended to include all Americans.

Americans tend to have very short memories on certain subjects, especially on access to education, Dr. Wilson believes. "We hold strong beliefs in excellence in education, but we differ on how to achieve that."

African-Americans, who often have not had as strong a foundation as whites entering college, ask that students be judged on their achievements at the end of college. The historical perspective points to how African-Americans were not allowed to learn to read or write. Their educational systems worked to meet the needs of the population by starting elementary schools and eventually founding colleges. "We forget that history and say they should start at the same position as others," Dr. Wilson said. "African-Americans are systematically being deprived (of educational opportunities) yet they (are judged) by the same standards (as whites)."

## Chinese Culture Festival April 7

A celebration of Chinese culture will be hosted Thursday, April 7, at Governors State University.

The free activities are presented by the Multicultural Enhancement Committee and the Student Life Division.

GSU faculty members **Dr. Anthony Wei**, professor of philosophy and history, and **Dr. Shensheng Zhao**, professor of computer science, who are Chinese natives, will lead a discussion on "The World View—East and West" from 3 to 4 p.m., followed by an introductory presentation of Chinese classical music at 4 p.m., and an armchair trip to China at 4:30 p.m. These programs are in Engbretson Hall.

From 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. join in a favorite Chinese pastime as a player or spectator in a ping-pong tournament in the GSU gym.

Have your name done in Chinese calligraphy by Chinese artists from 1 to 3 p.m. and again from 5 to 6:30 p.m. World-class entertainer **Nan Zhang** will present a 6:30 p.m. program of Chinese songs and dances. Both events are in the Hall of Governors. Guests will enjoy ballroom dancing in the cafeteria annex from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

For additional information on the day's activities, call the GSU Student Life Division at extension 4552.

## Tuition increased

Board of Governors Universities trustees approved a three percent tuition increase March 24.

The hike, the smallest of all the public university systems so far this year, will cost full-time undergraduates an additional \$54 per year, and graduate students \$60 more per year. The three percent increase will generate approximately \$2 million next year.

GSU did not ask for an increase in its student fees.