The Governors State University community and several invited guests celebrated the legacy of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with song, dance, and moving reflection at the university’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration Program.

Remember! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off! was enjoyed by faculty, staff, students, and visitors from several area schools gathered in The Center for Performing Arts for the 2 1/2 hour program on the morning of January 15, 1998. The celebration was marked by several inspirational tributes to the slain champion of non-violence whose philosophies and actions exposed racial injustice, pricked the consciousness of the nation, and led to the enactment of far-reaching civil rights laws.

GSU professor Rashidah Jaami' Muhammad served as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the program which began with a welcome from GSU president Paula Wolff and the audience joining Joyce Harris of the Board of Governors Degree in singing Lift Every Voice and Sing, considered by many as the anthem of the civil rights movement. This was followed by a moment of reflection by Lenore Jenkins-Allen of the development office who, as a reporter for Newsweek in 1968, interviewed Dr. King just three days before his assassination.

Next, GSU student and resident folk singer Anna Stange performed three very well received musical selections, which were followed by poet Leonard Lucas' perspectives on African

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A dancer from Najwa Dance Corps prepares for her performance at GSU's MLK Celebration
An interview with U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-III.) is scheduled to air on Friday, February 20 at 10 pm on WYIN-TV 56, the northwest Indiana PBS affiliate which is also carried by several northern Illinois cable systems. Decision '98: A Conversation With Carol Moseley-Braun features a satellite interview with Illinois' senior U.S. Senator about her upcoming campaign for re-election, the current goings-on in Washington, and several policy initiatives that she is involved with.

The interview is hosted by Dr. Paul Green, renowned political analyst and director of the Institute for Public Policy and Administration at Governors State University. Joining Green in questioning the Senator are Myra Eder, political columnist for The Star newspapers, and Bill Presecky of the Chicago Tribune.

The program will also be aired at various times over the next few weeks on GSU's education access cable television station available through Jones Intercable in the South Suburban region.

The two most prominent republican candidates for Moseley-Braun's U.S. Senate seat, State Comptroller Loleta Didrickson and State Senator Peter Fitzgerald, have both been offered an opportunity to take part in similar programs. Both have declined to date.

Culture. Lucas compared himself to a griot, a respected storyteller and historian in the African cultural tradition, and presented his reflections to the accompaniment of a chorus of African drummers.

A dramatic presentation on the life of Dr. King was one of the clear crowd favorites as youngsters from the New Concept School on Chicago's south side reenacted scenes from the civil rights movement. Moving musical presentations by the Crete-Monee Middle School Choir and the Rich Central High School Choir also drew loud approval from the audience.

Keynote speakers Aaron Freeman and Father George Clements called upon those in the audience to pay tribute to Dr. King through their actions. Freeman, a renowned comedian, actor, and radio & TV personality, suggested that audience members should "Be like Mike," pointing out that Dr. King changed his name from Michael to Martin Luther because he admired the teaching of the sixteenth century theologian. Freeman suggested that everyone in the audience get involved in community organizations or help others who might be in need, just as Dr. King would have done.

Father Clements also suggested that the members of the audience get involved, but he had a more specific appeal. Clements suggested that anyone who owned a gun, even a toy gun, should get rid of it. He pointed out that guns are tools for destruction and violence, and even toy guns, which allow us or our children to romanticize violence, run counter to the non-violent teachings of Dr. King.

The celebration ended with closing remarks from GSU Provost Tobin Barrozo, but not before a rousing performance of traditional African dance and music by the Najwa Dance Corps. Performing three dynamic selections, Najwa truly had the audience clapping and dancing in their seats in a high energy finale to an exciting and inspirational celebration of the life and teachings of a true American hero.
World-Renowned Group to Tour Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park

In testimony of the esteem enjoyed nationally and internationally by the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at GSU, confirmation has been received that members of the world-renowned International Sculpture Center (ISC), headquartered in Washington, D.C., will tour the park while in Chicago for a conference in May.

Efforts to restore several of the works in the NMSP that had deteriorated due to the ravages of time and weather have been accelerated in anticipation of the prestigious visitors. Park Director Beverly Goldberg said that five of the 21 sculptures have already been returned to their original grandeur, and restoration and repairs will be made to some of the others according to an assessed need priority list.

The first work to undergo restoration and repair was Mark di Suvero’s massive “Yes, for Lady Day!,” the park’s first acquisition. The cables supporting a swinging drum had snapped allowing the drum to drop to the ground. The cables have been replaced, and the piece was then sandblasted and painted. Goldberg said it now looks like it did when it was installed on the site in 1969.

John Henry’s “Illinois Landscape #5,” popularly known on campus as “French Fries,” has also been sandblasted and painted its notable school bus yellow.

‘Jene Highstein’s ‘Flying Saucer,’ an immense elliptical concrete sphere that seems to have landed on the park’s prairie landscape from outer space, had eroded down to its chicken wire frame,” Goldberg commented. A relatively new stucco-like product was used to rebuild it to its original dimensions and has been painted a flat black, making a dramatic difference in the appearance.

“House Divided” by Bruce Nauman has had the walls replastered, the roof line rebuilt at the cornices and patched along the seams. Bird nests were removed, and the electrical system for a light that burns 24 hours a day has been repaired. The light is an integral part of the sculpture.

In addition to the ongoing restoration project, signage is being prepared that will assist in self-guided tours of the park. A completely revised user-friendly brochure for self-guided tours of the park will also be available thanks to a grant from the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, Goldberg said.

Art groups, gallery participants and artists have been invited to join the tour along with members of the International Sculpture Center, on May 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lewis Manilow, the primary benefactor of the park and son of Nathan Manilow, for whom the park is named, will lead the tour.

A fund has been established for accepting donations to maintain the integrity of the park and purchase additional sculptures that will ensure The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park’s stature as a pre-eminent monumental outdoor sculpture park both nationally and internationally. Checks made payable to the GSU Foundation/Sculpture Park can be sent to the address below. All contributions are tax-deductible. The public is invited to tour the park free of charge during the official visit or any time, said Goldberg.

For information and a brochure or to schedule a tour, call Beverly Goldberg at (708) 534-6360, fax her at (708) 534-8959 or write her in care of Governors State University, University Park, IL 60466.

GSU Student Bernadine Miller – One of Two Employees of the Year by Aunt Martha’s Youth Service Center

Bernadine Miller of Orland Park is a divorced, disabled mother of four adult children who doesn’t let her disability keep her from being involved as a volunteer. In fact, Miller, a GSU student, was recently selected as one of two “Employees of the Year” by Aunt Martha’s Youth Service Center, headquartered in Matteson, Ill.

Miller said “I really enjoy working with and on behalf of people,” upon her acceptance of the “Volunteer of the Year” award from Aunt Martha’s.

In May 1987 Miller was involved in an automobile accident. She is now confined part-time to what she calls an “electric putt putt.”

Miller has been a volunteer in Aunt Martha’s office located at 4343 Lincoln Highway in Matteson for five years. Her duties have included agency librarian, serving as a member of the agency’s training team and as a counselor. In addition, Miller has set up an HIV Prevention Treatment Resource Book for the agency.

Miller has a long history of community service and currently is a volunteer for PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter), and is an undergraduate student in the Social Work Program at GSU.

Miller is involved at GSU, as well. She is currently serving as chair of the Student Communications Media Board (SCMB), secretary/treasurer of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at GSU and is a member of the Social Workers Club.

Her philosophy on life is, “The more you give, the more happiness you have.”
Happenings

Professional Enrichment Program (PEP) Workshop Series

Have you ever thought that there must be an easier way to solve problems? Do you doubt your decisions once you make them? If this describes you, plan to attend the PEP workshop "Breaking Out of the Box – Creative Thinking for Everyday Life."

Led by Michele McMaster on February 18, 1998 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Hall of Honors, this workshop can provide you with the tools that move your thinking from cramped and limited to creative.

To register, call Jennifer Blaeser, Human Resources, Ext. 5306.

Sculptor Preston Jackson’s Work to be Featured in GSU Art Gallery

Sculptor Preston Jackson’s work will be featured in the GSU Art Gallery off E-Lounge, February 3 to 27.

Jackson is a professor of sculpture and head of the figurative area and formerly chair of the sculpture department at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Art Gallery hours are Mondays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information on the exhibit call John Payne at (708) 534-4018.

Continuing Education Seminars for Township Officials Offered in February and March

The Township Officials of Illinois, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, and the Institute for Public Policy and Administration at GSU are once again offering continuing education seminars for township officials at five locations across the state in February and March of 1998.

Dates and locations for 1998 are as follows: February 21, The Lodge, Oak Brook; February 28, Hotel Pere Marquette, Peoria; March 7, The Chancellor, Champaign; March 21, The Clock Tower,

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GSU Channel to Remain on Jones Channel Line-Up

GSU Applauds Jones Intercable

Jones Intercable and GSU officials recently announced plans to renew their long term partnership and continue to provide GSU programming on the Jones’ network. The announcement comes amidst Jones revised plans for channel additions, and follows weeks of pro-education discussions between Jones leadership and university, state and village representatives.

GSU President Paula Wolff responded to Jones’ decision to retain GSU programming by saying “We are pleased that Jones Intercable management was able review their options and reach a satisfactory resolution. It is especially gratifying to know that Jones is responsive to the needs and desires of the community and to GSU’s body of students who are utilizing their service to pursue an education.”

The Jones channel line up, effective March 1, will feature the following changes: The History Channel will launch on channel 56, The Learning Channel will move from channel 56 to channel 29 and The GSU Channel will move from channel 29 to channel 26.

Jones General Manager Wayne Vestal is confident that the new changes will best reflect Jones’ response to customer demand and their standing commitment to the educational community. “We have arrived at an attractive and beneficial balance for all of our customers, including those benefiting from GSU programming,” said Vestal. “Along with GSU, new services like the Learning and History Channels will enable us to expand our educational offerings. We’re proud to be the pipeline for that knowledge.”

Rep. John (Phil) Novak (R-Kankakee) said in response to Jones’ decision, “I am excited and very satisfied that Jones Intercable has agreed to compromise. With this agreement Jones will be able to add the Learning and History Channels, as well as to allow GSU to retain its ability to provide educational access to citizens and its students in the south suburbs, including the Kankakee area.”

University Park Village Manager Mike Gruberoman, upon hearing of Jones’ decision, said “It’s good to see they were willing to review their position and to again demonstrate their positive interest in what’s going on in our region.”

University Park recently passed resolutions officially naming GSU its provider of educational access programming.

Jones Intercable has long recognized as an innovative leader in the field of education, offering more than 540 hours of commercial-free educational programming per month. More than 320 Chicagoland schools now enjoy the benefits of free basic cable wired by Jones technicians.

GSU programs provide yet another level of educational opportunities for Jones’ south suburban customers. Director of Communications Services, David Ainsworth said “The GSU Channel cablecasts 36 television courses per trimester for more than 900 students as part of its growing mission of serving distance learning students. In addition, the GSU Channel also carries six telecourses for Prairie State College students.”

Jones renewed GSU partnership and channel enhancements will benefit customers in Flossmoor, Matteson, Richton Park, University Park, Thornton, Hazel Crest, Olympia Fields, Crete and Lansing.
Guerrilla Marketing & Advertising Seminars Offered Through GSU

Write your marketing plan in one day at a hands-on marketing workshop called "How to Stand Out from the Competition." It will be held at Governors State University on Saturday, February 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This workshop teaches participants the art of "guerrilla marketing." Guerrilla marketing is a combination of creative strategies and proven tactics that employs guerrilla fighter attitudes and insights rather than huge marketing budgets.

How to Stand Out from the Competition" is based on the Guerrilla Marketing books by Jay Conrad Levinson. The cost of the seminar is $90. In addition, A Guerrilla Advertising Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Small Business Development Center at Governors State University.

This class includes a customer point-of-view marketing review, 16 reasons why advertising can fail; creating responsive advertising messages with headlines that inspire action and copy that creates a desire to buy; how to transform your business card into a guerrilla infocard, suggested outlines and in-depth reviews of space ads, flyers and brochures; creating your own guerrilla advertising plan and free follow-up phone conversation. The cost is $50 and participants must have attended the Guerrilla Marketing workshop first.

The workshops are sponsored by the Small Business Development Center and Marketing Communications Management at GSU. The classes are limited to six participants to ensure individualized attention. Participants will work one-on-one with a marketing professional to assess goals, improve methods and add new techniques to their current marketing arsenals.

For more information or to register, call the SBDC at (708) 534-4929.

GSU Professor Mel Muchnik to Represent the NUTN to Develop Technical Standards for Distance Education

GSU professor Dr. Mel Muchnik is representing the executive committee of the National University Telecommunications Network (NUTN) to develop objectives and organize the agenda for an international conference on setting technical standards for distance education. The conference is scheduled for April 26-28 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

NUTN is a national organization designed to further professional development and create distance learning and video conferences.

"The conference is designed to bring leading policy makers, hardware/software manufacturers and designers and distance educators together to develop 'functional requirements' supporting the development of instructional technology technical standards. This will allow an open flow of educational courses and services both nationally and internationally," said Muchnik.

Some of the functional requirement issues to be addressed include security; privacy; user-friendliness and ease of use; affordability; accessibility/availability between institutions and eventually homes; video, data and voice transmission; asynchronous transmission and bandwidth. In order for distance education to occur country-wide in a free and open market environment, Muchnik said, these and other issues must be resolved.

Representatives from the top 15 distance learning providers in the world will be invited. Those include the United Kingdom's Open University and India's Open University, as well as distance education experts from Malaysia, Australia and Mexico.

"Distance education technologies allow increasing numbers of students to access higher education some distance from campus. The Western Governors University is the boldest attempt to create a virtual university relying heavily on computer, Internet, Web and other technologies," said Muchnik. The Western Governors University (WGU), headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, is a nonprofit "virtual" university established by the governors of 15 western states and Guam. It is scheduled to begin enrolling students this year. Instruction will come from various public and private institutions of higher education and nontraditional providers of education services.

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Casey Foundation Renewed Grant for Human Services Development Programs

GSU has been awarded a $105,000 grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to develop educational training programs in human services.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is the largest philanthropic organization in the country devoted to assisting vulnerable children and families. This is the third year GSU has been awarded the grant.

According to Ginger Ostro, GSU project director, the funds will be used to continue work on programs that update the skills of human services personnel. Since the state began its reform efforts several years ago and created the Department of Human Services last year to provide a more comprehensive set of services for families and children, human services providers, managers and front-line staff have required new skills, said Ostro. The grant provides funding for teaching those new skills. Examples of the types of training created are the programs for retraining paraprofessionals, such as nurse aids and home-care workers or leadership development programs for managers.

GSU and the Department of Human Services (DHS) are currently developing a Leadership Institute. In addition, GSU is working with the Crete-Monee school district to develop a charter school focusing on early childhood education, and the new master’s of social work program at GSU was developed with the assistance of the Casey Foundation grant.

Ostro said “GSU is fortunate to have the confidence of the state’s human services community, both public and non-profit, and we are confident of our ability to impact the service community positively through our training programs.”

January Employee of the Month
Louvenia Hardaway

Louvenia Hardaway, program administrative assistant in the Administration and Planning Office, has been selected as January’s Employee of the Month.

“Her pleasant demeanor to all is good PR for our university,” said a nominator.

“Louvenia was very helpful to staff in Public Affairs at a time when technical expertise was needed to send multiple copies to news media last spring during a tornado watch.”

Hardaway quickly faxed media notices, so students coming to afternoon classes could take alternate routes due to flooding. “She handled the faxing situation so quickly and efficiently, I was stunned,” said this nominator.

Hardaway is said to be a punctual and diligent worker in managing the vice president’s office. She is always courteous, friendly and professional.

Hardaway has been working at GSU for nearly two years. She lives in Calumet City with her husband and has three children. Her two sons, ages 24 and 21, are ministers. One is at Morehouse College. Her daughter, age 19, is a student at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga.

Hardaway commented that “As a spouse and mother, I am responsible to my family. As a practicing Christian, the responsibility to be a good steward is not limited to possessions, but to people, as well. I am thankful to be surrounded by a special class of people. People who, in my opinion, reflect the excellent quality of staff at Governors State.

“I really do enjoy serving others, whether the need is professional or personal. It is important to me that the workday consist of pleasant moments in addition to the workload. My days are full of rewards from the challenges I encounter in my position, along with positive interaction daily with my co-workers.

“I am both honored and overwhelmed by all of this recognition. To my nominators, thank you, I owe you big time!”

The Employee of the Month receives $150 and a designated and convenient parking spot for the month. In addition, the Employee of the Month is eligible for Employee of the Year.
Memories and Miracles in February at The Center for Performing Arts at GSU

February 1998 will be a month of memories and miracles at The Center for Performing Arts at GSU.

The memories begin on Valentine Day evening, February 14, when the Coasters, the Drifters, & the Platters, performing their hit songs "Charlie Brown," "Poison Ivy," "Under the Boardwalk" and "Only You."

Tickets are $30 for this 8 p.m. show.

The classics continue with the performance by composer and pianist Eleanor Alberga and violin virtuoso Thomas Bowe, the husband and wife team "Double Exposure" from Great Britain (pictured). This afternoon brunch program, held on February 15 at 1:30 p.m., features selections from Bach, Schubert and Brahms along with contemporary works by pianists Alberga, Metcalf and Gorb.

Brunch and concert tickets are $35 and show only tickets are $17.50.

The beloved "Especially for Kids" program Charlotte's Web performs on Saturday, February 21 at 11 a.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and children.

Join the group, the Irish Rovers, for a pre-St. Patrick's Day concert on February 28. The Irish Rovers is the second longest touring Irish group in the world.

Buy your tickets early for the Sunday, March 15 performance of the Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Ensemble. Experience their innovative choreography in celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary.

Tickets are $35 for the 3 p.m. show.

To reserve tickets or for information, call The Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222 Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - Noon.

Annie Lawrence, Chair of Nursing Division at GSU Retires

A room filled with faculty, staff, students, friends and family turned out recently to say goodbye to Dr. Annie Lawrence, who retired as the chairperson of the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences in the College of Health Professions at Governors State University.

Lawrence, who lives in Chicago, joined the staff at GSU in 1977. She received both a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing education from DePaul University in Chicago and later attended both the University of Sarasota in Florida and Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, to complete her doctorate in education.

Lawrence's secretary, Joan Coleman, characterized Lawrence as a quiet but strong woman who was always working. "She is highly regarded by the faculty and the students," she said.

Lawrence recalled what she considers her biggest accomplishments at GSU. She is especially proud of getting the nursing program accredited and re-accredited, increasing not only the number of undergraduate and graduate students in the nursing program but increasing the diversity of the students, developing articulation programs with the junior college nursing programs, organizing the division of nursing and health sciences to work as a unit with by-laws and increasing GSU's visibility among nursing groups and other organizations.

Lawrence is married to Rudolph C. Brown Sr. and has two adult children, Michael and Rudolf Jr. Lawrence’s daughter-in-law, Yvette Brown, is an adjunct faculty member at GSU, who teaches media communications.

At her retirement party, Lawrence announced that she was donating $10,000 to create an endowed scholarship to be available to students in the health professions.

After retirement, Lawrence said she will continue in her capacity as vice-chair of Bethany Hospital’s Governing Council of the Advocate Health Systems, site visitor for the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission and vice-chair of the Illinois Nurses Association.

But first, she is going on vacation.

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GSU Employees Exceed Goal in Charitable Donations

GSU employees exceeded the State Employees Combined Appeal’s (SECA) 1997 goal of $6,929 by $1,525, said Gwendolyn Glenn, GSU’s executive coordinator of the SECA campaign.

SECA is an annual workplace solicitation program for state and university employees to benefit a broad variety of local, national and international human services charitable organizations.

Director of Human Resources Gail L. Lutz and Glenn expressed their appreciation to the 11 department coordinators and 62 employees who contributed a total of $8,454 to the solicitation program.

Dr. Michael Toney Honored at Play

Dr. Michael Toney, executive director of Enrollment Services at GSU, recently received the Lifetime Award for his dedicated service in education from Dr. James L. Hicklin III at a performance of "The Other Wise Man" at Bethel AME Church in Chicago.

Annual Alumni Association Fund Drive

The annual Alumni Fund Drive will be held during the month of March.

If you would like to volunteer to make phone calls, contact the Alumni Association office at (708) 534-4128 for further information.
Candidates for the offices of Governor and U.S. Senator of the state of Illinois are scheduled to face each other on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at Governors State University at 2 p.m. The debate will take place in the Center for Performing Arts at GSU, the university's 1200 seat auditorium.

The six most prominent candidates for the office of Governor, Democrats Roland Burris, John Schmidt, Jim Burns, and Glen Poshard and republicans George Ryan, and Chad Koppie, have all been invited to answer the questions of reporters from the Chicago Southland region. The three most visible candidates for the U.S. Senate, incumbent democrat Carol Moseley-Braun and republicans Loleta Didrickson and Peter Fitzgerald, have also been invited. Dr. Paul Green, director of GSU's Institute for Public Policy and Administration, will moderate the debates.

A taped delayed broadcast on GSU's education access cable television station available through Jones Intercable in the South Suburban region, and a live broadcast via the World Wide Web through the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center's LincolnNet home page are being arranged. For more information on the debates, contact Jeffrey A. Dixon at (773) 881-9444.

Meet... Dick Gibb

"The challenge this year for the Foundation Board is to transition from capital improvement fund-raising to scholarship and special project fund-raising," said Dick Gibb, the new Foundation Board President. "It becomes a different kind of fund-raising."

Some of the foundation board's goals are to provide assistance to programs for international students, to work with admissions and other units within the university to offer assistance in supporting the university and its students, and to offer financial assistance to students and the university. The foundation board provided over $140,000 in scholarship money to GSU students last year.

Gibb's experience as a member of other boards should prove an asset to GSU. He is one of the founding members of the Illinois Philharmonic Corporate Council, a support organization to the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. In addition to his current position of president of the foundation board, he is past chairman of the foundation board's planning committee as well as a past member of various other committees.

Professionally, Gibb has held various positions since 1971 at Federal Signal Corporation, where he currently serves as executive vice-president. The company is based out of Oak Brook, Illinois with a branch office in University Park, Illinois. A resident of Olympia Fields, Ill., Gibb is married to Andrea and the father of four.

In his role as foundation board president, Gibb believes his is one of leadership and to serve as an ambassador to the community at large. "Our job is to support the initiatives of academic excellence and accessibility at GSU," stated Gibb.

Brandon Senter, vice-president of development at GSU and the CEO of the foundation board praised Gibb for his skills: "Dick is a leader in the business community and a gifted ambassador for GSU. He can tell the GSU story in a way that proves effective – his employees are graduates of GSU's programs – demonstrating GSU's success...making it real. He tells a compelling story."