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This Week at GSU

19 Critical Care Review Course, 6:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.

20 CBPA Honors Program, 1 p.m., Hall of Honors.

20 Child Care Center Open House, 9 a.m. to noon or 3:30 to 5 p.m., Hantack House.

21 "Topics in Special Education: Vision and Its Relation to Learning," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hall of Honors.

21 Critical Care Review Course, 6:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.

22 Add-Drop and Late Registration (Block 3) through June 28.

22 "Connections" program preview, 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall.

23 Civil Service Coffee, 9:45 a.m., D1702.

23 Civil Service Softball, 5 p.m., Ball Field.

23 "Black Holes, Quasars & the Universe," 1 p.m., F1200.

24 "Intelligent Life in the Universe," 9 a.m., F1200.

University garden plan takes root

Few of us realize how much tender-loving care, horticultural knowledge and foresight the gardens and grounds of Governors State University require.

The work of our gardening/landscape maintenance staff, at the direction of Dr. Virgilio Pucci, vice president of administration and planning, and Mike Foley, director of physical plant operations, has helped to develop the campus into fields of green, areas of shrubs and trees and rows of flowers.

GSU has 753 acres. Although all the land isn’t used for the campus (some is still in its natural state and 370 acres are leased to a farmer), maintaining and beautifying what is used is a big chore that’s left to Joe Shaw, Joe Gabrisko, Harry Wakal, Bill Van Dyke, Richard Van Pelt, Bill Erickson, and Barbara Lane.

Besides the outdoor work, they’re also responsible for the maintenance of the trees in the Hall of Governors atrium and other plantings indoors. And

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Grammy winner John Hartford to headline 'Folkfest under the stars'

Get ready for a great show under the stars Aug. 12 when John Hartford headlines "Folkfest XII."

The Office of Student Life has again organized a great Folkfest show that features Park Forest musician/comedian Dave Rudolf as the master of ceremonies.

For those not familiar with Hartford, think of Glen Campbell’s most sung ballad “Gentle on My Mind.” Hartford wrote the piece and won two Grammy Awards for the work. He won a third Grammy for his album “Mark Twang.”

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Folkfest caps daylong anniversary celebration
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Hartford is known for his involvement with the audience and often leaves the stage to dance with audience members. His Americana music is what he calls his own style of “country music.”

The Folkfest at 7 p.m. will cap off a day of activities for the family at Governors State. The Civil Service Senate has planned its annual picnic in conjunction with Folkfest to bring the community to the GSU campus for another 20th anniversary celebration.

Tickets for Folkfest XII are available at the Cashier’s Office. If you’re interested in the day’s activities, a special ticket price will cover food and beverages during the day, as well as the Folkfest cost. Contact the Civil Service Senate for details on those tickets.

Cafeteria Menu
(Week of June 19 to June 23)
Monday - Creole soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: pot roast beef, mostaccioli w/meat sauce and garlic toast, wax beans and pimento, whipped potatoes.
Tuesday - Lima bean soup w/1 pkg crackers, chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers, Entree: roast turkey breast w/dressing, B.B.Q. beef sandwich, seasoned peas, candied sweet potatoes.
Wednesday - Cream of celery soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast pork w/dressing and applesauce, Swedish meatballs, rice, roll and butter, mixed vegetables, oven browned potatoes.
Thursday - Garden vegetable soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: salisbury steak, fillet of chicken sandwich w/lettuce and tomato, green beans, whipped potatoes.
Friday - Specials will be posted in the cafeteria.
Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.
(Menu subject to change)

Faculty Feature
Prof asset to education, environment, industry

By Marilyn Thomas

It’s no secret that schools, colleges and universities are having difficulty finding good science and math teachers.

So we could consider GSU fortunate when it hired Dr. Karen D’Arcy. She is an excellent teacher and someone who is happy working as a Division of Science team player.

Since arriving in August 1984, Karen has been responsible for new course development, the initiation of a GSU-business partnership, and the involvement of GSU in a national air pollution monitoring program for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Karen selected chemistry as a major in a round-about way, but she has no regrets with her decision. After earning her bachelor’s degree in chemistry at the University of Northern Colorado, she pursued a doctorate in chemistry/environmental science “because I always knew I wanted to teach.”

Her thesis work is still drawing attention, and she recently presented a paper on her findings at the American Chemical Society’s regional meeting in Cleveland. “It was work I did on developing analytical techniques of measuring arsenic, lead and other substances that could be deadly in high dosages.”

“Arsenic - the poison?” people gasp. It’s a reaction she’s become used to because people generally know of arsenic as a method of poisoning in the 18th and 19th centuries.

“But arsenic is a substance we have in our bodies at an ultra-fine trace,” she explains. “We have developed standards (to regulate the amount of arsenic in water) to protect us from harm,” and it is the development of those measurements that Karen worked on for her doctoral dissertation.

GSU is Karen’s first teaching position since earning her doctorate. The diversity of the science program here allows her to teach not only chemistry per se, but also to use her environmental science background. Her course load includes organic and analytical chemistry, water quality, electrochemistry and chemical equilibrium, as well as basic chemistry for those students not majoring in the sciences.

These students are primarily from the education, health science and nursing disciplines, and Karen gears her classwork to them by using examples from everyday life, such as food preservatives, energy resources, pharmaceuticals and the like. “And I also try to be very complete with my notes,” she said, “and explain things as clearly as possible.”

The water quality course is another interesting one for her because it takes students out of the classroom and into the GSU surroundings to test water samples from Rock Creek and Deer Creek.

Her interest in the environment is another reason why Karen is supervising a two-year EPA project to monitor air quality for acid rain effects. She suggested GSU as a site for the project and now works with graduate assistants who daily take samples of gases, particles and rain water for chemical analysis.

“It’s been exciting to work with these students who have taken on the responsibility of the project. They are handling it now, and I’m here as a resource person,” she said.

It was through one of her students that Karen became involved in the...
Alumni Association nears goal, allocates funds

Every day the GSU Alumni Association inches closer to its goal of $65,000. Donations and membership dues to date have totaled $53,000, according to Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations.

This year, the Alumni Association Board has allocated $16,000 to the Alumni Academic Award scholarship program, $20,000 to faculty development and $10,000 to the library.

Division chair honored for contributions to field

Special recognition is being given to Dr. Annie Lawrence, chairperson of the Division of Nursing. Alpha Gamma Pi sorority will be honoring her for her outstanding contributions to nursing at its banquet June 25 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago.

She's also being featured in Dollars and Sense magazine’s “Salute to Chicago's Up and Coming Business and Professional Women” at its banquet in August at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago.

Mementos needed for 20th anniversary auction

We know there are those who are very fond of their belongings. Some would call them “pack-rats,” but the Silent Auction Committee for the 20th Anniversary Ball prefers to call them “special contributors.”

The committee is asking all memorabilia collectors to give a little something. They are looking for photos, reports, etc., to remind us of our past.

Let Jill Stanley of the library staff know about that special something. She can be reached on extension 2279.

June exhibits ready at Infinity and Art galleries

When you feel you want to get up from your desk and walk a bit, stop by the Infinity Gallery or the Art Gallery where art work is on display.

"Alone in the Midst," a graduate photography show by Barbara Porazinski features photos that depict persons alone in crowded environments.

The works are on exhibit from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The show runs through June 30. Infinity Gallery is on the second floor near the CAS dean's office.

The Art Gallery features “Spaces/Places” by artist Carol Weber, a mixed media presentation of house shapes that are varied, textured and have a twist of the unusual. The exhibit also includes some black and white drawings.

The exhibit continues through June 29. The Art Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It's located near E-Lounge on the first floor.

Your support critical to gain state dollars for GSU

We need your support to win greater revenues from the Illinois legislature. Dr. William H. Dodd, executive director of university advancement, reminds staff members to write letters to their area legislators on behalf of an income tax increase that would guarantee GSU greater funding.

The Illinois House has passed the Madigan/Rock Bill that would mean a tax increase of about $2 a week for the average family of four with income of $26,000. The bill is before the Senate.

The Board of Governors is working for passage of the Madigan/Rock Bill that would give GSU an additional $2.6 million this year.
Tender, loving care and foresight, mark efforts of gardening/landscaping staff

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when the weather turns foul, it's their responsibility to plow the roads and salt the sidewalks.

Dr. Piucci's five-year landscaping plan started with a $16,000 gift from the GSU Alumni Association which enabled the grounds crew to plant shrubs and bushes along the drives that lead to the main building.

Pines that were initially planted near the president's home were transplanted on the campus area, and a serious mulching program for the trees was begun.

The lake site was transformed into a garden area, and the Keith Smith memorial garden at the main entrance was started.

In September 1984 Foley hired Jo Shaw as a gardener. Her expertise has helped the grounds crew with its selection of plantings and their proper main-

tenance.

Jo's green thumb has been keeping color on campus during the harsh winters. The greenhouse on a chilly day is an eye-catcher. This year Jo nurtured bright red geraniums.

Those are the same geraniums that are now in the Keith Smith garden at GSU's main entrance.

Dr. Piucci said his other plans for the not-too-distant future include planting pines and willow trees around the lake and continuing to develop the bench area; landscaping and plantings around the new physical plant building this fall; additional work around building entrances at Public Safety office and the Division of Sciences/SPCE.

Gardens will be developed as memorials to deceased staff members Jerry Baysore and Barbara Smith whose families have made special contributions. A third memorial garden will be started in memory of all deceased employees.

Dr. Piucci's long-term goal is to develop the campus grounds as an arboretum that will be a showplace for school children and area residents.

GSUings...
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on "Strategic Planning in Business Schools" in Austin, Texas, with CBPA faculty members Dr. Mary Howes and Dr. William Wilkinson.

Congratulations

to Dr. Kenneth Wieg, professor in the Division of Psychology and Counseling, College of Education, on his recent marriage to Annette Perez.

Staff Directory Changes
Sharon Evans, a new secretary III transcriber in the Registrar's Office, may be reached on Ext. 2165 • Barbara Lane, a new grounds worker in Physical Plant Operations, may be reached on Ext. 2181 • William Craig, a new admissions counselor in Admissions and Student Recruitment, may be reached at Ext. 2510 • Joseph Correa, new director for the office of extended learning, Special Programs & Continuing Education, may be reached at Ext. 2121

Chem prof asset to GSU
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Stauffer Chemical Co. retraining project. This student, who was an administrator at the plant, thought of Karen when company officials suggested their workers get training in chemistry.

Karen's initial work was development of a curriculum which the company then presented to its union. After acceptance of the retraining agreement, Karen joined the teaching staff. Mondays through Thursdays she teaches at GSU and Fridays she teaches at Stauffer Chemical. Workers have completed 18 months of the 24-month program.

Karen, who earned extra money as a lifeguard while in college, has given up swimming now but does enjoy running, jogging and tennis. And, when possible, she goes back to Colorado to ski.

Karen and her husband, Bruce Dumdei, are Palos Park residents.