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**This Week at GSU**

20  GSU Alumni Association Phonathon, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. through Thursday, Engbretson Hall.

20  Advance Registration for Spring/Summer Trimester, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays through March 31.

22  Student Senate Meeting, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Rm. A1804.

22  "Politics and Government: The Experience of Women" lecture and discussion, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.

23  Marjorie Godowic Farewell, 1 to 4 p.m., CCC Administrative Offices, Rm. C2300.

23  20th Anniversary Committee meeting, 2 p.m., President's Conference Room.

23  "The Listening Leader" workshop, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., Campus Center.

23  "The New PC DOS Class" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays through March 30.

25  "Displaywrite 4" workshop, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through April 15, Orland Park Place.

*All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.*

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**GSU women involved in local township politics**

If you live in Crete, Monee, Rich or Wilton Townships, you might want to cast your April 4 ballot for a co-worker who’s running for a position in township government.

Lu Poroli (PO) is an incumbent Crete Township supervisor seeking reelection and Chris Cochrane (SBDC) is a trustee in Monee Township seeking election to the supervisor’s position. Newcomers are Peg Donohue (OCW) seeking a trustee’s position in Rich Township and Janice Schultz (assistant to the president) running for a trustee’s spot in Wilton Township.

All townships are 36 square miles, and that’s generally where the similarities end. Rich Township serves an urban population with needs much different from Will County’s Wilton Township with 240 families scattered across the rural landscape.

Despite the difference, each of these candidates say the major concern is to work for the welfare of the community. For Janice, that could be improving the rural roads, considering the options to, or planning adequately for landfills, and planning for impending development.

Peg wants to address the needs of seniors and set a “human needs” agenda for the township. Her Democratic slate also proposes reducing taxes.

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**More plans finalized for GSU’s 20th birthday bash**

“We’re having a party...” and everyone’s invited!

And what a party this will be. It’ll go on for months because GSU will be celebrating its 20th anniversary for most of the 1989/90 school year.

During the opening planning meeting for the celebration, the proposal for a “GSU Ball” was accepted, but the date wasn’t finalized. The Alumni Association is willing to co-sponsor the event.

Because the official July 17 anniversary date is the first day for advanced registration for the fall trimester, Don Bell (SL) proposed a modified birthday-bash with a cake-cutting ceremony and special proclamation presentations.

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GSU teleconference brings BOG changes

A GSU teleconference at the February meeting of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities is causing a change within the system.

Chancellor Thomas Layzell said recently that a new federal relations program will result of the board's television talk with five Illinois congressmen.

"It was clear as a result of the hour-long meeting that we must place greater emphasis on three areas," Dr. Layzell said. He described those as "testifying before congressional committees, participating in peer review panels, and making more effective use of the congressional delegates' offices.

"The unique meeting which brought the members of the congressional delegation, who were in Washington, D.C., directly to the board meeting via satellite, was a most productive interchange," Layzell said.

By Marilyn Thomas

The computer, like the television, the telephone and the microwave, is one of those inventions we wonder how we did without.

Dr. Akkanad Isaac, chairperson of the Division of Management/Administrative Science, remembers the days before computers, and he remembers being one of a handful of people who did initial work on developing the early computers. His interest in the machines continues today as Isaac works on programs and instruction.

Isaac, a native of the state of Kerala in the southern-most part of India, was trained in physics. One of his first jobs was with the Indian Atomic Energy Commission where he was a team member that helped design one of the first computers there.

Work was done on the large mainframe computers in the Fortran language. As Isaac says, "computers weren't user-friendly then and only a small number could use them." Data was run through the computer on cards. The process took what today seems like a long time, because after feeding the cards you had to wait for a printout and then look for errors. Making changes took just as long.

Still, Isaac recalls it as an exciting time working with some of the greatest scientists in India.

Intrigued by the computer, Isaac came to the U.S. in the mid-1960s to earn a master's degree in information systems from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. His expertise and abilities were recognized and Isaac was named a Fulbright Scholar while he worked on his doctorate degree at Lehigh.

While many of us consider the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a leader in technology discoveries and applications, the computer was actually formulated by

the great minds on university campuses, Isaac explained.

And so from 1969 to 1971 he carried on his work with computers as an assistant professor of information systems in the Industrial Engineering Department at the University of Pittsburgh.

Isaac then returned to India as a professor for the Indian Institute of Management in the city of Ahmedabad. The school is run in collaboration with the Harvard Business School and Isaac's role there was important to the MBA program.

But computers were what this professor loved, and so he returned to the U.S. in 1979 as a professor at the University of Pittsburgh before joining the GSU staff in 1979. He was named chairperson in 1985.

Isaac is still a member of the faculty, as well as the division chairperson, and his emphasis has continued in Management Information Systems (MIS) and its applications to business and industry.

As he explains, the computer was designed as an information gathering and retaining source, but because of the changes in the computer from the large mainframes to today's personal computers (PCs) "the computer is now user-friendly, so the nature of the usage has substantially changed."

The quickness in accessing information and making changes that the computer allows today makes managing that information essential, Isaac argues.

"The nature of work in any organization has changed in the last 10 years. Even if you're an assistant to the president, you use a computer, consequently,

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The Grapevine

General Assembly resolution honors Helen Hughes

The Illinois General Assembly has given special congratulations to Dr. Helen Hughes for her work as editor of The Creative Woman magazine and for her inspiration to women in the south suburbs and across the nation.

House Resolution 137 honoring Helen and others serving on the newly created Creative Woman Foundation was presented by Rep. Loleta Didrickson at the March 7 women’s celebration sponsored by the foundation.

Helen started The Creative Woman 12 years ago on inspiration given to her by other women. There were many times when carrying on the work alone was a struggle, but Helen stuck with it. Today the publication, funded in part by the Provost’s Office, is well received.

The magazine has 600 new subscribers since Helen was featured in the Chicago Tribune in October. Many of those are a direct result of that newspaper article.

GSU professor will describe 'old' radio at colloquia

“The Shadow Knows!” You may remember that favorite line from one of America’s most popular radio shows. Professor Eli Segal has made a hobby out of locating, preserving, improving and recreating materials from the golden age of broadcasting, and he’ll let you hear his favorites at the 12:30 p.m. colloquium March 30. Segal’s also started an oral history collection featuring some of radio’s biggest names.

He promises a fun program filled with superlatives, and some of the best mistakes and funniest segments from radio. The program will be in the Hall of Honors.

The final program in the “Women’s History Month” series will be “Religion: The Experience of Women.” The program at noon in the Hall of Honors will feature Ms. Flora Alderman, director of the Anita M. Stone Jewish Community Center; Rev. Talullah Fisher Williams, pastor of Hartzell United Methodist Church; Dr. Marti Scott, pastor of Emanuel Parish, and Dr. Reneta Webb, director of admissions at Mundelein College.

This program is co-sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the South Suburban YWCA.

GSU prof has software for your grammar problem

Having a problem with that report that’s due? Maybe RightWriter computer software is the tool you need. Professor Donald Fricker will give a free demonstration of this grammar, punctuation, style checker at a 3 p.m. program March 30 in Room D-3905.

He’ll give faculty, staff and students a demonstration of what the software can do and how to customize it for specific writing tasks.

'Psychiatrists' by Leone Middleton on exhibit

Works of community college faculty on display in the Infinity Gallery includes “The Psychiatrists,” featuring caricatures of Freud, Jung, Adler, Horney and others by Leone Middleton, a graphic artist in ICC. Leone has been a part-time faculty member at South Suburban College in South Holland for the last 10 years, but her “psychiatrists” are friends she did for Professor Terri Schwartz’s GSU teleclass “Personality Theories.”

Leone said her prisma color pencil characters with magnets on their backs were props Terri would use on the board. The characters were also reproduced for the class study guide. Leone liked them so much, she had them framed as a group of serious thinkers. Their magnets were left in tact, so the little people stand out from the background.

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Some plans finalized for 20th birthday party

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The Civil Service Senate will try to coordinate its family/community picnic with Student Life's annual Outdoor Folkfest in August.

Art Bourgeois has suggested a design competition for a 20th anniversary logo and for a 20th anniversary poster that can be sold.

The faculty will present colloquia programs during the fall trimester.

There were suggestions for displays of photos and memorabilia from the last 20 years and for a display honoring deceased staff members. Other suggestions included a 1969-style party, a reader's theater and a homecoming for former students, possibly including something special for the first graduating class.

Suggestions are still welcome. Pass them along to co-chairs Dr. Mel Muchnik (ICC) or Dr. Virginio Piucci (A&P). Everyone's help is needed and it's hoped all in the university will catch the celebration spirit.

Volunteers are welcome. Contact committee members Dr. Tony Wei (BO), Dr. Zam Malik (CBPA), Ginni Burghardt (AR), Dr. David Curtis (Provost), John Ostenburg (UR) or student Eric Harwell with your input.

GSU women jump into township politics

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Chris stresses her ability to mesh her work background, as director of the Small Business Development Center, with the needs of the township that's seeing encroachment not only from developers but also possibly from a third airport.

Lu seconds those sentiments. As the north and northwest suburbs reach a saturation point, Lu believes the southern suburbs will see an explosion of growth and she wants to see the township plan for that influx with a workable balance between homes, farms and greenspace. "We don't want to be a concrete and asphalt jungle," she said.

The four admit township government isn't something people get excited about, but each sees a value to the services township government offers.

"Actually, it was Paul Green who got me involved," Chris said. "When Paul took over as township supervisor in Monee Township things were a mess. He brought in professional techniques and changed the township into an effective working operation."

Dr. Green is still involved with township leaders. Through the Institute for Public Policy and Administration he offers training programs at five locations throughout the state to help township officials keep abreast of changes in government and offers management training that can be of benefit in township operations.

GSU joins with Northeastern at new Rolling Meadows site

GSU and Northeastern Illinois University have opened a new facility at 2800 Central in Rolling Meadows.

Congratulations

To Tom Sauch in ICC whose wife, Mary, gave birth to Nicole Ann Feb. 23.