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This Week at GSU

13. GSU-Community Chorale rehearsal, 8 to 10 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
14. GSU Community Band rehearsal, 7:30 to 10 p.m., GSU Theatre.
15. "Violence and Aggression in Children and Adolescents," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
15. Colloquia Series, "Acid Rain Studies at GSU" by Dr. Karen D'Arcy, 3 to 4:30 p.m., E-Lounge.
15. University Singers rehearsal, 3:30 to 6 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
15. Jazz Ensemble rehearsal, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., GSU Theatre.
16. Faculty Senate meeting, 1 to 3 p.m., F-Lounge.
16. Civil Service Senate meeting, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.
16. Applied Music recital, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
18. Illinois Political Science Association annual meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., first floor.
18. "The World Comes to GSU," international festival, 4 to 7 p.m., first floor.
19. GSU String Quartet concert, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

International festival celebrates cultures

The International Students Organization is hosting "The World Comes to GSU," a celebration of international cultures, this Saturday.

The 4 to 7 p.m. program will feature ethnic foods, celebrations in song and dance, and an international bazaar.

GSU's foreign students and south suburban students representing other ethnic groups have organized this fair.

Homemade dishes from Malaysia, India, the Philippines, Ireland, Nigeria, Thailand, Israel, Mexico, Germany and Palestine will be served in the Hall of Governors.

Entertainment in the GSU Theatre will feature Malaysian students staging a traditional wedding ceremony, Thai and Indian students performing traditional dances, and Chicago musicians performing Caribbean steel-drum music.

Entertainer Athanios Zervas will perform contemporary and traditional Greek music. His performance is being underwritten by the Greek American Cultural Center and the Illinois Endowment for the Humanities.

Several import/export businesses will sell articles from around the world. One business, Boyajian Bazaar of Chicago, will donate a portion of its proceeds to the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization.

Soviet visitors share views of America, glasnost with GSU community

Good will flowed in the Hall of Honors Nov. 2 when four Soviet visitors met GSU staff and students.

The four were in the area as guests of South Suburban SANE/FREEZE. They spent five days in the Chicago area. Other stops on their 20-day visit to the U.S. were Spearfish, S.D., Aurora, Colo. and Washington, D.C.

Natalia Strejneva, 33, is an international tours organizer for Aeroflot.

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GSU students (from left) Julie Maki representing Germany, Simon Palathingal of India, Palestinian Rasmi Abdallah and Tina Schwartz representing Romania help plan the Nov. 18 "International Festival" at GSU.
Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations to the following employees of Governors State University who celebrated their anniversaries of employment during November.

1971 Caroline Moore (DPS)
1972 Shannon Troy (UL), Jordan Tsolakides (CBPA), David Burgest (CHP)
1973 Larry Bonner (DPS), Francis Kanupke (DPS), Barbara Basler (UP Shop), Ralph Kruse (ICC)
1974 Sylvia Wilson (SPCE)
1975 Efraim Gil (CBPA), Marie Turk (PO)
1976 Shirley Grant (CE), Dora Hubbard (ASR)
1977 Robert Leftwich (CHP), David Weinberger (FA), John Mulder (ICC)
1978 Constance Edwards (CHP), Doris Johnson (CHP), Willia Mae Smith (PPO), Susan Jillson (PPO), Beverly Goldberg (CBPA), Harold Newling (PPO)

Cafeteria Menu

(Week of November 13 to 17)

Monday - Chicken rice soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Swiss steak; breaded turkey patty; French style green beans; whipped potatoes.
Tuesday - Beef noodle soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast beef au jus; lasagne w/meat, garlic toast; mixed vegetables; whipped potatoes.
Wednesday - Vegetable soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Hoagie steak and grilled onions; Polish sausage and sauerkraut; buttered broccoli; whipped potatoes.
Thursday - Chicken gumbo soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: creamed chicken and biscuit; fried chicken; buttered peas; whipped potatoes.
Friday - Specials posted in cafeteria.

(Menu subject to change)

OCW helps university establish partnerships

By Marilyn Thomas

Roger Paris wants the public to look to Governors State University as the place for training.

As director of the Office of Conferences and Workshops, Paris knows his staff can make a difference. They've got good benchmarks from programs that have been offered, and are constantly generating new program ideas.

"I think our expansion possibilities are almost without limit," he said noting that in the past the OCW staff has developed academic support programs, Weekend College, contractual training with Stauffer Chemical Co., and has been awarded a state contract to coordinate training programs for state agencies.

"We know we can be of benefit to state agencies and professional organizations because we have the systems in place to prepare conferences," he said. OCW has computer software for registrations, access to other support services, a working list of faculty, staff or consultants who can serve as presenters, satellite videoconferencing capabilities, and OCW can offer workshops for college credit if programs meet specific criteria.

Paris believes it's this work that "really helps the university in its partnerships" with business, industry, education and community organizations.

Paris, who earned a bachelor's degree in art history from the University of Illinois-Chicago, initially had planned to become a college professor of art history. He gave up the idea and instead put his creative abilities to work as a display man for Sears Roebuck and Co. and later as display director for Herman's World of Sporting Goods.

When the economy took a downturn in 1979, Paris was laid off. He was out of work for 14 months. "I was being told I was over-qualified for positions," he recalls.

In 1981 he was placed at GSU as a CETA worker with the Office of Community Services to write and prepare newsletters.

When he looks back at that situation now, Paris sees it as "a very rewarding time because most of the people in continuing education (at GSU) are coming for job retraining" and he can relate to their situations and needs.

In 1983 when the Office of Conferences and Workshops was created, Paris was hired as a continuing education coordinator. He was named director of OCW July 1.

The very nature of OCW's programs forces the staff to work under constant deadlines, Paris said, but he believes that comes hand-in-hand with serving the public.

Another component of the job is problem solving. "I think that's a challenge. I use my creative processes to solve the problems" of coordinating, presenting and administering workshops, he explained. "The creative component gives me the energy to do my job."

The National Universities Continuing Education Association has honored Paris with three national awards for programs he developed at GSU, including the 1989 Franson Award for Creative and Innovative Programming for the 1988 U.S.Soviet relations conference "Kicking the Cold War Habit."

In his free time, Paris enjoys photography. The Park Forest resident earned a master's degree in photography from GSU in 1985.
The Grapevine

Cancer society suggests workers 'adopt a smoker'

Have you tried every polite method in the book but the smoker in your office hasn't taken the hint? Maybe some tips from the American Cancer Society for its "Great American Smokeout" this week will be effective.

The American Cancer Society suggests you adopt a smoker Nov. 16. The Personnel Office has adoption papers, buttons, stickers and postcards to help give positive support for the smoker's "kicking the habit" effort. It suggests you provide a survival kit with raw veggies, fruit, sugarless gum and candy. Reward the smoker with a lunch or dinner for his/her 24-hours without cigarettes.

Remember, nicotine is an addictive drug and cigarettes reportedly will be the cause in 390,000 deaths this year. The smoke pollutants, such as carbon monoxide, can endanger the health of children and co-workers.

Display your wares at CS arts and crafts exhibit

Calling all creative geniuses. The Civil Service Senate is asking you to display your wares at an arts and crafts exhibit that will be part of Civil Service Day Dec. 1. Ceramics, collections, stained glass, needleworks, photography, Christmas crafts and other specialties are some of the projects that can be exhibited. Show fellow GSU staffers your handmade Christmas crafts and share the instructions for these projects.

For further information contact Jackie Schimke in the College of Education, coordinator of the exhibit, on extension 2355. She's also in need of volunteers to help her with the displays.

Piucci invited to Jordan and England as consultant

Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president for administration and planning, was invited to Jordan and England as a consultant for their educational systems.

In Jordan Dr. Piucci conducted a three-day workshop for 20 directors of vocational education centers. He shared his insights on curriculum design, course development and evaluations, and strategic planning. Dr. Piucci has since been invited to serve as a member of the National Advisory Board on Technical Education in Jordan.

In England Dr. Piucci advised members of the Lancaster Polytechnic Institute on the American higher education system of semesters and student credit hours. Earlier this year Dr. Piucci made recommendations to members of the British higher education system on its governing board changes.

Dr. Piucci also did preliminary work for two international meetings for the American Association of University Administrators meeting with a delegation of higher education officials to plan a 1991 conference in Rome, Italy, and a delegation of British officials to plan a 1990 conference in Preston, England.

Green addresses press association, GSU colloquium

"Garbage isn't everything. It's the only thing," Dr. Paul Green told members of the Northern Illinois Press Association at their annual fall convention. "Within five years, garbage will make economic development look like a covered wagon" in the next decade's agenda of issues, the director of The Institute for Public Policy and Administration said.

Here at GSU, Dr. Green highlighted his recent trip to South Africa during the Oct. 31 colloquium. He was a guest of the South African Forum. "Urbanization, economics and demographics will kill apartheid within the decade," the professor believes, "even if no political resolution is found."

Library houses airport information

The GSU Library is now the depository of print and non-print information on the proposed third regional airport.

The GSU airport information collection includes studies, reports, journal articles, transcripts, videos, GSU student papers, newspaper clippings, etc. The collection features radio tapes, consultants' reports, data on the economic and fiscal impacts of airports and the regional economic growth attributed to airports.

The materials have been collected for more than three years by the Chicago Southland Third Regional Airport Information Clearinghouse and the Small Business Development Center at GSU.

All items are housed behind the library circulation desk and may be checked out at the circulation desk for a one-week loan period.

The GSU library staff has indexed the materials. Reference librarians can give information on the materials in person or by phone at extensions 2323 or 2324.

Further information on the third regional airport proposal is available from Chris Cochrane, SBDC director, on extension 2210, or from Edward W. Paesel, director of the Chicago Southland Third Regional Airport Information Clearinghouse, at 1700 Union Ave., Chicago Heights. The phone number there is 754-7006.

International fair

Saturday at GSU

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(UNESCO).

Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science and advisor to the student organization, said this first international festival will help residents of the southern suburbs share their cultures and heritages.

Advance sale tickets at the Cashier's Office are $2.50 for senior citizens and $4 for adults. Tickets sold at the door are $3.50 for senior citizens and $5 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free.
Soviet visitors share views of U.S., glasnost

Fedorov and Strejneva were house guests of Dr. David Matteson of the Division of Psychology and Counseling.

Because of glasnost and perestroika, Soviet citizens are taking a new look at their society and the world around them. What they are finding is that Americans share many of the visitors' concerns about family life, the environment, political policies and the rights of man.

"Five years ago (it was) very hard to express ideas," Fedorov said during the meeting on campus. Publishing his book was "like a dream" he said, but if he'd tried to publish the book today it would not have been a problem.

"Now we have much more freedom with glasnost. We feel no oppression or difficulties," he said.

But he is uncertain of what lies ahead. "I'm not very optimistic. I have a lot of skepticism because of our history," Fedorov added. "Now our people have a lot of changes in their minds" yet some want the government to return life to what it was.

Each of the visitors agreed the U.S. visit helped to change their minds about America and Americans.

"Stereotypes are no good, I expected that I would find here good friends, but I thought I would see more polarization in your classes. All of you live (a) good, quiet life (with) respectful relations" among neighbors, Fedorov said.

Vladimir Lantuh, 46, is a professor and director of the Novosibirn branch of the Eye Microsurgery Institute. He had visited several eye clinics in the U.S. and was impressed, although he found the cost of medical care here to be expensive. He was also disappointed that none of the American doctors spoke Russian.

Evgeny Fedorov, 31, is a journalist for SMENA magazine whose interest was American rock and roll. He is very well known in the Soviet Union for his writings on popular culture, and gained a reputation five years ago when he published a book on Soviet rock and roll.

Ashot Kachatrian, 28, is a physicist from Armenia. He wants to earn a doctorate from an American university because "Americans are better trained." The U.S. boycott of computers to the Soviet Union, a ban that was put into effect after Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan, is hurting research in the U.S.S.R., he said.

Airlines. She came to learn about and see America. She had previously taught English in Moscow schools.

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