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This Week at GSU

9 Student Life "Publicity Workshop," 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall.

10 Planning Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Hall of Honors.

12 "How to Start Your Own Business" workshop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hall of Honors.

12 "Children of Alcoholics" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and continuing on Saturday.

12 "Topics in Psychology: Risk Taking in Children and Adolescents" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and continuing on Saturday, Engbretson Hall.

12 "Communication Workshop: Managing People," Fridays through May 19, Orland Park Place.

12 "Fix Your Personal Computer" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays through May 20.

12 "Empowering Yourself" workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hall of Honors.

13 "Media Workshop: Camera Corder," Saturdays through May 20, Orland Park Place.

14 GSU String Quartet Concert, 3 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

GSU-Stauffer co-op program a success!

Charlotte's a grandmother who was away from the classroom for 38 years.

Then, in 1987, Stauffer Chemical Co. and the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union agreed that Charlotte and 13 other laboratory technicians should take algebra and chemistry classes as part of a mandatory retraining program.

The company, the union and the employees all looked to Governors State University for help.

Now, 18 months into the 24-month program, the Stauffer Chemical Co.-GSU partnership is winning rave reviews.

The Chicago Heights company that manufactures phosphate compounds and sodium bicarbonates for use in the food and pharmaceutical industries wanted GSU to present a proposal for a retraining program that would update the laboratory technicians' skills, making them viable employees of the operation.

The chemical industry has gone through a host of changes since many of the lab technicians joined the staff. Stauffer wanted its quality control personnel to understand the processes they were performing and to be able to give supervisors input for improvements and changes.

The union wanted to know its employees were getting the best deal.

Because this program was mandatory, union representatives wanted guidance.

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GSU videoconference focuses on leadership for governing boards

"Reinventing the Board: Strategic Leadership for Public and Nonprofit Governance" is the topic for a videoconference to be offered at Governors State University on May 20.

The program is designed for anyone who serves on or is involved in organizations governed by a board of directors, trustees or commissioners, such as governmental bodies, school systems, hospitals, social agencies, trade associations, etc.

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Some dates firm for 20th celebration

The 20th anniversary celebration of the founding of Governors State University will begin with "Founder's Day" activities on July 17.

A 9 a.m. breakfast honoring Dr. William Engbretson, first president of GSU, will be followed by dedication of a tree recently planted in honor of Dr. Engbretson, and a cake-cutting and reception in the Hall of Governors.

The BOG will meet at GSU on July 20, and President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II will host a special reception for the board on July 19.

A "20th Anniversary Midsummer's Night Ball" will be held on July 29, and a day of activities, including a run, picnic and folk fest, will be held on Aug. 12.

Cafeteria Menu
(Week of May 8 to May 12)

Monday - Chicken noodle soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: liver and onions; spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, garlic toast; seasoned peas and carrots; whipped potatoes.

Tuesday - Split pea soup w/1 pkg cracker; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: veal cutlet parmesan; oriental chop suey over rice, seasoned spinach; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Garden vegetable soup soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast beef au jus; five fried wing dings w/fries and cole slaw; corn O'brien; whipped potatoes.

Thursday - Beef barley soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: potted luncheon steak jardiniere; Italian sausage, tomato sauce, peppers on French bread; seasoned cut broccoli; whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials will be posted in the cafeteria.

Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.

(Menu subject to change)

Administrative/Professional People

Playing 'scorekeeper' is GSU registrar's job

By Marilyn Thomas

If ever there was an office that reflects a university's being, it's that of the Registrar. There you can get a list of all the university's classes and learn about the students past and present.

For GSU Registrar Sarah Crawford, the job of chief scorekeeper is special because it is "balanced between people-oriented work and data-oriented work," she said.

Sarah came to GSU in 1983 from Purdue University-Calumet in Hammond. While both are classified commuter campuses, Sarah said she moved from an assistant registrar's job where policies were solid and procedures were rigid, to GSU which was "much less rigid in many things."

For openers, Sarah had to get into the mind-set of competency-based learning. True, GSU had converted to a graded system in 1979, but the Registrar's Office hadn't completely caught up with that and she found herself studying some transcripts just to get a grasp of how to classify and store those records.

"The notion of competency learning was exciting but the outside world couldn't accept it. The conversion taught me what a great staff I had, especially in the records section. We inherited problems because while the university began with great thoughts (like competency learning) some weren't practical," she said. "We needed a system and procedures for record keeping."

There were no standardized methods and records were more collegial than centralized. It was Bill Kryspin who helped set policies on guidelines for grades, Sarah said, and those policies "generally say I'm recording what's gone on (for example, if the student got a grade or an incomplete) and I'll record the next attempt."

Once a student's admitted, the Registrar's Office takes over. It creates a data base for each student recording all actions, honors and grades.

Sarah started computerizing the GSU records to on-line files in 1985. Today all the records are computerized and standardized. She still finds herself trying to explain competency-based learning about once a month to a prospective employer checking on one of GSU's early graduates. It's no easy task explaining competency learning to someone who just wants to know if the person was a good student.

The registrar's office is the university's oldest student affairs position. It dates back to medieval times when Sarah's role as registrar was held by "the major academic beetle" whose role was to call students for exams, lead the academic processions, and maintain records.

It's obvious that much has changed since then. The registrar is working within a system of policies set by the administration, but Sarah says she likes to think her office isn't closed to students.

"We do deal with students, give advice and refer them to counselors. I'm also responsible for decisions on personal appeals on withdrawal, probation, suspension, graduation requirements," she said. "Too often bureaucracies bury people. We have to be here to help students through the bureaucracy. As facilitators we have to keep in mind that we're dealing with a person and that person should take precedence over the bureaucracy."

The Hammond, Ind. native initially trained to be a teacher, and she did teach one year after earning her bachelor's degree from Purdue-Calumet.

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The Grapevine

May colloquium topic will be 'Are Men Changing?'

Dr. David Matteson, professor of psychology and counseling, will wrap up the winter/spring "Colloquia" programs with his May 16 discussion "Are Men Changing or Just Reacting?" The program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

He'll report on research into how people respond when the other gender changes and the ways men seem to have changed in the last decade partly in response to the women's movement and economics.

Dr. Donaldson receives 'Executive in Politics' award

Dr. Robert B. Donaldson II, a member of the faculty of the College of Business and Public Administration since 1977, has been selected as the education winner for the 1989 Young Executive in Politics Achievement Award.

The presentation was made May 6 in a banquet held at the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn-Mart Plaza in Chicago.

Dr. Donaldson was recognized for "impressive professional accomplishments" and "commitment to the advancement of our community." The award is presented annually to persons who have made significant contributions to the community and have served as models for young people.

The Young Executives in Politics, founded by State Comptroller Roland W. Burris, selects each year's winners and presents the award.

Dr. Lingamneni selected as new IACJE president

Dr. Jagan Lingamneni, professor of public administration in the College of Business and Public Administration, recently was elected as 1989-90 president of the Illinois Academy of Criminal Justice Educators.

The action came during the annual meeting of IACJE held April 7 on the GSU campus. The event included presentations by an international panel of speakers, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority researchers, and the executive director of the Illinois Crime Commission.

Earlier, Dr. Lingamneni presented a paper at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Washington, D.C. He and four GSU students who accompanied him also visited the FBI Academy and other U.S. Justice Department agencies.

Dr. Lingamneni also has been selected for inclusion in the 1988-89 edition of Who's Who in America.

GSU offering 'hospitality management' series

By the year 2000, an estimated 600,000 new jobs will be created in the hospitality management industry, and Governors State University is helping to prepare students for these new professions.

A hospitality management series of courses, offered in conjunction with the education division of the hotel/motel industry, will meet at both GSU's Orland Park Place location and at South Suburban College in South Holland.

The two three-hour courses currently offered are "Business Communication for Hospitality Students" and "Principles of Marketing for Hospitality Management." Dr. Sheldon Mendelson is directing the program.

Soviet literary phenomenon will be workshop topic

"Soviet Writing and the Gorbachev Revolution" will be the topic for a workshop to be held at GSU on May 20 and June 10.

Dr. Irwin Weil, professor of Slavic languages at Northwestern University and an expert on Soviet culture, will be the presenter.

The workshop will focus on works of Solzhenitsyn, Zoshchenko and Bulgakov.

Being 'scorekeeper' is registrar's job

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Then she went on for a master's degree in counseling while working at Purdue.

One of her first jobs at Purdue after earning her master's degree was administrator of Cost-Instruction Programs for Vietnam Veterans. Sarah helped establish "rap groups" for the vets. She also did individual counseling on vocational choice and helped veterans set realistic goals. There are times when a group of those veterans gets together socially and Sarah's invited. "It gives me a good feeling to know of their successes," she said.

The struggles and problems GSU's working students face are nothing new to Sarah. "I am very attuned to working and school and juggling schedules. I took every Tuesday off from my job for two years so that I could complete my residency program" for the doctoral degree at Loyola University in Chicago.

Her thesis was a comparison of the environments of the two Purdue campuses the main campus in West Lafayette and the Northwest Indiana campus in Hammond. She examined the attitudes and perceptions of faculty and students on their own campus and that of the other campus.

GSU video event to cover governing board policies

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The program will originate from the University of Georgia and will be directed by Dr. John Carver, a noted author and consultant on the topic. Carver is a writer and consultant for nonprofit and public boards and their chief executives. For 20 years he has worked with boards in 40 states and Canada and has written widely on his concept of governance as an opportunity for strategic leadership and responsible monitoring.

Local panelists will include John Ostenburg, GSU's director of university relations and a Park Forest trustee, and Beth Ruyle, executive director of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association.
GSU-Stauffer program gains praise

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lines established that would benefit members and make the instructors as accessible as possible.

The employees wanted a program that would give them a chance. Many had been out of school for more than 10 years. They had great fears and they were frustrated that the company’s retraining was mandatory. They believed they had been doing good work for Stauffer and wanted to know they were being recognized fairly.

What GSU, the company and the union came up with was a retraining program that has university professors teaching at the Stauffer plant.

After the employees’ math and reading skills were determined, GSU helped design curricula for algebra, chemistry and computer classes.

Before the classwork began, GSU counselors Peggy Woodard and Pam Zener spent four weeks with the technicians in re-entry skills, helping them with study habits, reading, retention and listening skills, and testing anxieties. Even today, three-quarters into the program, some counseling work continues.

Classes are offered after working hours and employees are paid overtime for attending. They are allowed two attempts to pass the GSU classes. If they fail, they can take the course at another institution at their expense.

The Stauffer Chemical Co. retraining program was the first GSU-business training partnership of this magnitude. Its successes are innumerable. It has helped employees overcome their classroom fears, improve their working knowledge of math and science, and built confidence in their abilities, Roger Paris, who directed the program for OCW, explained.

GSU faculty Dr. Karen D’Arcy, Dr. Ron Brubaker, Dr. Joe Addison, Dr. Richard Fries, Dr. Ed Cehelnik, Dr. Mohammad Kishita, have developed a rapport with the employees.

They have been challenged by the employees to show how their teaching is applicable to the lab work. This, in turn, has expanded their knowledge.

Stauffer Plant Manager Tim Cunningham said the company is getting a more valuable employee as a result of the program.

Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations to the following employees of Governors State University who are celebrating their anniversaries of employment during May.

1971 Joseph Gabrisko (PPO)
1972 Glen Claus (BO/Central Stores)
1973 Aida Shekib (CBPA)
1974 Benjamin Lowe (CE), Brendan O’Rourke (PPO), Michael Hassett (PPO), Neil Reidy (PPO)
1976 James Lohman (REG), Donna Veramontes (SD)
1977 William Elliott (BO/Central Stores)
1979 Tom Dascenzo (OSL), Barry Ryan (BO)
1980 Jagan Lingamneni (CBPA), Odessa Nolin (SPCE), Virginia Thurston (PERS)
1984 Grace Lefebvre (SPCE), Judith Lewis (CHP)