Governors State University is the host site for a joint television effort that has the five Board of Governors campuses identify exemplary faculty and make them accessible to students on each of the campuses. The teleclass series project was proposed to the BOG by the Council of Faculties. Dr. David Ainsworth, the GSU representative to the council, is serving as instructional developer for this endeavor.

Because of Governors State University's track record with television instruction, the university was selected to host and film the winter trimester teleclass featuring Dr. John Simmons, a professor of religious studies at Western Illinois University. He will explore how human beings create reality around personalities and beliefs.

After interviews and auditions by professors from each of the campuses, Dr. Simmons was selected to teach this course because of his ease before the cameras and his ability to relate to his students.

The Instructional Communications Center staff has been taping Dr. Simmons' interviews with cultural and religious leaders throughout the state. These video inserts will be used as course material.

The professor said his class will include not only an examination of religions today but also of beliefs and behaviors, and their impacts on society, the nation and the world.

"There are strong social dimensions to our actions and ideologies," he explained. Fervor about a belief, an ideal or a fad all have ramifications on society.

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...Dr. Arthur Bourgeois, chairman of the Division of Fine and Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences, presenting a public lecture at the Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, titled "Charms That Curse, Charms That Cure: Yaka Masks and Magical Figures" and also lecturing at the Visual Arts Conference, Moraine Valley Community College, on "Fascinating Objects in Cross-Cultural Perspective"...Dr. John Lowe III, dean of the College of Health Professions and president of the Illinois Association of Allied Health Professions, presiding over the executive board meeting of the association at a meeting in Carbondale, and also hosting a recognition dinner and informal meeting with CHP dean's list students...Professor Robert Press, professor of education in the College of Education, attending the 42nd Biennial Council of Phi Delta Kappa in

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Employee of the Month

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of November 27 to December 1)

Monday - Cream of chicken soup w/1 pkg crackers, chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: ham steak; taco w/trimmings; buttered carrots; sweet potatoes.

Tuesday - Old fashioned bean soup w/1 pkg crackers, chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers, Entree: baked meatloaf; sloppy Joe on bun; stewed tomatoes and zucchini; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Cream of spinach soup w/1 pkg crackers, chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: vegetable lasagna; French dip beef on roll; medley vegetables; whipped potatoes.

Thursday - Minestrone soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: breaded pork cutlet; popcorn shrimp; peas and carrots; whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials will be posted in the cafeteria.

Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.

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Kreidler earns honorary 'Kentucky Colonel' title

No, Dan Kreidler doesn't sip mint julips in the Kentucky blue grass these days, even though he does have the honorary title of "Kentucky Colonel."

Kreidler, debt management and information officer in financial aid, was given the title by Kentucky Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson based on the nomination from GSU student Donald Minnich of St. Anne. Minnich, who received the title several years ago, said he nominated Kreidler for his extra efforts on behalf of others.

Gov. Wilkinson cited Kreidler for "service and accomplishments on behalf of his fellow man" including his seven years as a special education teacher with the South Metropolitan Association for Low-Incidence Handicapped, and his previous work as a job locater here at GSU.

Kreidler, a Park Forest resident, has been to Kentucky once to attend a conference in Lexington.

Child Care Center holiday bake sale in December

Your favorite cookies, cake, holiday pie or other delectable could mean money for GSU's Child Care Center. The Child Care Center Advisory Board is sponsoring a bake sale Dec. 5 and 6 and the board is in need of your homemade goodies. If you'd like to support the kids while giving your friends a taste of your delicious morsels, contact Geri Dalton at the Child Care Center on extension 2552, or Dr. Albert "Chip" Ingram on extension 2302.

Photo exhibit features downtown Chicago Heights

If you can recall shopping of Chicago Heights' downtown area businesses or meeting friends at the dime store there, then the upcoming show in Infinity Gallery will have special meaning. A "rephotographic" exhibit of downtown Chicago Heights by graduate student Doreen Bert will be on exhibit from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Dec. 1 through 8.

Bert collected photographs from 1900 to 1970 of the downtown the past 18 months. She is pairing the old photos with photos she has taken of the buildings or locations as they look today. The exhibit will have 30 sets of black and white photos.

GSU-Community Chorale to perform Mendelssohn

Several GSU staffers will be part of the Dec. 3 musical extravaganza when the GSU-Community Chorale presents its 3:30 p.m. concert in the Sherman Music Recital Hall. This year they will perform the "42nd and 95th Psalms" by Mendelssohn. The program is under the direction of Dr. Rudolf Strukoff.

Chorale members include sopranos Maribeth Kasik and Dottie Legge and alto Wilhelmenia Moore. Orchestra members include Dr. Bethe Hagens on violin, David Weinberger on clarinet and Marilyn Bourgeois on organ.

Radtke named president of med tech association

Professor Joan Radtke, medical technology instructor, is serving as president of the Illinois Medical Technology Association. Besides her duties with the not-for-profit association in Illinois, she also will take part in the national meeting of the American Society for Medical Technologists, and regional and branch meetings of the Illinois Medical Technology Association.

The 600 members of the association work in hospitals, clinics, schools, research institutions and in industry. The association promotes high standards of professional practice in clinical laboratories.

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October...Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science in the College of Arts and Sciences, recently serving as a panelist for "Beginning an Honors Program for Midsized Institutions" at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in New Orleans...Tony Labriola, TV producer/director in the Instructional Communications Center, starring in October in Exit the Body presented by the Chicago Heights Drama Group...Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations, and Katie Ball, assistant director of alumni relations, attending a Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) miniconference titled "Setting the Leadership Agenda" at Chicago State University on Oct. 24, and Burghardt attending a CASE conference in Denver, Colo., also in October, on "Alumni Programs for Urban and Diverse Institutions"...Dr. Sonya Monroe and Professor William Boline, both professors of social work in the College of Health Professions, attending the National Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference held in San Diego in September where they represented GSU's social work major...Dr. Monroe and Dr. Sonny Goldenstein, professor of public administration in the College of Business and Public Administration, presenting their paper titled "From Crime Fighter to Change Agent: Police Learn New Roles" at the National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference held in San Francisco in October; the paper was one of 200 selected from 1,500 submitted for the juried presentations on the program.

Congratulations

to Ursula Sklan of the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment, on the birth of a granddaughter, Jenny Renn Key, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Newton Eldredge Key and a descendent of Francis Scott Key, and to Dr. Rudolf Strukoff of the College of Arts and Sciences, on the birth of a grandson, Ryan Stephen, on Nov. 19.
Fall trimester enrollment increases

Graduate enrollment for Fall 1989 is at 2,623 students or 49.4 percent. Five years ago graduate enrollment was 3,033 students or 57 percent.

"It is always encouraging to see an increase in our student enrollment," GSU President Leo Goodman-Malammuth said.

"The shift in undergraduate enrollment is an indication that we at GSU are serving students from a wide spectrum who have a variety of needs. Our student body continues to be the returning adult coming for bachelor's and master's programs. At the same time we are seeing younger faces on campus. A meshing of the two adds a new dimension to GSU," he noted.

The vast majority of GSU students -- 85.1 percent -- attend classes part-time. And the majority of GSU students--76.2 percent--take classes at the University Park campus. Of those, 64.7 percent attend evening classes.

More women than men attend the university. The student body is 64.7 percent female and 35.3 percent male. Minorities are 20.1 percent of the student body.

The average student age is 34.

GSU students enrolled for 31,563 credit hours. Overall the university's total student credit-hour (SCH) production increased 1,152 or 3.8 percent. Ten of the 14 divisions posted gains in SCH. The largest SCH--644 credits--and percentage gain--27.2 percent--was in the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Credit hours produced with funding support from collegial accounts increased by 2 percent. Those funded through Special Programs and Continuing Education were up 599 credits or 17.2 percent.

Teleclass work underway

"There are six dimensions to be discussed," he said. "Mythic, experiential, doctrinal, ritualistic, ethical and societal dimensions give beliefs different characteristics."

"I think we'll debunk the argument that religion is a private affair," Dr. Simmons explained. "Everyone is religious in the sense that in order to function as a human being you need to possess a world view."

The course will be offered from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 10. Class will be conducted in one of the television studios and will be videotaped for future presentations as a teleclass.

Persons interested in taking this class for credit or non-credit, may contact Dr. Ainsworth on extension 2208.

Civil Service Day

Mark your calendars for Civil Service Day on Friday.

The program opens with an arts and crafts fair from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hall of Governors. During that time Janice Schultz from the President's Office will demonstrate flower arranging, Gloria Murry, a student worker in University Relations, will demonstrate gingerbread house construction and Gigi Brubaker from the University Library will explain how she designed her family heritage quilt.

The afternoon program from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the GSU Theatre will include a "gentle reminiscence" of GSU's early days.

'Sleuth' works on records

The GSU-Community Chorale is Dottie's main avocation these days. In the chorale's 12 seasons, she has missed only one concert. She sings soprano which is a surprise to her friends. "My speaking voice is an octave lower than my singing voice," she explained. Her daughter, Jeanne, joins her on stage.

Dottie, husband Ed, and Jeanne live in Peotone Township on a five-acre homestead. She also has a son living in Florida and a son in Colorado.