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Happenings at GSU

- 4/23 GSU-Community Chorale performs Mozart's "Requiem" at 7 p.m. at St. Liborius Church, 71 W. 35th St., Steger.
- 4/28 GSU's Office of Economic Education "The Economics of Gambling: A Gaming Experience" workshop, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Empress River Casino in Joliet.
- 4/30 GSU Community Wind Ensemble spring concert, 4 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 5/4 "Building Your Internet Business Case" videoconference, 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 5/15 Spring/Summer Trimester begins.

Enrollment sets all-time record

Governors State University broke its previous record enrollment when an estimated 5,878 students signed up for courses this winter trimester.

GSU's Fall 1994 Trimester enrollment set the previous high with 5,708 students.

The winter trimester numbers are a 4.7 percent increase from the Winter 1994 Trimester when 5,603 students enrolled. The data also shows a 2.1 percent increase in full-time equivalent students reflecting a new all-time high in the number of credit hours taken by students in a single term. Students at GSU will earn 36,776 credit hours this winter trimester compared with 35,950 credit hours in winter 1994. On average, undergraduate students are taking eight credit hours, and graduates five credit hours.

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GSU's front entrance readied for students, staff, library space

BY MARILYN THOMAS

When guests arrive at the Governors State University campus for commencement ceremonies June 3 and 4, they'll be ushered in through the redesigned and renovated front entrance.

GSU's traditional two-story columned promenade was enclosed to give staff additional office and library space, but the remodeling hasn't lost the appeal of the open effect students appreciated previously.

A sloping glass wall will offer the feel of the outside in a climate-controlled environment.

The flooring of brown colored tiles, is in keeping with the old brown brick walkway. Specially designed planters have been built into the entrance to add greenery.

The five office suites will be in a row opposite the glass windows. Staff has agreed to relocate some of the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment functions, including counselors, the director of admissions, a receptionist, systems analyst and student helper. Also, admissions records officers and a secretary will move.



Shadows dance across the grand entryway soon to be opened after a major remodeling project.

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Strategic plan outlines four cornerstones for GSU's future

Staff at Governors State University has set forth four major principles in a long-range strategic plan that will help lead the university into the 20th century.

"We will be trying to meet the needs of a new kind of society," **Provost Wayne Hamilton** explained.

The four principles follow on the heels of the recently revised GSU Mission Statement that describes the institution's primary mission as teaching made accessible and affordable to undergraduate and graduate students from a culturally and economically diverse population of life-long learners. The mission also outlines GSU's partnership in economic and social development projects that link the university and its students locally, nationally and internationally.

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Professor Jane Wells accepts associate provost position

Dr. Jane Wells has accepted the position of associate provost/vice president for academic affairs effective April 12.

The former computer science professor steps up to the position after more than a year as acting chairperson of the Division of Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.



Dr. Jane Wells

As associate provost, Dr. Wells will

be responsible for program reviews and new program requests. She also will be serving as administrative liaison to the GSU Curriculum and Program Review Committees, and contract administrator for the faculty University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) agreement.

"As a respected member of the GSU community, Dr. Wells is quite familiar with its past workings and current needs," Provost Wayne Hamilton said. "I believe she will contribute powerfully...to the climate we seek for GSU, and to the creativity we will all

need to help develop a new prototype of educational excellence synonymous with GSU."

A member of the faculty since 1974, Dr. Wells initially came to GSU as a mathematics professor, and later retrained in the field of computer science. Aside from her classroom instruction, the professor worked on curriculum development and student advising.

During her years as a faculty member Dr. Wells received a Faculty Excellence Award and GSU Alumni Association Faculty Development Awards.

Matteson chamber honors Dr. Kjos with Athena Award

The Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce named GSU Professor Diane Kjos its first recipient of the Athena Award for her service and professional contributions.

Dr. Kjos, a professor in the Division of Psychology and Counseling, was cited for her support of professional women; excellence in her profession; service to business, her profession and the community; and her creativity and initiative.

She has received numerous accolades from students for her continued support, her efforts in organizing the counseling lab that gives graduate



Dr. Diane Kjos

students experience with clients in a professional setting, and her work as moderator of the Counseling Club.

Dr. Kjos also is widely respected for her writings and presentations focusing on career changes and lifestyles. She joined the GSU staff in 1983 as an outreach counselor, and she administered a 1985 grant from the Depart-

ment of Commerce and Community Affairs for assessment services for the unemployed and underemployed. She accepted a professorial position in 1988.

She will serve this year as president of the Illinois Counseling Association. She previously has been an area leader for United Way.

Strategic plan outlines major goals

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The strategic plan, which will drive the efforts of the university, also focuses on teaching, diversity, technology and service.

Goal I: Make quality higher education accessible to groups historically underserved. Achieve an appropriate balance, maintaining both quality and access.

The objective is to understand and strengthen the university's teaching/learning "environment."

Goal II: Integrate cultural diversity into every facet of university life, not as an end in itself, but as an opportunity to build a sense of shared purpose (community).

The objectives are to increase diversity of faculty, staff and students, and to provide opportunities for them to be involved with diverse cultures. Also, to broaden their thinking or philosophies through the curricula and other programs.

Goal III: Make informational tech-

nologies (including instructional and distance learning technologies) available to and utilized by all units throughout the university. Objectives include developing a comprehensive informational technology infrastructure to give base-line service for GSU personnel, and to facilitate the use of informational technology at the various levels of individual need in each academic unit.

Goal IV: Expand GSU's service connection with the region to assist in economic, social and educational development and provide staff and students with "real world" problem-solving/learning experiences.

The objectives are to encourage faculty/staff connections with the region, broaden students' educational experiences with the region, and increase external community involvement with the academic programs.

The provost noted that units are developing five-year plans to give linkage to the strategic plan.

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TV correspondent, journalist are '95 honorary doctorate recipients

Governors State University will award honorary doctorates to 1995 commencement speakers **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**, national correspondent for "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" and **William Raspberry**, a columnist for *The Washington Post*.

Hunter-Gault will address students on Saturday, June 3, from the College of Health Professions, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts degree program. Raspberry will address students Sunday, June 4, from the College of Education and the College of Business and Public Administration.

Hunter-Gault began her career with "The MacNeil/Lehrer Report" as a correspondent in 1978 following 10 years on the staff of *The New York Times*.

Her work with the public television program has won her numerous honors, including the National Association of Black Journalists "Journalist of the Year" award in 1986, the Sidney Hillman Award in 1990 for her six-part series "Out of Reach: People at



Charlayne Hunter-Gault

the Bottom."

Also, the George Foster Peabody Broadcast Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism for "Apartheid's People," a series on South Africa; and Emmy Awards for her coverage of the American invasion of Grenada, and for her report on the ordeal of the son of U.S. **Admiral Elmo Zumwalt** who suffered from the effects of Agent Orange while serving under his father's command.

Raspberry is the urban affairs columnist for *The Washington Post*. His columns also are syndicated in 203 newspapers across the country. In 1994, Raspberry won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary for his columns covering such topics as crime, AIDS, the Nation of Islam and violent rap lyrics.

Raspberry, who has been in journalism since the 1950s, has earned the respect of journalists and readers for his independent thinking and enlightened commentary on social and political issues. He has won numerous journalistic awards and more than a dozen honorary degrees.



William Raspberry

Entrance construction completed

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A multicultural diversity center will be created, and a community college



The construction work on the university's front entrance gets finishing touches for a grand re-opening.

relations staff including a director, transfer counselors, a director of international programs and support staff will be housed there.

The Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts degree program staff will relocate from F-wing to the new entrance.

This project has faced numerous hurdles since it was first proposed. It is nearly a year behind schedule because of contractor problems followed by the replacement of several subcontractors. Despite those problems, the work has been completed at its initial \$2.2 million pricetag.

Enrollment jumps

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Part-time students continue as the vast majority of the GSU student population. Enrollment numbers show 4,900 students, or 83.4 percent, are attending part time, and 978 students, or 16.6 percent, attend GSU full time.

The undergraduate population, those completing bachelor's degrees, is 47.3 percent, and the graduate population, those completing master's degrees, is 52.7 percent.

GSU serves 3,922 female students who are 66.7 percent of the student body, and 1,956 male students who are 33.3 percent of the student population. The average ages are 32 for undergraduates and 36 for graduates.

The vast majority of Governors State's students come from the immediate Cook, Will and Kankakee County areas. Data show 4,233 students from Cook County, 931 from Will County, 305 from Kankakee County, 100 from DuPage County, 44 from Iroquois County and 35 from Grundy County. GSU enrolled 77 students from other states, and 38 students from other countries.

Wilkes honored



GSU President Paula Wolff presents James T. Wilkes (center), president of Governors Office Park, with a service plaque marking his six years as a member of the GSU Foundation. David Barr (left), president of the GSU Foundation, thanked Wilkes for his work on the SMART Center campaign. Because of Wilkes' personal contribution, and those of his former partners in the accounting firm Wilkes, Besterfield & Co., Ltd., the center's gallery lobby will be named in his honor.

Myths of the elderly dispelled for GSU nursing students

BY MARILYN THOMAS

They're slow, wrinkled, gray and sickly. Or are they?

While all these descriptions of the elderly can be true, **Molly McErlean**, an extension educator with the University of Illinois Extension Service, says seniors have a lot of positives in their lives. She tries to dispel myths through the "Walk in My Shoes" program.

McErlean shared her knowledge with gerontology nursing students in **Professor Mary Geis'** class. These students, many who care for elderly routinely in their nursing jobs, learned a few lessons thanks to McErlean's sensitivity class.

Although the senior population, the 32.3 million persons 65 and older, totals only 12.7 percent according to the last census, those age 85-plus are the fastest growing segment of the population.

There are three segments to the senior population — the 'youngold,' ages 65 to 74; 'the old,' ages 75 to 84; and the 'oldest of the old,' 85 and older, which is also the frailest.

In each instance, McErlean stresses, there are exceptions to the stereotypes. Travel, leisure activities and playing sports don't necessarily stop at age 74. And despite the strong impression, the truth is only five percent of seniors are in nursing homes.

But as Americans age, their bodies go through natural sensory changes in touch, hearing, taste and smell, and physical impairments, McErlean said.



Simulating the problems of the elderly, nursing student Valerie Beaver has difficulty opening a medicine vial.

simulate eye problems and deteriorating vision as a yellow film develops over the retina in later life. GSU students wearing these glasses had difficulty distinguishing green and blue papers.

Still wearing the glasses, the GSU students donned heavy gloves to help them recreate swollen or arthritic fingers, and were asked to open safety-capped pill bottles, take out the cotton

and reach in and retrieve the green pill. Most found it quite a chore. They were clumsy, and they couldn't immediately distinguish the pill color.

Next McErlean had them simulate being a bus passenger trying to open a rubber coin purse reaching in for two coins and then placing them back into the coin purse. "And remember," she chided, "you have three people behind you, and the young boy is asking 'What are you doing, lady?!'"

Connie Triplett of Chicago found shuffling a deck of cards and laying them out for solitaire was a series of problems. She didn't mix them well, and once the cards were down, she had difficulty picking them up. "Now I understand what my mother went through," she said.

Are you used to your elderly parent or neighbor repeatedly saying "What?" Take the hearing loss test, and you'll better understand why. **Valerie Beaver** of South Holland found that even with the help of a hearing aid she still missed one of the 10 words repeated on the tape. "This is pretty depressing," she said.

"We need to communicate for better understanding and awareness. I find the program is well received because it does that in simple ways that link families and communities," McErlean said.



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Grapevine

Retirement benefits inquiry not SURS related

Caution: The mailing you may be receiving about supplemental retirement benefits from State Employee Retirement Benefits of Little Rock, Ark., is not linked to the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) which covers GSU employees. **Judy Rathgerber** of SURS said many people believe it is a mailing from SURS but it is *not* SURS related.

Volunteers needed for cancer society bike-a-thon

Enjoy a leisurely bike ride in a pleasant setting, and help the American Cancer Society raise funds for research, education and special projects through its annual bike-a-thon fundraiser June 11. The kick-off is at 8:30 a.m. starting at The World Music Theater in Tinley Park. Riders can begin any time that morning and complete any or all of the 10-mile non-competitive ride. The goal this year is \$50,000, according to **Carol Colonnelli**, a GSU alumna who is helping coordinate the bike-a-thon for the South Cook Area Office. For details, call the cancer society office at (708) 754-2700.

Professional enrichment workshops scheduled

Dr. Cheryl Mroz (CHP) will give the April 20 program on "Health and Wellness" reviewing the key concepts of health, developing an individualized plan for health promotion and discussing alternative health care activities. **Dr. J. P. Davé** (CE) will give the April 26 program "Managing Our Stress: An Experiential Workshop." He will explore different ways of managing our physical, mental, emotional and interpersonal stress.

For information on these workshops, each meeting from noon to 4 p.m. in Room B2201, call **Kimberly Sharp** (HR) on extension 5308.

Authors, researchers honored

Browsing through the works of GSU staff at the 1st Annual Authors Recognition were (from left) Provost Wayne Hamilton, Dr. William Dodd, vice president of development and public affairs, President Paula Wolff, Dr. Richard Bradberry, director of the university library, and Dr. James Alexander, vice president of administration and planning.



Cafeteria menu

(Week of April 24-28)

DAILY—Pizza; baked potato bar.

Monday—Sausage and egg biscuit. Chicken vegetable soup, chili; tuna melt; beef Stroganoff over noodles, vegetable, roll; fresh pasta.

Tuesday—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Tortellini soup, chili; Italian beef sandwich; BBQ chicken, potato, vegetable; the wokery.

Wednesday—Egg, ham and cheese on English muffin. Cream of vegetable soup, chili; chili dog, fries; roast pork, potatoes, vegetable, roll; tuna casserole, roll.

Thursday—Egg, bacon and cheese on croissant. Potato and leek soup, chili; Johnny Rib BBQ, fries; taco salad bar; chicken Caesar salad.

Friday—Ham, egg and cheese on croissant. Tomato rice soup, chili; grilled cheese sandwich; fish dinner, au gratin potatoes, vegetable.

(Weeks of May 1-5, May 8-12)

Grill Service only

Condolences

To **Dr. David Blood** (CE) on the death of his mother April 2.

Highest increase

Employees at Governors State set a state record this year giving donations to the State and University Employees Combined Appeal.

The latest information shows GSU had the highest percentage increase of state departments with more than 399 but fewer than 1,500 employees.

In total, GSU collected \$10,251 in donations.

Employee of the Month

Alton James' pleasantries make GSU distress calls less agonizing

BY MARILYN THOMAS

What people comment about most is **Alton James'** friendliness. Whether he's giving directions or assisting a stranded motorist, James always has a pleasant word.

For James, it's just a natural. He tries to be as reassuring as possible while working diligently for the GSU employee or student in distress.

It's that winning personality that's earned James the April "Employee of the Month" award after a year on full-time detail with the Department of Public Safety (DPS). His main function is managing the escort service and parking lot detail.

James says he gets at least a half dozen calls during the week, but he can already pinpoint problem times, like when it's foggy outside and people forget to shut their lights off, or during finals week when students tend to concentrate on their tests and not on their car keys. Not only do these students tend to lock their keys in the cars, but James has run in to a few students who've left their cars running.

Student **Shuby Dewan** of Wheaton points to just such an instance in her nomination of James for special recognition. "In a hurry to get to my 7:30 p.m. class, I did not realize that I had left my car lights on. Officer James took it upon himself to find out where I was, informed me about it, escorted me to the car and waited to make sure that the car would indeed start.

"He saved me a great deal of inconvenience and warmed my heart with this unusual gesture of care. He went

beyond the call of duty to extend this courtesy to me."

Linda Ayala of the University Library staff echoed those comments in her nomination saying James is "very thoughtful and energetic and helps in all forms of distress. He gets the job done no matter what the consequences and does it with a smile.

James, who works the 4 p.m. to midnight shift, says it still surprises him that more people don't know his assistance and the service are free. At least half of the time he comes upon a problem in the parking lot, not from a request to DPS for assistance.

"People continuously tell me how I saved them from trying to get the motor club to come out, or calling a family member for help. It's really a plus when they find they don't have to go to such extremes," he explains.

Once the parking lots are pretty empty, James goes his rounds securing and locking up the D, E and F buildings before his shift ends at midnight. He's run across stragglers that want to stay and finish projects in the science labs, the media lab and the electronic imaging lab. "I have to nicely tell them time is up," he laughs.

When James started his job a year ago, he was a familiar face to many on campus. He'd worked part time as a member of the grounds crew for five years. He'd previously worked for a landscaping business.

But before that job, James completed security officer's training through Prairie State College and did security work for about six years.

The Army veteran is completing his 16th year in the Army Reserves. He also works part time four mornings a week at the Chicago Heights Head Start CEDA program. James and his wife, **Karen**, live in Chicago Heights with their children, **Crystal**, 8, and **Alton Jr.**, 4.



Alton James

SURS pensions under scrutiny

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) last year earned only .8 percent interest, although it paid \$11.3 million in investment management fees, according to published reports.

SURS covers 22,600 beneficiaries, including GSU staff and retirees. It manages the retirement fund for university employees and has been arguing repeatedly that the state has been underfunding its obligation.

In the 1994 legislative session, the Illinois Legislature approved a bailout plan for the retirement system, but SURS also is under scrutiny for its actions in lobbying for the bill's passage by organizing its own Political Action Committee (PAC) and collecting funds from retirees and businesses under contract with SURS to fund the lobbying efforts.

Although SURS representatives argue the SURS board "tries to run the fund like a business," adding that SURS does not work with state dollars, state officials countered that state monies are directly paid to SURS as employer contributions.

The SURS fund is now under scrutiny by state officials after an audit also revealed that SURS Director **Dennis Spice** received a \$7,500 bonus, as well as a \$7,000 auto allowance plus a mileage reimbursement on top of his \$120,000 annual salary; received a \$1,500 initial fee plus \$125 monthly fees to belong to the Urbana Country Club as well as \$8,000 initiation fees and \$1,980 to cover monthly dues to belong to the Champaign Country Club; was paid \$1,075 for membership in and copies of *Who's Who in American Business*; \$1,270 for three 14-carat gold tie holders used for recognition awards; \$253 for four tickets to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;" \$200 for an airline frequent flier membership.

The audit also found numerous charges for meals and rooms in excess of state allowance.

Two named recipients of CS scholarships

Annie Ware(UL) and **Lisa Barberi** are the winter trimester recipients of the Civil Service Scholarship.

This is the first time the senate has awarded two scholarships in one trimester. The decision was to select one internal and one external candidate.

Ware, who works in the technical services area of the library, is completing a second master's degree at GSU. She is a student in the Division of Psychology and Counseling preparing for a career in art therapy working with emotionally disturbed people, especially children.

"There is a great need to channel their emotions into something positive. Without some special individual to help, that emotion could be negatively released. Art therapy is a good



Annie Ware

way for children to say what's on their minds without fear." Ware has bachelor's and master's degrees in art.

She came to GSU on part-time status in 1990 working in the library's serials department, and later was offered a full-time position. She had been working at Ludeman Center in Park Forest.

Lisa Barberi, daughter of **Chris Barberi** of the Small Business Development Center, is training for a nursing profession at Lewis University. She completed a year at Western Illinois University before joining the U.S. Air Force. She worked as a medical technician during a four-year stint at David Grant Medical Center at the Travis Air Force Base in California.

Although the job was in the helping profession, Barberi said she wants to become a full-fledged nurse and do hands-on patient-care nursing, hopefully in a neo-natal unit. She is working part time at St. James Hospital and Health Centers as a nursing assistant.

Barberi is a single mom with a four-year-old daughter, **Brittany**, who is a regular at the GSU Child Care Center.

The scholarship program, established in 1988, provides monetary stipends to GSU employees, their dependents and spouses who demonstrate ability and need. GSU employees receive \$150 because of the tuition benefit. GSU employees

and students attending another accredited institution receive \$250.

Applications for the Civil Service Scholarship are available from the Department of Human Resources, or from **Marilyn**



Lisa Barberi

Thomas, chairperson of the scholarship committee, at extension 6366.

GSU mentors honored at appreciation luncheon

The Dr. Herbert D. Odom "Teaming for Success" Minority Student Mentoring Program honored the 64 staff members who have worked this academic year with 100 students.

The program, now in its second year, is designed to foster positive relationships between students and those on the GSU campus who have met with success and may now be able to share their positive influences with others.

Guest speakers at the luncheon were **Carol Fimmen**, director, and **Marisa Albert**, coordinator, of the Hispanic Program for Education Advancement and the Cross-Cultural Education Program at Western Illinois University.

Special thanks and encouragement also was offered by GSU President **Paula Wolff** and **Glen Abbott**, mentorship program coordinator.

Staff members honored are **Dr. Joseph Addison** (CAS), **Dr. James Alexander** (A&P), **Dr. Esthel Allen**

(CBPA), student **Tori Alvarez**, **Dr. Cathy Balthazar** (CHP), **Dr. Teresa Barrios-Aulet** (CAS), **Professor Pam Bax** (SD), **Dr. David Blood** (CE).

Dr. William Boline (CHP), **Dr. Richard Bradberry** (UL), **Ginni Burghardt** (AR), **Dr. Patricia Carter** (SAS), **Dr. Edwin Cehelnik** (CAS), **Professor Clementine Coleman** (CHP), **Professor Burton Collins** (CE), **Dr. Judy Cooney** (CE), **Bill Craig** (ASR), **Tommy Dascenzo** (SL).

Dr. William Dodd (DPA), **Peg Donohue** (PROV), **Professor Constance Edwards** (CHP), **Dr. Efraim Gil** (CBPA), **Dr. Sonny Goldenstein** (CAS), **Judith Gustawson** (AA), **Dr. Wayne Hamilton** (PROV), **Dr. Linda Heiser** (PO), **Dr. Glenna Howell** (CE).

Dora Hubbard (REG), **Dr. Joyce Kennedy-Hayes** (CAS), **Lamonda Kidd** (SL), **Dr. Mohammed Kishta** (CAS), **Dr. Ana Kong** (CAS), **Professor Pat Koutouzos** (CAS), **Dr. Shelly**

Kumar (CAS), **Dr. Annie Lawrence** (CHP), **Dr. Larry Levinson** (CAS), **Dr. Jagan Lingamneni** (CAS), **Dr. Jay Lubinsky** (CHP), **Professor Kelly McCarthy** (SD).

Dr. Prince McLemore, **Dr. Cheryl Mejta** (CHP), **Salvador Mendoza** (ASR), **Dr. Sonya Monroe** (CHP), **Dr. Maribeth Montgomery-Kasik** (CE), **Dr. Joyce Morishita** (CAS), **Dr. Roger K. Oden** (CAS), **Dr. David Parmenter** (CBPA), **Dr. Walter Perkins** (CAS), **Dr. David** (CE), **Professor Robert Press** (CE), **Dr. Michael Purdy** (CAS).

Dr. Vinicio Reyes (CE), **Dr. Sang-O Rhee** (CHP), **Dr. Cecilia Rokusek** (CHP), **Dr. Ami Wang** (CHP), **Dr. Jane Wells** (PROV), **Dr. Sandra Whitaker** (CE), **Dr. Bill Wilkinson** (CBPA), **President Paula Wolff**, **Dr. Peggy Woodard** (SD), **Dr. Lee Zaborowski** (CELCS), **Professor Pam Zener** (SD), **Connie Zonka** (PA).

Public Safety, CBPA projects take top '95 PQP Award honors

The 1995 winners of the 1995 PQP Bonus Awards were "The Learning Loop" project submitted by **Dr. Mary Howes** for the College of Business and Public Administration, and the establishment of a student patrol submitted by **Chief Phil Orawiec** for the Department of Public Safety.

CBPA received \$4,000 and DPS \$1,000.

President Paula Wolff and the University Budget Committee reviewed applications and selected projects that met the goals and criteria. Finalists were then judged by a special subcommittee of the GSU Foundation.

The 1995 selection committee included GSU Foundation members **Patrick Ormsby, Michael Lowenthal, Robert Solomon and Churl-Soo Suk**

"Our committee unanimously endorses the entire PQP Award initiative. We believe that all the projects were laudable. Every participant made genuine, and indeed successful, efforts to improve quality and productivity," Ormsby said. "The winners were those who did the best job at structuring their projects so that measurable results could be demonstrated and reported."

The Learning Loop was designed to expand the implementation of continuous improvement processes in CBPA through specially designed college, discipline and course projects.

CBPA now is measuring student outcomes using the Educational Testing Service Business Administration Assessment. CBPA also has put into place a curriculum review process for each discipline that takes into account employers' perceptions.

At the course level, fast feedback forms are used to survey students on a continuous basis and systematic instructor responses to these student concerns.

"The Learning Loop was developed out of faculty interests in continuous improvement in the classroom and the need to improve both teaching and



President Paula Wolff (right) congratulates Phil Orawiec and CBPA Dean Esthel Allen on their outstanding PQP projects.

learning in order to become more competitive and thereby build enrollment and credit hours," explained CBPA **Dean Esthel Allen**.

After nearly a year, the results are good, and she expects the process to continue for the next several years.

The student patrol was the Department of Public Safety's way of meeting continuous staffing needs. When fully active, DPS had four student patrol members, several of whom were students in the criminal justice program.

"We use them for parking lot patrol, special escorts, building surveillance. They're another set of eyes and ears for us," Orawiec explained.

Because they were given non-police enforcement positions, DPS was able to get the student patrol members official police training in police/medic courses and Community Service Officers School.

"We may be our own worst enemy," Orawiec reflected, "because two of the patrol members have been hired into security/law enforcement positions in the community."

The 1996 PQP Awards deadline is May 15. For additional information, call the President's Office at extension 4130.

Professors Weeks, Peterson complete doctoral degrees

The long hours and hard work are behind them, so congratulations are in order for two professors who recently were awarded doctoral degrees.

Dr. Kenneth Weeks (CBPA) was awarded a doctorate of business administration from Indiana University for his work on the use of electronic mail and other communications devices for negotiations. His dissertation topic is "Media Choice in Strategic Networking: An Exploratory Study of Communications."

At GSU, Dr. Weeks is a professor of management information systems (MIS).

Dr. Karen Peterson (CE) was awarded an education doctorate in educational administration from Vanderbilt University for her work in examining three premier teacher-mentor programs at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, the University of Colorado at Greeley and North Carolina State University in Raleigh. The program pairs beginning teachers with experienced teachers in a kind of buddy system that helps ease them into teaching and the administrative operations of schools. Her dissertation topic is "Teacher Induction: A Comparative Analysis of Three Exemplary Collaborative Programs."

At GSU, Dr. Peterson is teaching education courses and was responsible in 1993 for establishing GSU's teacher-mentor program, which has more than doubled.

Using the teacher-mentor model, GSU also instituted a teacher-administrator program for new school administrators directed by **Professor Kenneth Peterson**.

Registration on

Registration for the spring/summer trimester will continue through May 20. All registrations are accepted by telephone. For details call the GSU Registrar's Office at (708) 534-4500.