**Kindergarten teacher receives honorary doctorate at GSU commencement**

By Corrie Gray
Contributing Writer

It was a beautiful day for a commencement ceremony. The sun shone brightly, the birds were chirping and there was a euphoric feeling in the air as graduates proceeded into the auditorium for Governors State University’s graduation ceremony held last Saturday at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

The university awarded nearly 700 graduates with degrees from its bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate programs. Excellence Award recipient Dr. Taida Kelly congratulated the graduates and shared with them a letter given to her by honorary doctorate recipient Vivian Gussin Paley Oef't)

You may have heard about the success of our school’s latest foray into intercollegiate sports competition via our table tennis team, but did you know that some of the players and one of the coaches are also very accomplished in aquatic arts?

Ting Li and Shuyu Guo are both on the GSU table tennis team. However, they are both currently also receiving American Red Cross lifeguard training and will soon be eligible to be employed as lifeguards for the GSU swimming pool.

Other table tennis stars are also getting aquatic training. Team member Jie Wang and coach Hongliu Cao are also enrolled in Student Life’s advanced adults Saturday morning swim classes.

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**CAS welcomes new dean**

By Kimberly Snapp
Contributing Writer

During the summer semester you will be seeing many new faces on campus. One of importance is Doctor Reinhold Hill, new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Hill will begin mid June, bringing a tremendous amount of experience to the table.

“Dr. Reinhold Hill has a very strong record in building programs and quality improvement in a state university environment,” said Provost Terry Allison. “He will be a strong intellectual leader of the College of Arts and Sciences.”

Hill is currently the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Science at Ferris State University located in Big Rapids, MI.

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WE’RE HIRING!

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Vivian Gussin Paley was presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Gussin Paley is the only kindergarten teacher to receive a MacArthur Fellowship (Genius Grant) and in 1997 her book, “The Girl with the Brown Crayon,” warned the Harvard University Press Virginia and Warren Stone Prize as the outstanding book about education and society.

Gussin Paley, whose recent work focuses on the importance of storytelling and fantasy play in the academic and social growth of children, addressed the commonality between the graduating class and children entering school for the first time. She encouraged graduates to embrace their inner child. “You can’t say that you can’t play,” said Gussin Paley.

As the Class of 2011 moves forward, many of the graduates said they plan to venture into GSU’s master degree programs. Severin Konan, who graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, has already begun graduate work at GSU.

“My plan is to complete my masters and pursue my ultimate goal of becoming a certified public accountant,” Konan said.

Corey Bowen, who also earned his Bachelor of Arts, echoed Konan, “This was a great experience. I am glad that it is over with. Next I will return to GSU to work on my masters in social work.”

Surrounded by her husband and two adult daughters, Lois Marshall of Matteson, recipient of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary studies, recalled the ups and downs of her academic journey.

“I am so excited. I never thought that this day would come. It has been twenty years in the making. I just want to enjoy this. Then I will consider going back for a master’s. There is no better university than GSU.”
Farmer's Market Returns

Visit the GSU Farmers Market y with locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products.

The market runs from 1 to 6 p.m., outside the main entrance and will be open every Thursday afternoon through September.

New dean

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He has lived abroad in Austria, Germany, and Italy where he graduated from high school.

Dr. Hill has a B.A. in Communications with a minor in English from Bringham Young University, as well as an M.A. in English with a folklore emphasis from University of Southwestern Louisiana. He received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Missouri.

Dr. Hill agreed with Allison's statement saying, "I was attracted to the position of Dean of Arts and Sciences at Governors State University by GSU’s history of innovation in education, the opportunity presented to work with the faculty of the college to develop new programs and to grow programs."

He currently has a project for a book under way involving developing learner-centered programs that to help students develop their independence, creativity, and critical thinking. This fits in perfectly for GSU’s mission.

With that in mind Dr. Hill shared his goals for GSU in the near future, "My main goal for the first six months is to become familiar with the faculty and programs of the College of Arts and Sciences, to work with the faculty to identify and develop new programs, to increase enrollment in CAS programs, and to promote the College of Arts and Sciences to internal and external audiences."

If you are on campus over summer-break and run into Dr. Hill make him feel welcome and show him what a well rounded student body he will be working with at Governors State University.

Chicago ties to famous architects subject of GSU lecture series

By Kimberly Snapp
Contributing Writer

While you are soaking up rays on the lakefront, or strolling the Magnificent this summer, take a closer look around. You will be surprised at the fascinating architectural work developed by two prolific architects—Daniel Burnham and Ed Bennett. Burnham and Bennett plotted and crafted many of the parks and recreation spots enjoyed by citizens and tourists in downtown Chicago. The work of these gifted artists was discussed in a lecture series featured at GSU this past spring semester.

Jennifer Masengarb of the Chicago Architectural Foundation presented the lecture entitled 1900 Plan of Chicago: Burnham's impact on the architectural and spatial development of the city in GSU’s Sherman Hall. Masengarb is the Senior Manager of Educational Research at the foundation.

Professor Larry Levinson, who teaches political science, introduced Masengarb and the importance of the lecture series in these words, "We need to be aware of the fact we do not live in a bubble."

Networking, housing, transportation, industry, and culture were the main points covered by Masengarb. These were used to describe why an architectural plan such as Daniel Burnham's and Ed Bennett's was important to the developing city in the 1900's. Burnham is also famous for the New York Flatiron Building and Union Station in Washington DC, as well as 1893’s World’s Fair.

From 1840-1930 the Chicago population nearly doubled every 10 years and caused for much congestion in the city, during this time the Chicago fire wiped out 1/3 of the city’s buildings and almost all of the business district. These two situations led to a need for a different kind of development.

Masengarb also described how this time was full of unsanitary conditions. This led to Burnham’s model of the “City Beautiful Movement.” Masengarb described Burnham’s vision as, “striving to create order out of chaos.”

Masengarb quoted Burnham saying, “The spirit of Chicago is our greatest asset.” She described his vision and vocabulary usage for the plan as, “biblical language.”

Burnham only had 30 months to pull off his plan that included the creation of a cultural civic center, improvement in the railroad system, the development of a highway system, arranging a set of systemic streets, and improving the lakefront. In the end it took twice as long to complete and cost twice as much as he expected.

During this time water was mainly used for industry or as a place for the wealthy. Burnham wanted at least 16 miles of open lakefront for everyone's recreational usage. This was a large differentiator for the city at the time. A vision with “dream like qualities,” was how Masengarb illustrated it.

You can see the effects Burnham and Bennett’s plan had on Chicago just by looking around the city today. There are two levels of traffic with the trucks making deliveries on the bottom and other traffic on top as well as the L lines. Grant Park was also a development that came out of the plan. Although the Field Museum was originally planned to be on Michigan Ave and Roosevelt, it was also part of the plan.

The Northerly Island, Jackson Park, and Navy Pier were also parts of the plan allowing the community to utilize the lake. Masengarb described this as, “The biggest legacy, lakefront for the people.”

While you are visiting the city during your free time in the summer, take a look around and think about all the planning that went into every aspect of the city. It wasn’t something that just came together overtime. It was well thought out many years ago for the people of Chicago and visitors worldwide.
GSU embraces military students on campus

By Elicia Frelix
Contributing Writer

For many years military students have been welcomed on the campus of Governors State. Students have come from military bases from all over the country to attend classes/online. Many of the classes for most students are accessible online. This versatility is very important to the students coming off of military duty or on reserve status.

‘Daytime, night time, online. GSU course offerings allows flexibility within my schedule.’

-- Charles Frelix
IDSS

Governors State prides itself in offering service members an opportunity to finish a bachelor's degree by giving credit for military training and other college courses by applying prior credits and learning experiences toward your B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDSS). This can be done by having your SMART, AARTS or the CCAF military transcripts evaluated by your advisor. Attendance on campus is not required to complete the B.A. in IDSS.

There are many other disciplines and degree study programs that enticing to the veterans on campus such as the Nursing degree program in the College of Public Health and the Education degree program in the College of Education. In fact, Governors State University waives the application fee for veterans and service members. Most veterans have a positive outlook on the campus as a whole.

GSU Kicks Off New Golf League

By Corrie Gray

If you want to get into the swing of things this summer, the GSU golf league has the solution for you.

The group meets at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Golf Vista, 5001 W. Augusta Blvd. The cost is $5 for nine holes. If you want a cart it is an additional $10. Participants need to bring their own clubs but all skill levels are welcome.

Hollie Campbell who coordinates the program said that golf is a great sport, good exercise, and a wonderful way to spend time with family and friends outdoors.

"My husband is an avid golfer, I had to learn the game or become a golf widow," said Campbell.

Anyone interested should contact Campbell in advance at hcampbell@govst.edu or 708-235-7595. She will then send an email out each Tuesday confirming that the game is on, weather permitting. The league plays through September 6.

The weekly games are mostly for fun, but the season culminates with a competitive tournament, the second annual Dave Dreschel Golf Outing.

The winner of the tournament receives a trophy in honor of Dave Dreschel, former Human Resource Benefits Manager, who coordinated the league prior to Campbell. The winner keeps the trophy for the year until the next competition. Last year’s competition was won by Executive Vice President, Gebe Ejigu.

Maybe this year the trophy goes home with you.
Independent Film Review: The Double Hour

By Leah Chapman
Contributing Writer

Giuseppe Capotondi's The Double Hour beautifully illustrates the relationships between reality, love, and the idea of fate, while providing an interesting perspective regarding Italian culture, values, and norms.

This psychological thriller contained an utterly perplexing narrative which focused on the paranoid alternate reality of the main character, Sonia, (Kseniya Rappoport) after a traumatic and violent event. As the film progresses, we understand that Sonia is a chambermaid for an upscale hotel. Her life is anything but exciting, except for the daily routines of her job and the pretentious, rude guests that regularly visit. Upon meeting Guido, (Filippo Timi) at a speed-dating event, Sonia learns that he is a security guard for an art collector's mansion.

Proving that he is interested, Guido brings her to the mansion in hopes of a having an intimate love affair without any interruption. All of these actions prove to be rather planned and coincidental due to the fact that the mansion is robbed at the moment just before they kiss. Both “lovers” are tied up and forced to watch all of the masked thieves steal numerous valuables. Seeing that Sonia might get raped, Guido risks his life to protect her, which ultimately leads to his death.

The film then cuts to several weeks later when Sonia has reluctantly returned to work after attending Guido's funeral. As the days pass, Sonia begins to notice several strange and bizarre nuances exuding from several different aspects of her life. She starts to see Guido on hotel security cameras, hear music that he once played for her in his car, and even feel his ghostly presence in her sleep. A final event that almost leads Sonia to her demise is the suicide of her best friend. This is where the narrative becomes absolutely enthralling and turns everything upside down. Even though time within the film has become more and more disorienting, it is here that we realize the truth in the film’s reality. Sonia has been in a coma the entire time and has been dreaming and envisioning everything. With this revelation, the story begins to solidify and every detail seems more connected than before.

At this point in the film, it is also revealed that Sonia knew all along about Guido, and actually tracked him down. She was part of the overall scheme to steal valuables from the mansion to begin with and used her body to seduce an innocent man looking for love. To top it all off, she leaves Guido and escapes to Buenos Aires with her real boyfriend.

Although the film had a rather sad ending, it proved to be quite intriguing and tremendously profound. The narrative, despite being complicated, proved to be well rounded and complete. The characters were believable and the acting for both leads was superb. I really enjoyed the film and would definitely watch it again.

3 out of 4 stars

Directed by: Giuseppe Capotondi
Running Time: 1 hour 36 minutes
Country: Italy

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REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER NOW OPEN!

Scholarship applications for Fall Semester are available!

Application deadline is *June 20, 2011*

To view the list of available scholarships and application criteria, visit the GSU website at www.govst.edu and select “scholarships” from the Registration and Financial Aid drop down menu.
Long-time GSU faculty look forward to retirement

Two women who have helped shape Governors State University for the past two decades are among several faculty and staff retiring this summer. The Phoenix profiles Diane Dates Casey, Dean of Library Services, and Jan Engle of the Center for Online Teaching.

Dean of Library Services retiring after 18 years with GSU

By Tara Brown
Contributing Writer

Diane Dates Casey, who has served as Dean of Library Services and oversaw the library's transition into the digital age, is retiring from GSU after 18 years of service.

Under Casey's leadership, several accomplishments have been made. Paul Blobaum, Associate Professor of Library Science, points out that Casey provided leadership to the University Library through an era of rapid change and great financial challenges.

Casey arrived at the GSU campus in the early 1990s well-equipped to handle those challenges with three master degrees under her belt. "Well, English literature was first, I just got really interested in literature particularly theological themes, after that master's degree. I had kids and did a lot of volunteering in the church teaching Sunday school," Casey said.

Being very involved in the church is what led Casey to fulfill her calling of going into the ministry upon receiving her second graduate degree, a Master of Divinity, from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Casey said: "I had hit the glass ceiling," she said. After not being able to move on to a bigger church, Casey earned her Master of Library Science at Kent State University in Ohio and upon her graduation, she and her husband relocated to Oak Lawn. By 1993 Diane was working at GSU and has since been using her knowledge to enrich the GSU library.

"From my perspective the literature degree was focusing on text. But the theological degree was also focused on text, but helping people with their faith, their journey with faith, and helping them cope with personal issues in their lives. And librarianship again is working with text, but also working with people, helping them with class assignments and research," Casey said.

Not only has Casey been beneficial to GSU's students directly, under her leadership several noteworthy accomplishments have been made. Blobaum gave an account of these accomplishments:

The library implemented its first online internet based data bases in 1999, and by 2003 the library cancelled most of its print journal formats in order to focus on digital access. Under Casey's leadership as Dean of the University Library and Academic Computing, the library provided leadership to plan and implement smart classrooms, digital computing policies, and copyright and intellectual property policies. During this time the library also expanded services such as digitalized archival documents, and established a digital repository, GSU Vault.

Casey was instrumental in the library's continued designation as a Government Depository Library for the State of Illinois and also Federal Government Printing Office.

She successfully transitioned the library from print to online formats for government documents as well. Under her leadership the library provided support to newly established Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, and served on its advisory board. She also served on many committees, gave many presentations and published numerous scholarly articles.

During her tenure, the library joined the National Network of the National Library of Medicine. Under her leadership, the library implemented its first public program by hosting a traveling exhibit "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians" which originated at the National Library. She established the Friends of the Library group and an Advisory Board in collaboration with the GSU Foundation, and supported its ambitious plans for public programs and fund raising efforts.

The move from print to digital is perhaps the most significant change that Casey has seen during her career.

"I think the biggest difference is the movement of so much material information onto the web. I would say when I first started the web was hardly there it was all print based. The biggest change is that it has all moved into databasing vs. annual volumes," she said.

Casey's retirement is a change for GSU and her leadership will be difficult to replace.

"Without her being here it's going to be an adjustment. We've known Diane for a long time. To get someone new on board for the leadership role it takes time to get to know the new person and of course we welcome her replacement and will be supportive as possible," said Lydia Morrow-Ruetten, Professor of Library Science Head of Serials/Acquisitions.

"Diane has always had time for her staff's questions and she's mentored a number of her civil service staff. More than other deans that we've had, she looked to the whole staff for leadership. She doesn't just look to one group," said Susan Bell, a library operations associate.

Casey is looking forward to her retirement, "I would like to be able to get up, get a cup of coffee, and go out on the deck and read.

She is also looking forward to doing the things that she enjoys, gardening, playing the piano, visiting with family from Ohio and New York State and especially having more time to volunteer at her church. But she will also miss the faculty, staff, students, working with the database, and checking out books that look interesting.

"I appreciate the opportunity to have worked here for so many years. I really resonate with GSU's mission and being able to help the under­ served and assisting them to reach their dreams through education," she said.

A reception honoring Casey upon her retirement will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. today, June 8, in the lobby of the Center for Performing Arts.

Share your creativity with the GSU community

Take center stage at the GSU Writers Ink Open Mic event on Thursday, June 9, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Everyone is invited to participate. Read original poetry, short stories, or excerpts from longer creative works, or perform an original song. If you don't want to perform, join the audience. Bring your lunch.

For more information, contact Lydia Morrow Ruetten at ext: 4116.
Instructional Developer retires after two decades on GSU campus

By Evan Dozier
Contributing Writer

When one thinks of hard work and dedication in a field of expertise, Janet A. Engle, Instructional Developer at Governors State University, is a fine example. She has enjoyed two decades at GSU, first as a student and later a teacher in addictions studies. But most now know her as an expert in developing and teaching online courses with the university’s Center for Online Teaching.

But Engle, who retired May 31, is now taking a break from those long hours in front of the computer. “I am looking forward to spending a lot more time with and showing my horse, Annie,” she said. What a thing to look forward to after such an interesting career span, one that has had a positive and progressive effect on the educational experience at GSU.

Janet Engle was born in Junction City, Kansas and grew up there and in Missouri. She attended Lindenwood University in Missouri with a major in psychology. Engle then worked 20 plus years in the private sector, focusing mainly on information systems management.

In 1990 she went back to college enrolling at GSU to earn a Master’s Degree in Counseling and Addiction Studies. Engle worked as a graduate assistant in the Addiction Studies Program. After graduating, she came back to the university to work on the program as the Director of Training for the Addiction Technology Transfer Center. It was funded by a major federal grant. When the grant ended Engle continued working for the College of Health Professions as the Special Projects manager. At the same time, Engle also taught a variety of courses for the Master’s in Addiction Studies Program.

Back in 2000, she was asked to redevelop a correspondence course for the Addiction Studies Program, right around the time WebCT was introduced to GSU. She offered to redevelop it as a fully online course. She did this with the intention of providing students the ability to easily communicate with the instructor and fellow students alike. Engle believed that doing this would offer much improvement in the course, making a comparison to isolated correspondence courses. “The rest, as they say, was history,” she said.

She taught the course and became fascinated with the potential that the online environment provided for exceptional, engaging learning experiences. Engle was aware that she needed to better understand the new learning environment and details of online learning. At that time, she searched and found a fully online Master’s degree in Online Teaching that was offered by California State University at Eastbay, while still teaching the original course. She then developed a new course called ‘Introduction to Online Learning’ at Governors State. It was developed as part of her Master’s degree final project. This course earned her the first of three Blackboard Exemplary Course awards.

GSU formed the Center for Online Teaching and Learning shortly after Engle completed her Master’s from Cal State. After being recruited to join the center, she moved into her current position from the College of Health Professions in 2004. Within seven years, Engle created the Certificate in Online Teaching. It is a four-course graduate certificate that prepares faculty to design and teach online courses. The other two Blackboard Exemplary Course awards went to two of the four courses in this sequence. Engle has delivered many faculty workshops, developed and co-developed over 20 online courses, and presented at a number of regional, national and international conferences.

After all that high-tech teaching time, Engle has earned some time away from computers and classes. Now it is time to enjoy some low-tech horseback riding.

Steve’s Reviews
What did you expect from the Vaccines?
Debut album by London-based The Vaccines

London based band, The Vaccines, have released their debut album entitled What Did You Expect from The Vaccines? Here’s what you can expect from The Vaccines debut album, a couple of fun summer-ready songs mixed in with a half hour of music that is either vanilla or annoying.

“Wreckin’ Bar (Ra Ra Ra)” and “Nargaard” are two tracks that show how great this band could be, both are simple and fun pop-rock songs that are actually fun. However, it feels like someone decided that the album would be just way too much fun for human ears so they inserted the pure annoyances “Blow It Up” and “Wetsuit” to save our minds from absorbing too much enjoyable music.

The biggest problem in the worst tracks on the albums is the lead vocals. The lead singer’s voice takes the simplistic lyrics and turns them into a boring mess on these tracks. On the better tracks the vocals are actually good so hopefully his voice will become more consistent in future projects.

Even though I had no prior impression of the band I still felt disappointed by this album. There is undeniable talent in this group but it feels wasted here. Hopefully, with better song choices and good old fashioned musical maturity and growth this group will put out better material.

While I am giving this album a low score, I am not quite ready to give up on this band. If The Vaccines inject some more energy into their music and don’t stagnate they can become a great band.

1 ½ stars out of 4
Crossword: solutions found on pg. 5

ACROSS
1. Accumulate
6. Easy gait
10. Not front
14. Donnybrook
15. Winged
16. Wings
17. alia
18. Prefix meaning "After" or "Beyond"
19. A title of address
20. Promising
22. A ship's beam
23. "I knew it!"
24. Things that happen
26. Ring of color around the nipple
30. Excellence
32. Happy cat sound
33. Journey
35. Hemorrhagic fever
39. Parisian river
41. Muhammad
42. Merchandise
43. An analytic literary composition
44. Between the head and shoulders
46. Jump
47. Mixed-blood
49. Stockings
51. Admission
54. Behold
55. Gosh!
56. A type of cooking utensil
63. Adjoin
64. Tropical root
65. Cloth from flax
66. Entreaty
67. Ill
68. Chose
69. Inform
70. Ultimatum ender
71. Noxious plants

DOWN
1. Dogfish
2. List of choices
3. Anagram of "Salt"
4. Leak slowly
5. Consecutive
6. Female demon
7. Margarine
8. Maori club
9. Found at the end of a pencil
10. What they play in the NBA
11. Unearthly
12. Mark of insertion
13. Beams on ships
21. Talk
25. Scene
26. Basilica area
27. Regrets
28. Goddess of discord (Greek mythology)
29. Decorative
30. Units of distance
31. Very imposing or impressive
32. Hindu princess
33. Chocolate cookie
34. Not fat
35. Vipers
40. Visual organs
45. Leg joint
46. Spreads sleeping sickness
50. The color of the sun
51. Customize
52. Not satellite TV
53. Vicious
54. Fumes
57. Wood fastener
58. Circle fragments
59. Squeegee
60. Initial wager
61. Marsh plant
62. Concludes

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 Advance registration is required. Visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MWR93KS.

Summer meditation sessions will be offered on Thursdays through August 4, from noon to 1 p.m., in D34090. The sessions are free and everyone is welcome.

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