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The passports of some Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services employees are full or in the process of filling up.

Whether traveling to Eastern regions of Egypt and Israel or the more domestic locales such as Birmingham, Ala. and San Francisco, CELCS crews and instructors are sparing no efforts in making telecourses offered through the college the best product out there.

David Ainsworth, coordinator of instructional development for CELCS, shared some interesting information on what is considered one of the university's highest profile efforts.

Courses instructed and produced at GSU are shown at hundreds of Public Broadcasting Services and colleges throughout the nation and abroad.

Telecourses have been offered through GSU since 1982, and have produced approximately 35 different classes. Since that time, GSU's telecourses have blossomed.

Just recently, Ainsworth received an e-mail from a broadcasting affiliate in Ireland, where

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now gather to discuss the previous nights' viewing over a bite of lunch.

These two women are a microcosm of the exposure level GSU gains through the classes.

A group who has given the courses a substantial shot in the arm is the Public Broadcasting Service. GSU offers telecourses to local public stations with the help of PBS's Adult Learning Service program, which operates as the distributing and leasing body for CELCS.

Ainsworth readily admits that their efforts are greatly assisted by PBS.

"They are, in large part, the reason why we are so well seen across the country. Their contact and name recognition works well for us. It's like a 'seal of approval'-type endorsement" Ainsworth said.

It helps, indeed. With the leasing agreements CELCS and PBS have worked out with affiliates, the programs are able to generate a substantial income for the university.

After all of the travel and production costs were covered, CELCS managed to net a profit of more than $78,000 for last year's leasing agreements.

Ainsworth understands that when they journey off to the far reaches, the cost is high, but the end result is worth it.

"We have to continually upgrade our courses and programs in order to maintain a quality product for our students as well as the people watching out of curiosity. We try to keep the interaction between the students and the professors as natural as possible and make it fun. It seems that we're doing quite well at it," Ainsworth added.

Evidence of their success is most importantly measured in the number of students enrolled in courses.

Ainsworth said there are more than 2,000 students currently enrolled in their religious studies courses alone, demonstrating a boosted interest.

GSU is not the only school using telecourses to educate and get their word out through television.

There are six universities nationwide that are operating in the same field of telecourse education, so the group at CELCS is always working to keep their efforts top notch.

Who knows where the next group of people discussing GSU's courses may be? The ends of the earth appear to be the limit for CELCS.

@govst.edu will always report accomplishments that help GSU meet its mission statement. Look for these icons which will indicate stories that directly relate to GSU's four goals.

A mosque stands prominent against the sky in Israel, as local residents pause for a snapshot taken by one of the CELCS crew.

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Open Space confab draws focus on regional development

Politicians, organizations, professors and concerned citizens all made their presence felt during a day of environmental focus and interest at Governors State University last month.

Entitled "The Fourth Annual Open Space Congress: Focus on Land Acquisition," representatives from The South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center managed to draw attention to the concern of dwindling open spaces.

Some of the presenters included Jerry Adelman of the Openland Project, Will County Forest Preserve Director Mike Pasteris and U.S. Congressman Jerry Weller.

Some of the issues addressed at the conference included a proactive approach to buying and preserving open space, and some of the most effective ways of accomplishing those actions.

Mary Tano, currently operating as interim director at the SMRLC, felt the conference did a good job of informing citizens and fellow organizations of what current efforts are out there.

"The event made the issues very real and local, which is very important," Tano said.

Several communities and counties are facing referendum issues on the April voting ballot, making the issue very relevant.

Governors State well-represented on Golden Apple lists

Considered more valuable than gold, teachers are the genesis of education for millions of today's children.

Governors State University continues to educate some of today's top educators in the region, as evidenced by GSU's presence on the Golden Apple educators award list. In an effort to recognize exemplary teachers, the Golden Apple Foundation annually honors ten top educators throughout Cook, Lake and DuPage counties. Those top ten are selected from a short list of 31 finalists considered to be among the best educators in this heavily populated region. That short list of 31 was chosen from more than 900 Golden Apple nominees. This year, two of the 10 winners and four of the 31 finalists either received their degree or completed an extensive amount of coursework at Governors State University.

Barbara Marie Figlewicz and James Sorenson received top honors, while Robert Gath, Lynn MacLean, Maribel Rivera and Guillermina Rodriguez were named to the list of 31 finalists in February.

A 6th grade teacher at Sanborn Elementary School in Palatine, Figlewicz has been educating children for more than 26 years. Known by the students and other faculty at Sanborn Elementary as incredibly energetic, she feels several courses that she took through GSU helped complete her skills as a teacher.

Figlewicz took several graduate courses through GSU, mainly focusing on technology in the classroom and hands-on processes in the sciences. "I found that the courses at GSU were real significant in terms of my professional development," Figlewicz said. "I think the courses were a definite benefit."

Sorenson, currently teaching at Chippewa Junior High School in Des Plaines, receives this award at the quarter-century mark of his career as an instructor. In that time he's enhanced his teaching skills through numerous postgraduate courses completed at GSU. An instructor of Language Arts and Integrated Literacy, Sorenson brings some holistic methods to the task of educating his seventh-graders. As one youngster observes, "We can tell him our problems and he understands, and helps us look for different ways to help us solve them." "He's more than a teacher. He's our friend."

This prestigious list of educators who teach 6th through 8th grade students are selected by a 70-person Foundation Selection Committee made up of Chicago-area educators.
Happenings
Organizations aplenty on campus at GSU

Are you looking for people like yourself to help get you involved in the world of activities available at Governors State University? Whether you're a full-time student or already gainfully employed in business, the Student Life Division at GSU has an organization for people with the same interests to meet and discuss.

The following are just a sample of the diversity available among student organizations:

- Women in Communications, Inc: helping to dispense information on the communications scene, highlighting internship placement and also networking with professionals in the many communications industries.

- Association of Latin American Students: increasing self-awareness among Latino Students through unity.

- National Association of Black Accountants, Inc: a student organization committed to excellence in both the academic and professional spheres of business accounting.

- Green Group: students learn what they can do to preserve the environment via politics and through individual effort.

Don't see what you like? Create a club of your own. Any group of seven or more students can seek a charter, as a club or organization. Select an advisor with the help of the Office of Student Life and your college. Existing organizations must renew their charters each academic year.

For further information on groups to join, or how to suggest a new group, contact Lamonda Kidd at 1-708-534-4552.

Alumni golfers tee off in September

Don't wait for a little birdie to tell you, make reservations now for the Governors State University Alumni Golf Outing, to be held September 18, 1999 at Green Garden Country Club.

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ing hard to scholarships

spective students and to GSU’s current enrollment. They are working to restructure a portion of the scholarships so that a greater number of students of all ages will be able to decide, before committing themselves academically, whether they can afford it.

"It’s well-known that the typical GSU student is a lot older than the average college student, and has a lot of ‘real-world’ concerns that usually don’t face the typical student coming straight from high school," Senter said. "We have younger students too, but a lot of them are a part of the outside workforce and coming here at night. We’re working hard to meet their needs."

According to Senter, the university is campaigning aggressively to raise awareness of financial assistance at GSU.

"We want to let the self-sufficient older adults in this community see themselves in the profile of those getting, and deserving, money for education," Senter added.

If you’re a student who is curious about funding available through the numerous scholarships listed on this page, call the Financial Aid office at (708) 534-4480 or the Foundation office at (708) 534-4105.

A great mistake is when an opportunity to educate, and to use our intelligence to its utmost, is wasted. This money could be available to all new and returning GSU students; come get it.

Happenings

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95511 W Monroe-Manhattan Rd, Frankfort, Ill.

Activities start at 10:30 a.m. with a putting green contest and raffle, followed by tee times from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. A cash bar will be open for cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner and an awards program will begin at 7 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded in men’s and women’s categories for longest drive, closest-to-the-pin and other degrees of golfer excellence.

The package includes golf and cart, lunch at the turn, and a barbecue dinner, all for $80 ($30 for dinner only).

Companies and individuals are also encouraged to participate as sponsors for the event. Sponsor’s names will be prominently displayed on signs and listed in the official program. The deadline for sponsorship reservations is July 12, 1999.

No refunds will be made after July 12, 1999. For details on attending, or about sponsoring, call the Alumni Office at (708) 534-4128.

Bring a club. Have a ball!
Call extension 5306 to RSVP.

GSU offering two-day seminar to explore dreams

If it feels like the epiphany you’ve been waiting to discover is buried in your dreams, the two-day seminar “Dreambody Work in Everyday Life: An Introduction to Process Work” may just be the answer.

Meaningful information lies hidden not only in our dreams but also in our body symptoms and unintended communication signals. Participants will have an opportunity to explore their dreams, symptoms, and relationship signals, discovering the innate intelligence hidden in these forms of communication. Process work is considered an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to the range of human experience, with its roots in Taoism, Jungian psychology, modern physics, and communication theory.

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Gloria Scoby coming to GSU as final speaker for Presidential Lecture Series

If you are looking for information on a house, you talk to a builder.

If you want to know about mutual fund, you talk to an investor.

But if you want an omnipotent view of the business world, you should talk to Gloria Scoby. Scoby is publisher of Crain's Publications, one of the most informative and knowledgeable sources of business information in the nation.

Who could be privy to more activity in the business world than someone immersed in regional, national and international business affairs?

When Elk Grove Village-based United Airlines was considering a move to former military property near O'Hare, Crain's Chicago Business was first to break the story.

That keen sense for big stories and seeing through the maze of mixed signals and intricate agreements is what the region has come to rely on Crain's for. That very ability is what makes Scoby and Crain's such a valuable information asset. She will be at Governors State to share her knowledge with area business leaders on June 18 in the Hall of Honors.

Scoby joined the Crain's organization in 1978 and was on the team that helped launch Crain's Chicago Business, now a newsstand hallmark. Crain's Chicago Business was the first of four regional Crain's business publications. Prior to being named publisher of Crain's Chicago Business, Scoby spent two years in New York with Crain's New York Business, where she transformed a money-losing publication into the American Association for Business Publications' honor as the Best Business Publication in America in 1989.


GSU invites people to come see what insights she may give regarding businesses in the Chicago region as well as a national view.

William Nowlin, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at GSU, President Paula Wolff and the GSU Foundation under the guidance of Richard Gibb have been working to make the series successful in its first year.

The Center For Performing Arts wrapping up season

The Center for Performing Arts is now closing in on the end of the 1998-99 entertainment schedule, and is finishing up with some fantastic events.

On April 17 at 8 p.m., Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues & Siegel Schwall Band will take blues and meld it with symphony orchestra music. Siegel's unique blend has been a staple of the region for more than 30 years.

On April 18 at 3 p.m., The Dutton's, a family of seven musicians, also bring an eclectic list of music ranging from Bluegrass to classical concertos to The Center.

And if big band is your bag, come to The Center and catch Bobby Caldwell's "Blue Condition" performance at 8 p.m. on April 24. For ticket information, call The Center box office at (708) 235-2222.

GSU News/Happenings

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The GSU community would like to welcome the several new faces who have joined us in the month of March:

Linus Ogene
University Research Associate
- College of Education

Beverly Doney
University Research Associate
- CELCS

Ronald Davis
University Research Associate
- CELCS

Again, welcome to the new members of the GSU community.
Psychology division receives special accreditation

Governors State University's division of Psychology recently received good news from a major accrediting body. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) recently granted GSU's graduate psychology program full accreditation after a lengthy review process.

GSU Psychology professor David Prasse, heavily involved in the accreditation process, commented that both the faculty and students benefit from this accreditation.

"The first part of the good news is that the students who graduate from the program are all eligible for (NASP) credentials.

"The second part of that good news is that the invitation makes the graduates eligible for national certification in 16 states throughout the United States, and that list is growing," Prasse added.

Students who graduated from January of 1997 to present are eligible for certification, information that was reviewed by three to five NASP evaluators.

In order to receive NASP accreditation, programs must apply.

Meet... Michael Lowenthal

Michael Lowenthal does more than serve on the Governors State University Foundation Board; he uses GSU as a resource. An active and successful businessman in the south metropolitan region, Lowenthal says he has used GSU as a place to scout and sometimes place graduates into positions at his company.

Former owner of Hi Hard Rollers in Harvey (which he recently sold), and current owner of Winstrom, a window manufacturing facility in Park Forest, Lowenthal has been active within the university community and its committees since 1972.

"I see Governors State as a valuable asset to the south suburban area," Lowenthal said. "I use the university as an academic resource for my business, and a number of my employees are graduates or have taken courses (at GSU)."

He has also opened the doors of his company as a sort of lab facility for the College of Business at GSU, letting graduate classes come in and see the hands-on operations and analyze each of his departments.

"We've also had instructors at the university come out and work with us to build on their experiences," Lowenthal added. A busy person, Lowenthal serves on several other organization boards, including the GSU Foundation's planning committee.

The planning committee has been responsible for such recent successes as the Foundation Christmas concert featuring Glen Campbell and The Presidential Lecture Series. A former resident of Flossmoor, Lowenthal now lives in Chicago with his wife and family.

Correction: The March .EDU referred to Bettylu Saltzman as a member of the GSU Board of Trustees. She is a member of the GSU Foundation Board of Directors. The editorial staff regrets the error.