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Student Finds Ancient Artifact on GSU Property

While conducting a field study on GSU property, student Anna Adamczuk found a projectile point, which a specialist says may be nearly 9,500 years old.

Dr. Arthur Bourgeois, Adamczuk's art professor, said "Perhaps it was beginner's luck, but what Anna found was an Early Archaic Period projectile that according to the studies of Indiana University specialist Noel D. Justice, dates between 7500 and 6900 B.C."

Adamczuk, enrolled in the Native American Art and Societies class, was searching the plowed fields on campus property to get some field survey experience in archaeology. She was directed by Dr. Bourgeois to the plowed fields on campus, where she found the large triangular blade.

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Dr. Arthur Bourgeois (left) with student Anna Adamczuk
Adamczuk said she had been out about two hours when she found the projectile and knew immediately that she had found something significant. "I should, after a semester of studying," she said. Before finding this piece she found some flints and rocks that would be interesting for an aquarium, she said. She had also taken a walk in the fields near her home the weekend before her find.

Adamczuk said her interest in doing field study was aroused because of Dr. Bourgeois' Native American art class. Born in Europe, Adamczuk said "all the Native America stuff was foreign to me," so she wanted to find out more about it.

The age of the projectile is what makes it exciting for Adamczuk. "Someone held this in a hand that looked just like mine 9,500 years ago," she said. "I can't even describe the feeling. It gives you a rush. I didn't know what to do for a moment."

"I had no idea you could go into a field and find something like this, (before taking this class). Because I didn't grow up here, I had no idea things like this could be found," Adamczuk said.

The blade Adamczuk found has bifacially serrated edges and is known as a Kirk Corner notched projectile point. Its dating is based upon controlled excavations on sites in Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina, said Dr. Bourgeois. The Early Archaic period in northern Illinois is linked to adaptation to the expansion of deciduous hickory forest.

According to Dr. Bourgeois, this is when human groups shifted from a nomadic settlement pattern focused on communal hunting of big game of earlier periods to a pattern of scheduled movements within a limited region exploiting food resources of marshes, creeks and rivers. This was well before Native American use of the bow and arrow, he said.

The blade was used on spear shafts powered by a lever-like throwing stick known as an "atlatl." The distribution of Kirk Corner notched projectiles is relatively rare, said Dr. Bourgeois, though they do appear over most of eastern North America from New York and South Ontario to the Mississippi River and across the southeast.

Previously, Dr. Bourgeois found an unfinished Matanzas side notched projectile point, dating from 3700 to 3000 B.C., on GSU’s campus.

Adamczuk, who is an Arts major, said she hasn’t digested this enough to know what change it will make in her life, except that this type of search "will become a part of my weekend life."

The projectile will eventually be displayed in the GSU library. Next summer GSU faculty hope to sponsor an archaeological field school for academic credit similar to those held in past years on sites along the Kankakee River near Custer Park.

Paul Schranz, Art Department coordinator, said tongue-in-cheek, "These recent finds illustrate that here at GSU we have been on the cutting edge for quite some time."

For more information on the field school or the projectile, contact Dr. Arthur Bourgeois at (708) 534-4012.

GSU is planning its second annual PQP Technology Day, a special faculty development initiative to introduce GSU’s professors to some of the latest technology and newest ideas in integrating technology into the teaching process, as well as the curriculum itself. The conference will take place on Friday, September 19 and will last from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The one day workshop is an outgrowth of the Illinois Board of Higher Education PQP, (Priorities, Quality and Productivity) initiative, a continuing statewide effort to refine priorities, strengthen quality, and improve the productivity of higher education. The workshop provides GSU faculty with information and skills that can make them more productive in and out of the classroom.

This year’s technology day includes two exciting guest speakers. Kay Howe, president of International University and an expert on distance learning systems will talk about "New Technologies that are Transforming Higher Education." Bill Graves of the Institute for Academic Technology at the University of North Carolina will discuss the role of information technology in education.

In addition, faculty will have an opportunity to participate in several smaller workshops on a wide variety of technology-based topics, such as presentation software, animation, research on the Internet creating specialized Web pages and several others.
Learning in Context Program Successfully Completes 1996-97 Year

The Learning in Context partnership project (LIC) has ended the 1996-97 year "with a bang," said its director at GSU, Ernestine Beck-Fulgham.

The LIC program is based on the cooperative efforts of GSU, School District 169, Ford Heights Community Board, Prairie State College and the Community Economic Development Agency (CEDA) of Cook County, Inc. LIC works with the community of Ford Heights to help youth aspire to and prepare for college and, ultimately, contribute to the growth and stability of this financially depressed area. Ford Heights is one of the poorest communities in the nation, with only about 30 percent of youths completing high school.


LIC is composed of four "strands:" a free college education component, a non-profit youth organization, entrepreneurial training component and an on-site education and training in curbside housing surveying and a model/mentoring component.

A total of 384 students participated in the program in 1996-97. Two-hundred-eighty-four students from Cottage Grove School and 53 from Bloom Trail received tutoring from 27 student teachers from GSU. GSU's Student Affairs, Student Life, Student Development, Registrar's and Admissions offices provided 12 students with the opportunity to become familiarized with college life and the processes of becoming a college student.

Many community events were held with the assistance of LIC. An example; Christ-mas in April was a one-day housing rehabilitation project. Fifteen volunteers worked on 24 homes painting, removing trees, removing old paint from home exteriors, repairing windows, working on landscaping and other repairing as needed.

More than 200 families benefited from a Community Christmas Party. They received donations from CUB Foods, Ujamaa Village, Polygram Records, and GSU provided donated clothing. Members of the Cook County Sheriff's Department served cookies and punch.

A parental involvement component of LIC came to fruition during the past year. Twenty-five parents will serve as the core parent group for a parental advisory board that will meet monthly.

Among other accomplishments, twenty-five students in the youth involvement component published their first newsletter called "The Voice." Two hundred copies were distributed during the last week of school. All articles were written by students addressing the impact of the LIC program on their lives.

In June 1996, at the conclusion of LIC's first year, the number of participants was not the expected 25 but instead a whopping 124. The participation for 1996-97 was up from 124 by 313 percent. If success can be measured by participation, then the second year of the LIC program did, indeed, end with a bang.

Tina Myers-Woodson Awarded LEAP Scholarship

Tina Myers-Woodson of Matteson, a graduate student in the Communication Disorders program at GSU, was recently awarded a LEAP (Learning Excellence Award for Persisters) scholarship.

Funding for the LEAP scholarship was provided by the Matteson Rotary Club. This is the Rotary's second year in providing funding for LEAP, but Myers-Woodson is their first recipient.

The unique LEAP scholarship is available at GSU to students with a financial need who are attending school less than half-time. Most scholarships are available only to half or full-time students.

Myers-Woodson has an undergraduate degree in business administration and has been working in the human resources field for the past 10 years. "I lived through a corporate down-sizing, and my position was eliminated," Myers-Woodson said.

Though she recently returned to work full-time in the human resources department at the Chicago Art Institute, Myers-Woodson said she had already started considering changing her career direction to a career working with children. She looked into other schools and their programs but found GSU more accommodating to working students, more affordable and close to home.

"Classes can get rather expensive," said Myers-Woodson, who has a seven-month-old son. "Programs like the LEAP scholarship are very important. I was really excited to hear that I was selected to receive the award, and I am very thankful to the Matteson Rotary," she said.

Matteson Rotary Club President Freda Hardaway of Country Club Hills said, "We Rotarians are very proud of the scholarships we are able to provide."

David Barr, president of the GSU Foundation and member of the Matteson Rotary Club, said that "The club is a service organization, and it was very appropriate that they participate in something like this."
GSU Debuts Four New Programs for Fall 1997 Trimester

Four academic programs presented to the Illinois Board of Higher Education in September 1996 will make their debut in the Fall 1997 and Winter 1998 trimesters.

GSU programs to receive approval are a master of Social Work, a bachelor of arts in Integrative Studies and both a bachelor of arts and a master of arts in Early Childhood Education.

Each program has been reviewed for consistency with the university’s focus statements and immediate priorities identified in its 1996 priorities statement. Approval of proposed programs is also tied to state-level priorities and ongoing planning, program review and resource allocation processes.

The master of arts in Social Work (M.S.W.) was developed collaboratively to address the continuing need for qualified social workers. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reports that there are insufficient numbers of individuals with the M.S.W. to meet the needs of public and private social services providers in Illinois, and there is a shortage of professionals with the M.S.W. in several other health and human service agencies throughout the state.

Sixty percent of the DCFS caseload is in Chicago and the Chicago metropolitan areas serviced by Chicago State University and Governors State University. The caseload in the southern suburbs is increasing at substantial rates. A master of Social Work program was also approved for Chicago State University. It is expected that each program will award 25 degrees annually after the fifth year.

The B.A. and M.A. programs in Early Childhood Education build upon existing Early childhood options within the elementary education programs. The programs are expected to enroll more than 350 students by the fifth year of operation. They are consistent with GSU and statewide priorities that place a heavy emphasis on early childhood education programs that will serve our region and state extremely well.

For information on the Master of Social Work program, contact the Dean’s Office in the College of Health Professions at (708) 534-4387. For information on the Early Childhood Education programs call (708) 534-5000 and ask for an education advisor. For information on the Integrative Studies program contact Jacquie Kilpatrick at (708) 534-6975.

GSU’s New Anatomy Lab to Open Soon

Construction will soon be completed on a new anatomy lab just outside F wing at GSU.

The project was officially started with a groundbreaking ceremony held Friday, June 13. The new anatomy lab replaces an old make-shift lab that one student said “was just that, old and gross.” The facility will be used by the students in the Occupational and Physical Therapy programs, as well as other programs in the College of Health Professions in the future.

Among those participating in the groundbreaking were GSU President Paula Wolff, GSU Provost Tobin Barrozo and GSU Board of Trustee Chair Sally Jackson. In addition, other members of the Board of Trustees, builder representatives and college faculty deans and staff were present.

Design Alliance Architects of Hammond, Ind., designed the facility, and it is being built by Chicago Heights Construction. The 2,588 square foot structure measuring approximately 62 feet by 40 feet will be built at a cost of $463,293. The cost per square foot is relatively expensive, said Dreischer, because this is a highly specialized classroom with a lot of mechanical requirements. “It is state-of-the-art,” and will be almost operating room standard, he said. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) will produce 15 air exchanges per hour in order to keep the air fresh for students who will be dealing with bodies in 12 or more cadaver tanks.

The concept of building a new lab arose when the new Occupational and Physical Therapy programs were instituted. “If gross anatomy was to be a part of the new curricula then a lab was needed, and there was no good place on campus for that,” Druzinsky said.

College of Health Professions Dean Cecilia Rokusek said “The support of the state, the Board of Trustees, the university and the outstanding program faculty have made this dream turn into reality. This state-of-the-art facility will enable the College of Health Professions to enter the 21st century with new and expanding health professions education programs that will serve our region and state extremely well.”

The lab is expected to be completed for the fall trimester.
Nearly Nine Hundred Students Participate in GSU Commencement Exercises

Under the big top style tent designed to hold approximately 2,200 people, more than 700 students, their families and friends, speakers, faculty and various others participated in a momentous event, the 1997 Twenty-Sixth Commencement Exercises at GSU.

While the total number of students graduating this year from GSU was the largest in the school’s history, 1,200, not all of them elected to participate in the formal graduation ceremony. Students from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Health Professions and the Board of Governors program received their diplomas on Saturday, June 7, while those in the College of Business and Public Administration and the College of Education received diplomas Sunday, June 8.

In addition to GSU President Paula Wolff and Provost Tobin Barrozo, five state legislators participated in the exercises. Representatives Maggie Crotty, District 35; Renee Kosel, District 38; Anne Zickus, District 48; and George F. Scully Jr., District 80, as well as Senator Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson, District 40.

Peotone Village President Richard Benson and Learning in Context student liaison Michael Wortham were presented with Community Service Awards. Two degrees were awarded posthumously to the families of Elizabeth Hoffman and Laura Boyle, and two students were honored by being selected to speak at commencement. They were Valerie Williams of South Holland and Karen Stuenkel of Park Forest. Susan Bova acted as a sign language interpreter for the commencement exercises.

Four individuals were awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. Sculptor Richard Hunt and Sen. Aldo DeAngelis were awarded their degrees Saturday. Philanthropist Irving Harris and journalist Georgie Anne Geyer received theirs Sunday.

DeAngelis began by saying “Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. In all my years I have never been so proud.” He continued saying that this “makes everything I have done in my life worthwhile.”

DeAngelis, an alumnus of GSU, told the audience that the best evidence of GSU’s excellence is the accomplishments of its graduates.

The newly graduated students recessed to the Coronation March from the “Prophet,” conducted by Dr. Charles Hicks.

Chicago Community Trust and John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Provide $400,000 to Support South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center at GSU

GSU President Paula Wolff is pleased to announce the continued financial support of Chicago Community Trust and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for the work of the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center (SMRCLC).

"Both organizations have been providing financial support for SMRCLC’s innovative regional development activity since 1994," said President Wolff. "We are now very pleased to have received an announcement from each that they will continue their commitment by providing funding for two years. In terms of dollars, each will contribute $200,000 during that time period."

The first couple years the funding was directed to the RAP 2000+ project. In early 1996 both sources funded the SMRCLC as one of the major follow-up projects to RAP 2000+.

Dr. Larry McClellan, executive director of the SMRCLC said, “With limited staff we have developed several major initiatives in response to the recommendations from the RAP/2000+ process. These include the regional Open Space Alliance with an annual congress, the Lincoln Networks, state-wide teleconferences on educational funding reform, and working with groups of all kinds across the region to move the public sector into new information technologies. We are delighted to be able to continue these initiatives.”

Along with the continuation of these areas of action and public policy, a new initiative will begin this fall with a series of leadership training opportunities through the creation of a new Regional Leadership Institute.

McClellan said he anticipates seeking out and receiving other grant dollars during the next two years. The Lincoln Project was made possible, in part, through a grant of $388,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Lincoln Project is a public communication and information network for the metropolitan region south of Chicago.

The work of the Regional Leadership Center and a wide range of regional connections and informational sources can be found on the Internet at www.lincolnnet.net.
The Center for Performing Arts at GSU Kicks Off Sensational 1997-98 Season

The Center for Performing Arts at GSU presents its third season with a variety of world-class performances. From critically-acclaimed dance companies to internationally-renowned musicians, this season’s lineup provides entertainment of all genres, including a special series for children.

Feature Presentations

The Center continues to bring the best entertainment to the Chicago Southland area as the 1997-98 season features the following:

A Chorus Line - The award-winning musical sensation opens with all the show-stopping tunes and flashy choreography that made it the longest running musical on Broadway. A Chorus Line is sponsored by WBBM-Channel 2 and the Daily Southtown. Fri., Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. $45.

George Winston - The renowned solo pianist and composer plays his well-known seasonal recording and music from his latest CD. Sat., Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. $25.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago - Jazz, contemporary and classical dance styles combine to create an unparalleled artistic style, featuring the choreography of Kevin O’Day, Twyla Tharp and Daniel Ezralow. Sat., Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. $35.

Other performances include:

Miracle on 34th Street - The big band version of this timeless tale. Fri., Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. $35

Nutcracker - Salt Creek Ballet presents this traditional dance. Sun., Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. $19.50 for adults, $17.50 for children.

The Coasters, The Drifters and The Platters - Valentine’s Day concert by these rock-n-roll legends. Sat., Feb. 14, 8 p.m. $30.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo - 10-man a cappella group wows audiences across the globe. Sun., Feb. 22, 3 p.m. $28

The Irish Rovers - Five-man folk music group performs Celtic tunes. Sat., Feb. 28, 8 p.m. $18.50

Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Ensemble - The most acclaimed modern dance troupe in Israel. Sun., March 15, 3 p.m. $35.

Cirque Eloize - Quebec group of 12 performers and 4 musicians creates unconventional circus act. Sat., March 28, 8 p.m. and Sun., March 29, 3 p.m. $30

Second City - Chicago’s own improvisational comedy troupe performs The Best of SC. Sat., April 18, 8 p.m., $17.50

Where the Wild Things Are - American Repertory Ballet Company. Sat., May 2, 8 p.m. $30

Sunday Brunch Chamber Music Series - Three Sunday Brunch Concerts, beginning at 11:30 a.m. All performances are $17.50 or $35 with brunch.

Especially for Kids Series - Six shows throughout the season. Prices and dates vary.

For more information about The Center’s 1997-98 season and to purchase tickets, call the Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222. Special rates are offered for children, seniors and students. Subscriptions packages are also available.

Information & Communication for the South Metro Region: LincolnNet Offers Online Innovations

If you haven’t visited the LincolnNet lately, you’re missing out on some wonderful and innovative new features.

For instance, along with finding information about south metro communities, schools, libraries, and local institutions, and events, you can now visit CyberSight, Lincoln’s youth operated electronic tabloid and webcast.

CyberSight is structured like a newspaper, with sections such as special features, sports, comics, arts and fun, and letters to the editor. The content for CyberSight is provided by a group of 15 apprentice webmasters ranging from ages 8 to 17. These south metro young people have been meeting over the summer to learn about the Internet, web design, safety on the Web, and editorial issues related to publishing. CyberSight also demonstrates the blending of audio technology on the Web. Many of the children’s stories are accompanied by audio versions, along with other uses of audio, including the Bull’s starting lineup and CyberSight’s mystery guest.

Other new offerings currently being featured on the LincolnNet include Webtide, a global webcast featuring audio content on topics of interest from around the world, spearheaded by Dr. Me. Munchnik, GSU professor of communication and freelance journalist. Member’s Corner is a section on the LincolnNet devoted to Lincoln account holders, offering information about web design, connectivity, and a chat forum for information sharing and collaboration. Lincoln has also established user-friendly discussion forums for issues related to the environment, education, and health & human services. And Lincoln’s Volunteer Team is a new section designed to highlight and recruit volunteers to help in the continuation of the Lincoln Networks.

Most of the content on the LincolnNet can be conveniently found on the front page of the website. There is also a search engine located on the front to help you navigate the site. Visit the LincolnNet’s new features today at http://www.lincolnnet.net.

The Lincoln Networks are administered by the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center here at GSU. For more information, contact Karyn Purvis at (708) 534-4484 or webmaster@lincolnnet.net.
T.A.L.E. Begins Fall Season at GSU

The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.) will begin its fall season with a preview showcase on September 19 in Engbretson Hall at GSU from noon to 1:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Beryl W. Sprinkel, who will discuss “The Economy and Politics.”

Sprinkel was chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Ronald Reagan. He provided economic analysis and advice directly to the president. Before his appointment to that position, he served four years as Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs.

Before entering the public sector, Sprinkel was executive vice president and economist at Harris Bank in Chicago. He worked for Harris Bank for 28 years. Sprinkel has written many articles and two books on monetary policies, financial markets and the economy.

Sprinkel is now a consulting economist with B.W. Sprinkel Economics and a member of the Board of Directors of Duff and Phelps Utilities Income Fund Inc. of Chicago. He is a regular commentator on the Nightly Business Report, a public television production.

T.A.L.E. is an organization designed to provide opportunity for adults in the greater South Suburban and Northwest Indiana Region to find pleasure in intellectual challenges and the acquisition and sharing of knowledge in classes held at GSU. Members pursue a broad spectrum of intellectual interests.

Each Friday during the eight-week program, volunteer leaders facilitate a discussion on a specific topic. The fall schedule runs from Oct. 10 through Dec. 19. No classes are held Oct. 17 and 24 and Nov. 28. Two classes are held from 10 a.m. until noon and two from 1 to 3 p.m.

Topics for the fall program in the 10 a.m. to noon sessions are “On the Docket,” which deals with some of the most dramatic decisions made by the United State Supreme Court in June 1997; “Central Issues: Center Stage,” an active reading and discussion of several plays with current significance; “The Spanish American Short Story,” a literary excursion into the culture of Latin America through prose and “The Magical World of Opera II,” which offers an opportunity to examine a variety of favorites through audio recordings of representative arias.

Topics for discussion in the 1 to 3 p.m. sessions are “Remembering World War II,” designed to recognize individual experiences and stir memories; “Ladies of the House - The Lives and Times,” a discussion on the wives of American presidents; “Science's Views and News,” a discussion of articles from “Scientific American;” and “Poetry and Mythology,” an exploration of myths in selected poems.

The primary sponsor of the T.A.L.E. program is Stone Jewish Community Center. GSU sponsors the organization as part of its mission to provide service to the community by offering free use of its facilities. T.A.L.E. is affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network.

Enrollment in each class is limited to 20 participants and classes with less than eight participants are canceled. The cost for the first class is $55, and a second class in the same eight-week series is $15. For more information or to register call Ilene Uhlmann at (708) 799-7650.

AT&T Foundation Contributes $20,000 for Computer Scholars Camp at GSU

On August 1 thirty-six junior high students enrolled in the AT&T Computer Scholars Camp participated in a graduation ceremony at GSU. The program was supported by an AT&T Learning Network grant of $20,000.

The camp, which began July 21, focused on improving computer literacy, reasoning skills and language arts in junior high and high school students in the South Metropolitan area.

For language arts and reasoning, students were presented with information and resources necessary to complete a project. Through hands-on experience the students learned to analyze data and make and evaluate predictions. Students collected information from the Internet and through E-mail. They also wrote a brief description of their camp experience. Projects were displayed during the graduation ceremony.

Dr. Damon Krug, a GSU College of Education professor, was the camp coordinator. Sherry Kohl, also of the College of Education, was the camp secretary. There were four group leaders. Two were assigned to each group of 15 students. A lead instructor developed the language arts and reasoning curriculum. Two instructors taught the morning lectures. A computer instructor developed the computer curriculum and 20 tutors delivered daily instruction to the students.

Krug said “with AT&T’s support these students were offered a terrific hands-on opportunity to increase their computer and reasoning skills. It also taught them the value of team work. The students have been very excited about the program.”

Krug said the students were delighted when AT&T generously gave them each an AT&T mouse pad, T-shirt, back-pack, folder and pencil.
Fall Recreational Classes at GSU

The Student Life Division at GSU is announcing its fall 1997 line-up of recreational courses. The courses are scheduled from September 15 through December 8.

Those offerings include all ages swimming instruction, aquacise, and senior exercise and aquacise programs, CPR and recreational volleyball. All courses are restricted to GSU students and Student Center community members. GSU students received a five dollar discount per course.

For more information on course offerings, contact Student Life at (708) 534-7057.

Learn How to Start Your Own Business

Are you thinking of starting your own business? Have you started your own business and wish you had more preparation for the business aspects of it?

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The cost of the workshop, sponsored by the Small Business Development Center at GSU, is $50 for one person or $75 for two. Lunch and materials are included. Cost for GSU students is $25 per person.

To register or for more information call (708) 534-4929.

Human Evolution Course Via Internet Offered

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Ginger Ostro Named Director of Budget Planning at GSU

Ginger Ostro of Chicago has been appointed director of budget planning at GSU. She has held the position on an interim basis since Linda Heiser left several months ago.

The position combines responsibilities for budgeting, strategic planning, liaison with the Board of Trustees and liaison with the Illinois General Assembly. GSU President Paula Wolff said that Ostro has substantial experience in working with the General Assembly and state agencies.

"She has been immersed in the budget process at GSU this year and will continue to use the planning expertise that she has developed, both in state government and working on the human services degree at GSU," Wolff said. "We are fortunate to have someone of her caliber already in place to continue work that needs to be done."

Ostro received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Chicago in 1986, majoring in Politics, Economics, Rhetoric and Law (PERL). She graduated with honors, was Phi Beta Kappa and the recipient of the Howell Murray award.

In 1989 she completed a master's degree in Public Policy at Harvard University, the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass., where she was a Kennedy fellow.

In addition to working as interim director of budget planning at GSU, Ostro served as project director on the Integrated Human Services Curriculum Project at GSU since 1995.

Ostro said "This is an exciting opportunity to bring together the skills I have developed in state government to meet the challenges of serving at GSU."

James Opon New Director of Career Services

Jim Opon from the Beverly community of Chicago is the new associate director of student development for Career Services at GSU.

As director of Career Services, Opon will help GSU establish a relationship with potential employers, establish possible internships and future employment and develop other programs to aid students in their job search. Opon will prepare GSU students for the job market along with providing alumni information on potential employment.

"A Career Center covers a lot of areas," said Opon. "I've been learning the office and meeting a lot of new people. I really look forward to enhancing the operations of the office."

Two Police Officers Hired to Fill Vacancies

GSU's Department of Public Safety has two new police officers.

The two officers were selected out of more than 40 applicants to replace two officers who recently left the department.

Officer Larry Walters, age 33, originally from Mississippi, resides in Park Forest with his wife and two children.

Officer Jim Snyder, age 36, originally from Peoria, lives in Bolingbrook with his wife and two children.

GSU Police Chief Philip Orawiec said "DPS (Department of Public Safety) welcomes two new officers into its family."

Happenings

The syllabus and additional information are available on the Internet at www.govst.edu/users/gunther or by contacting Professor Peter Gunther at (708) 534-4537.

GSU Professor Conducts Research with Help from Parents of Children with Disabilities

Last fall, GSU Professor Dr. Jane Andringa studied how parents of children with disabilities viewed their school districts' ability to work with their children. She recently presented her results at a meeting of the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children and plans to present her research for the Midwest Educational Research Association in October.

GSU Lecturer Presents Paper in Washington, D.C.

GSU Psychology Lecturer Linda Buyer from the College of Education recently presented a research paper, "Metacognitive Training Produces Transfer Across Problem Types," in Washington, D.C., at the 9th Annual American Psychological Society Convention.

The paper, written by Buyer of Chicago, Tricia Russell of Oak Lawn and recent GSU graduate Sean Walsh of Midlothian, focused on metacognitive training and its effects on learning and problem solving.

The study will be continued through a university research grant amounting to $5,000.

MPA Degree Program Granted Accreditation

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program in the College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA) at GSU has received seven-year accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

The MPA program was commended by the NASPAA Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation "for its efforts to focus on mission and approaches to achieve excellence in public affairs education."
Employees of the Month

June – Rosina Mascolo

Police Telecommunicator Rosina Mascolo of Reddicks contributes to the university through her assigned position, helpfulness to others, willingness to assume additional responsibilities, and her hard work earned her the June Employee of the Month.

Her nominators wrote that Mascolo is "always ready and able to serve and help whenever needed by staff, students, visitors or anyone needing assistance."

Mascolo has worked at GSU for more than 19 years assisting and organizing office workers and their responsibilities, running background checks on alleged offenders and keeping track of crime statistics. "So much of what I do is routine. I really don't think about what I do or have to do—I just do it," Mascolo says.

Mascolo keeps busy not only at GSU but at home as well. Her hobbies include gardening, porcelain doll making and sewing. With her husband of 41 years, Vic, she has seven children, 12 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. "I keep busy," Mascolo says modestly.

July – Virginia Thurston

It is not the butcher, the baker or the candlestick maker that earned the title of July’s Employee of the Month, but the College of Business and Public Administration’s very own secretary Virginia Thurston.

"I enjoy my work," said Thurston. "I help the professors with their syllabi, letters, correspondence, calendars and everything else day to day."

One nominator said that "Mrs. Jones has often gone above and beyond what anyone would expect of an employee," said Director of Student Life Tom Dascenzo about Loretta Jones, GSU’s August Employee of the Month.

Jones is the chief clerk of the Human Resources Department and is responsible for initiating contracts, payroll and personnel files for adjunct, faculty and graduate assistants. In addition to this, Jones recently began working with employee benefits.

"It’s a really rewarding position. The processes I do matter for each individual employee," Jones says.

Willia Mae Smith, one of Jones' nominators, said, “She’s really a great person, and she knows her business well.”

Jones has been at GSU since 1994 and is currently enrolled in the Board of Governors Program.

Each employee of the month receives $150 and becomes eligible for the employee of the year.

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Alternative Medicine Expert to Appear on GSU's Issues & Impact

GSU's award winning television program Issues & Impact recently welcomed a leader in the field of alternative, or "natural," medicine for the taping of an upcoming episode. Dr. Joseph Pizzorno, president of Bastyr University in Bothell, Wash., was a guest panelist on the show which examined the use of nontraditional medical practices, such as acupuncture, homeopathic remedies, chiropractic medicine and other non-invasive treatments.

Bastyr University is the first and only university in the U.S. to offer a fully accredited degree program in nontraditional medicine. "Our bodies have a tremendous ability to heal, usually without medical or drug interventions," notes Pizzorno in his recently published book Total Wellness. "We must learn to view the signs and symptoms of disease not as inconveniences that should be eliminated as soon as possible, but as important messages to which we must listen."

Pizzorno shared this in a discussion with GSU dean of the College of Health Professions (CHP) Cecilia Rokusek and Keith Sarich, a GSU alum and an administrator of a local medical clinic which integrates alternative healing practices with traditional medicine. Prior to the taping of the show, Pizzorno joined GSU President Paula Wolff, Provost Tobin Barrozo, and several CHP department and unit heads at a breakfast meeting to share his insights on the teaching of nontraditional medicine.

The program is scheduled to begin airing on GSU's cable channel 29 carried by Intercable in the southern suburbs. The program will also air in either September or October on WYIN-TV channel 56, northwest Indiana's PBS affiliate which is carried by most cable systems throughout the Chicagoland area, on the second Friday of the month at 9 p.m.

Someone You Should Know

Chief James Grady III & Brian Massatt

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GSU Offers First Illinois Satellite Network
Broadcast on PowerPoint

Through its affiliation with The Illinois Satellite Network (ISN) and National Technological University (NTU), GSU has delivered its first educational and technical training program via satellite.

The program, which originated live from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, was “Introduction to PowerPoint for Educators” instructed by Dan Wood.

Participants at GSU said the program was excellent. The instructor was organized and the hand-out materials were very easy to follow. “It could have been mistaken for a pre-recorded video, except that attendants were encouraged to call or fax in questions to the instructor,” said one student. The questions were promptly answered, just as though the instructor were in the room.

“The format worked very well,” said the student. “I now have enough understanding about PowerPoint to pursue it on my own. If an advanced class is offered down the road, I will definitely take it.”

Sponsors for this free satellite course were Central Illinois Higher Education Consortium, Illinois Satellite Network, South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium, West Suburban Post-Secondary Consortium and Western Illinois Education Consortium.

Advanced Technology and Management Programs (ATMP) has produced about 500 programs on topics that range from organizational skills to state-of-the-art breakthroughs in technology. GSU is offering the satellite programs to businesses and manufacturers.

To receive the programs a training area equipped with a television is needed, as well as a VCR and an antenna to receive the signal from GSU.

For more information, e-mail Lou White at lwhite@govst.edu or call (708) 534-3198.

Meet...
Judge Henry Dietch

Judge Henry Dietch (retired) is intimately linked with GSU’s past as well as its future. "I was the village attorney for Park Forest engaged in acquiring the land for GSU," stated Judge Dietch. "Working with John Malone, the original plan was to form Park Forest College when we acquired the land for the state of Illinois."

Currently serving on GSU’s Foundation Board and a member of its nominating committee since 1994, Judge Dietch also lectured at GSU in criminal and civil law from 1980 to 1985.

Judge Dietch, although retired from the circuit court, where he served from 1977 to 1984, keeps himself involved in local issues by volunteering his time to many organizations and causes. In addition to his active participation in the formation of The Center for Performing Arts at GSU, he is also a contributor.

You can catch Judge Dietch’s regular column, “Judiciously Speaking” in the Star Newspaper, where it has appeared since 1979.

He is a lifelong resident of Park Forest, where he raised his three children.