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This Week at GSU

"Lotus 1-2-3 Release 2 Introduction," workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and continuing on Jan. 19.

College of Arts & Sciences "Chats with the Dean," 12:30 p.m., and again at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 and at 3:15 p.m. on Jan. 19.

AIDS Education Program for Employees, 3:30 p.m., Rm. F1200.

Board of Governors Meeting: Chicago State University

"Credit Through Evaluation of Experiential Learning (CEEL) Portfolio Development Seminar, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Rm. F1300.

"Introduction to AutoCAD" workshop, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Feb. 4.

Board of Governors (BOG) Degree Program Portfolio Development Seminar, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall.

"Displaywrite 4" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays through Jan. 28.

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GSU to be site for Sen. Simon's public forum

U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., will hold a public forum in the GSU Theatre at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 30. The forum will be held specifically for residents of Rich Township but others also are free to attend.

According to Charles C. Barnett, public functions supervisor for the university, the event will be as informal as possible.

"Through experience they have discovered this is the best method for obtaining the desired output from residents on area and national concerns," Barnett explained.

The Scheduling Office and Physical Plant Operations will act as hosts.
Faculty Feature

Prof's economic theory impacts health costs

By Marilyn Thomas

Economics. Is it really all dollars and cents? Well, yes -- in theory anyway. And it's the theories that Dr. Brian Malec presents to his students in the College of Health Professions.

Health economics may not be what many of us care to sink our teeth into, but what Malec is teaching his students will have an impact on all of us who seek health care. What a hospital charges you for that care produces revenue, and how it relies on those revenues and outside income sources, or how it begins to diversify its interests for new funding sources, are all theories Malec presents in his health economics classes.

"Much of what the health economist does is analyze systems and make suggestions to policy makers," he explained. "Here at GSU we're helping our students become informed consumers of economic data. I know many of them are already working in the field. What I'm trying to get them to do is move out of their very specific area or office and take a look at the whole health care institution and its functions."

For many years, hospitals didn't take that kind of in-depth look internally, nor did they have to look at state and national pictures. Often they were comfortable in their own areas serving their local communities.

But with the proliferation of state and federal programs, changes in insurance policies, the beginnings of HMOs, and increased competition coupled with the massive inflation of the 1970s, hospital administrators were forced to sit up, take notice, and begin developing new strategies, Malec said.

It was about that time that the junior high school teacher enrolled at Governors State University in 1974 while the finishing touches were put on the GSU building. From 1974 to 1978 Malec served as instructional/program coordinator.

"Most people don't realize the health administration program has been a part of GSU since its inception," he said. "And today we're the only health administration program in the state universities system, and we're recognized nationally because the program's accredited."

The health professions field is constantly changing because of new discoveries and technologies, and Malec recognizes that. He's pushed hard for MIS (management information systems) to be part of the core curriculum in health administration, and in 1986 MIS became a program mandate.
The Grapevine

Faculty works on exhibit in one gallery art show

Peer into the Infinity Gallery and the first thing to catch your eye might be the bright colors on Dr. Joyce Morishita’s oil painting. But don’t be shy. There’s lots more to see in this small space this month.

For the first time all of the art faculty are exhibiting their works together in the January “Faculty Art Show” open from 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for the entire month.

“It’s been typical for us to have two shows -- art in the Art Gallery and photography in the Infinity Gallery,” Dr. Morishita explained. “But the Art Gallery is closed right now, so we’re combining.”

It's also the art faculty’s way of formally coming together for the sense of GSU having one comprehensive art program, she added.

Because the Infinity Gallery is a smaller space, there were some restrictions on what could be shown. But there should be something to suit everyone’s tastes among the more than two dozen works.

Exhibitors are painter Morishita, photographers Professor Jay Boersma and Professor Paul Schranz, printmaker Professor Mary Bookwalter, sculptor Joseph Rejholc, and ceramic sculptor Richard dePiro.

Faculty, staff, students join in King memorial

The thought-provoking program honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. brought together faculty, staff and students from all areas of the university.

The moderator for the program was graduate student Sarah Love, who was joined by a cast of “character actors” who discussed their philosophies on human nature and human rights.

Mary Ellen Fawk of the Board of Governors Degree Program staff read selected writings of Henry David Thoreau.

Graduate student Gary Millsap gave Jesus Christ’s “Sermon on the Mount” of the eight beatitudes.

Dr. Jagan Lingamneni of the College of Business and Public Administration portrayed India’s Mohandas Gandhi (complete with white robe and cane) and delivered Gandhi’s words before a court judge on the contemptuous nature of British-imposed laws that allowed for human exploitation.

Professor Tony Labriola of the Instructional Communications Center staff read letters from prison by German Lutheran Minister Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was arrested and later executed by the Nazis for his stand against Hitler’s Jewish policies.

William Smith, a recruitment counselor in the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment, portrayed Dr. Martin Luther King. After each of the special “guests” spoke, he (Dr. King) talked of encounters he had faced that paralleled happenings affecting one of these influential leaders, or how he (Dr. King) was affected by their teachings.

Program coordinators were Dr. Richard Venneri, dean of special programs and continuing education, Dr. Joyce Verrett, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Board of Governors administrative fellow assigned to the Office of the Provost.

Special guest speaker for the day was Rev. George Edgar Reddick of Operation PUSH.

Two senior groups say "thanks" for decorations

"Thank you" notes have been received from Peotone Bensenville Home and from Applewood Living Center for holiday decorations donated by the university.

Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations (belated) to the following employees of Governors State University who celebrated their anniversaries of employment in December.

1970 Florence Dunson (ACS).
1971 Jacob Liao (ICC), Louise Brown (REG).
1972 Beatrice Grant (ASR).
1973 Peter Yaus (PPO), Sonya Monroe (CHP).
1975 Gloria Chu (BO).
1978 Gary Fisk (ICC), Laverne Bennett (REG).
1979 Mary (Polly) Bernd (SPCE).
1980 Geraldine Kerestes (UL).
1981 Laird Harty (UPS), Dorothy Legge (REG), Joseph Addison (CAS), Kathleen Czyz (SAS), Tony Labriola (ICC), Roger Paris (SPCE).
1982 Chander Jain (UL).
1983 Carol Harris (SPCE), Peggy Woodard (SD).
1984 Catherine Borem (CBPA), Audrey Simpson (ASR).

Also congratulations to January anniversary celebrants.

1971 Betty Leving (CE), Robert Press (CE), Shirley Ramirez (PROV).
1972 Andy Lokos (MR), Evelyn Pegues (CBPA).
1975 Franchon Lindsay (PERS).
1976 Teresa Marcus (SD).
1977 Arthur Bourgeois (CAS), Virginia Lenart (CE), Mary Salander (UL).
1979 William Toner (CBPA), Lisa Chang (CE), Michael Dimitroff (CE).
1982 Jay Boersma (CAS).
1984 Charles DeBrizzio (PPO), Leda Lance (ICC).

Telephone books available

Chicago consumer and business telephone directories are available from the switchboard operator.
Books! Books! Books!
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return of students Jan. 9.

"The students were very good about it though," Varnet said.

There's a new floor plan now. The information desk has been moved nearer to the main entrance "to enhance the visual contact with students," Varnet explained. The stacks have been reversed from short aisles east-west to longer aisles north-south. "When we had to widen the aisles, we lost space for shelving. By changing directions we maximized the number of shelves we could put back in," he added.

The study desks that were between the book shelves are now along the walls. Some had to be moved into the balcony area, but overall, the director said, "we might have lost only two or three seats, which isn't bad considering what we did with the space."

The card catalog has also been relocated closer to the main entrance -- first, to give students at nearby study desks a more quiet environment, and secondly, because the space eventually will be used for other services when the card catalog becomes obsolete. "I'm hoping we won't have a card catalog a year from now," Varnet said. "All that information will be placed on computer."

The final improvement Varnet is planning for is lights on the book stalls. They're on his monetary wish list.

Airport meeting scheduled
Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth, university president, has scheduled a meeting for 10 a.m. on Feb. 10 to discuss the university's role in the development of a third metropolitan airport.

The meeting will be held in Engbretson Hall.

Tom Call Retires from GSU
Tom Call (left), director of business operations, is congratulated upon his retirement from Governors State University by Tim Arr (right), who will be serving as acting director of business operations. Call, whose retirement was effective Dec. 31, was honored earlier in the month with a party held in the Hall of Honors. Tom and wife Jean have moved to Kernan, Ill., and he invites all his former co-workers to stop and visit when in the area.

Professor's economic theory impacts on health costs
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"Health care is an information-intensive system," he said. You have reports from doctors and nurses, radiology, dietary and the like. Then you have the cost network of what the patient was provided and how many days he was admitted. And you have the insurance paperwork. MIS allows administrators to be more effective consumers."

The computer is just one benefit from the nation's space program which the CHP professor studies as a hobby. He's putting together a research paper on the numerous discoveries the health field has benefitted from because of NASA's work -- heart pacemakers, clothing insulation, materials used on burn patients, and future drugs manufactured in space.

Malec, a University Park resident, has two children -- Heather, 15, and Christopher, 10. During the spring and summer months he enjoys taking his children to one of his favorite pastimes -- drum and bugle corps competitions. Malec used to compete as a corps drummer and says a good marching band still can stir his emotions.

UN simulation scheduled at GSU
An intercollegiate model simulation of the United Nations Security Council will be held at Governors State University from 1 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 28.

Dr. Larry Levinson has coordinated preparation of the GSU model.