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This Week at GSU

9 Music Juries, 1 to 6 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
10 CHP Job Mart, 4 to 9 p.m., Hall of Governors.
11 Child Care Center Hop-A-Thon and Spring Program, 3 to 4 p.m., Hall of Governors.
11 FPA Art Exhibit Opening, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., E-Lounge.
12 Colloquium: "Leverage Buyouts," Dr. Jordan Tsolakides, noon to 1 p.m., Hall of Honors.
12 CAS Guest Lecture Series: Dr. Rosalyn Yalow, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

Commuter institutions examine drug issues

Governors State University has joined with 12 other higher education institutions in the creation of the Chicagoland Consortium for Drug Prevention in Commuter Institutions.

Underwritten by the U.S. Department of Education, the consortium has set two major goals. First, members will study the special problems and needs of commuter students regarding alcohol and drug use and abuse, and second, members will develop specialized approaches in prevention to meet the unique requirements of commuter students.

"Commuter students must function simultaneously in the three worlds of home, work and school. These role conflicts, combined with time pressures, can increase stress and susceptibility" (Continued on page 4)

Regional Center plan revised to seat 1,200

The Regional Center for the Performing Arts has been redesigned as a separate but contiguous 1,200 seat theatre.

The size and scope of the building were changed when the board of directors of the Governors State University Foundation agreed to increase the seating capacity.

"The difference between an 888-seat theatre and a 1,200-seat theatre is significant. This is a major step," said Wade Abels of the architectural firm Helfinger, Ashbury, Abels and Associates. The Bloomingon firm is working on the project.

With the original plans, GSU's current theatre would have been converted into the performing arts center, and dressing and rehearsal rooms would have been new construction. The revision calls for making the current theatre the dressing rooms area and the performing arts center a new building.

Guests will enter the theatre via a connecting hallway off the Hall of Governors near the present theatre entrance. Before entering the theatre, guests will walk into a two-level foyer. From the second floor of the foyer, guests will be able to walk out onto a balcony overlooking the lake on campus.

Abels said the seating arrangements haven't changed, even though approximately 300 seats have been added. The theatre interior is planned with two side aisles and continental seating, Abels said. A balcony and private boxes are still planned.

GSU participates in Model U.N.

Imagine sitting in General Assembly Hall at the United Nations building in New York City discussing vital world issues.

Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science, has no trouble with that idea. He and 11 of his students will be delegates of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen when the national Model United Nations Conference meets April 9 through 14.

Susan Prokopeak, research associate in the Provost's Office, will be one of the delegates.

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April 21 through May 2. Any delay in
April 17. Charles will be on vacation
Tuesday—
quiry, a room reservation, special seat­
 entert events now!

If you're hosting an event that re­
quires a room reservation, special seating
arrangements or other necessities,
make your plans with Charles Bar­
nett, public functions supervisor, by
April 17. Charles will be on vacation
April 21 through May 2. Any delay in
scheduling could cause a conflict for
you or your organization.

Cafeteria Menu
(Week of April 9 to 13)

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 meat­
loaf; sloppy Joe on bun; stewed toma­
toes and zucchini; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Cream of spinach soup
w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1
pkg crackers; Entree: vegetable la­
sagna; French dip beef on roll; med­
ley vegetables; whipped potatoes.

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

Friday - Specials will be posted in the
cafeteria.

Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll
and butter.

(Menu subject to change)

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Administrative Profile

Students, faculty, staff
share ‘special bond’

By Roxane Geraci-Roche

Governors State University is more
than the academic programs it offers,
the convenience of its location and its
reasonable cost.

GSU, a com­
muter university
with a large adult
population, is also
a place where stu­
dents, faculty and
staff have devel­
oped a special
bond, says Tommy
Dascenzo, direc­
tor of student life
and the Campus Community Center.

Dascenzo has not only played a major
role in the development of student life
at GSU, but also established many of
the programs that have resulted in
that special bond, a bond that’s con­
stantly growing.

When Dascenzo came to GSU as
director of student activities in 1979,
the campus and its environment were
not at all new to him. He received a
bachelor’s degree in 1973 and a mas­
ter’s degree in 1977 from GSU.

“I wish people knew how special this
place is,” says Dascenzo of the univer­
sity. “GSU in reality is far greater than
what it is in perception, although the
perception isn’t bad at all.

“It’s just that the strength isn’t only
the programs or the building, but that
people want to be here. There is some­
thing individual and unique about it.
There are still people here from when I
was a student.”

After serving as an administrator
and director of student affairs and
activities at Moraine Valley Commu­
nity College from 1975 to 1979, Das­
cenzo was happy to come back to GSU
where he’s accomplished many goals
the last 11 years.

“I’ve always been involved with stu­
dent government and activities, but it
never dawned on me that you could
make a career out of it until I saw an ad
in the paper,” says Dascenzo of his
profession. “I really enjoy working
closely with the students.”

And he certainly has done that.
During his first six years here as direc­
tor of student activities, Dascenzo es­
lished a state-licensed child care
center on campus, the first university­
wide student orientation program, lead­
ership development programs for stu­
dents, the Student Resource Services
Center, intramural and recreation pro­
grams, and he planned, developed and
coordinated the implementation of
GSU’s first Student Activity Center,
and developed a series of social and
cultural activities for GSU and the
surrounding community.

Becoming director of student life in
1985, Dascenzo continued expanding
programs “with the support of univer­
sity officials and a fantastic staff.” He’s
expanded GSU’s Student Life Center
from a small one department entity into
today’s Campus Community Center
with several separate departments.

“If there was space no one else
wanted, I used it,” Dascenzo says, add­
ing that the establishment of the CCC
is something he feels especially good
about. He has also established off­
campus housing referral and assistance
programs, along with coordinating the
first Information Office on campus.

Dascenzo isn’t finished yet. He feels
that student involvement is a very
important part of learning how to com­
ustrate and being a leader. He real­
izes that GSU is unique because the
student population is more mature, and
has less time to get involved. What he
stresses is that credentials may get a
graduate a position, but it’s communica­
tion and leadership skills that help a
new employee maintain that position.

“One thing we have established here
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The Grapevine

Symphonic Band performs spring concert April 22

Dr. Charles Hicks, professor of music, will conduct the GSU Symphonic Band in its spring concert at 4 p.m. April 22 in the GSU Theatre. The program includes classical and contemporary pieces.

Counseling honors society to present free lecture

Chi Sigma Iota, the counseling honor society at GSU, is presenting a free lecture at noon April 18 by Metra Agent Gerald Cyrkel. His topic will be “The Impact of Drugs on Communities.” The program will be in the Student Life meeting room (A 1804) in the Campus Community Center.

CHP's Malec serves as health admin journal editor

After months of preparation, the Winter 1990 edition of The Journal of Health Administration Education has been published. Dr. Brian Malec, acting chairperson of the Division of Health Administration, served as one of two guest editors for the publication.

He also co-authored, with GSU colleague Dr. Ralph Bell, the article “The CIO’s Location in the Organizational Structure: Implications for Health Administration Education” and co-authored the article “An Ideal Curriculum Model” with co-editor Dr. Charles J. Austin.

Dr. Malec also authored two articles “IS (information systems) Curriculum Assessment and Implementation Strategies” and “Select IS Bibliography.”

The professor is also working on two articles for a forthcoming book titled Healthcare Information Management: A Practical Guide for the Executive.

Holdstein organizes national meeting for CCCC

Who among us could get Studs Turkel, Mike Royko and Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks to address a convention of educators?

No, it wasn’t President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, although he was in the audience. The honored for arranging the evening's program at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in March went to Dr. Deborah Holdstein, professor of English and rhetoric.

She not only was responsible for the evening’s program, but also served as the local chairperson for this Chicago meeting of 3,800 educators. Dr. Holdstein worked on the project for a year lining up hotel arrangements, workshops, guest speakers and on a variety of other preparatory projects.

At the meeting Dr. Holdstein was elected to the nationwide nominating committee for CCCC, she was a guest speaker for the workshop “Computers and College Writers: Today and Tomorrow,” and she chaired the workshop “Writers Reading Their Work and Talking about Writing.”

BOG News

The Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities last week unveiled strategic marketing plans to guide BOG universities' communication efforts into the next century.

“The programs have tremendous potential for effectively communicating what the Board of Governors System has to offer,” said Chancellor Thomas D. Layzell. “They will be valuable tools in reaching out to the full range of Illinois residents who can benefit from the unique programs and services at our universities.”

The plans, titled “Project Outreach: Strategic Communications for Universities Serving Students in the Year 2000,” were developed by the communications firm of Siegel & Gale. The set includes components for the System as a whole and for each of the five universities. They highlight the common elements among the five schools and also emphasize the unique offerings and diverse student populations of each.

Siegel & Gale team leaders explained the details of the plan to the board at its April meeting held on the campus of Western Illinois University in Macomb. More than 60 programs are being recommended, some immediate and others for short and long-term implementation.

The recommended programs focus on such strengths of the BOG universities as diverse student body, a commitment to undergraduate education through an emphasis on instruction, a priority on providing traditional and non-traditional programs that are tailored to meet the individual needs of a complete range of students, responsiveness to local regions, and affordable and accessible liberal arts and professional programs.

Condolences

to Tim Arr, acting director of the business office, on the death of his brother-in-law Harry Devereaux Gearhart on April 1.
Regional center redesigned to seat 1,200

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The stage and orchestra pit with a lift that will enable crews to increase the stage space, TV monitors and satellite capabilities are all planned according to the original drawings.

Abels said the building will be accessible for handicapped with an elevator to the balcony area and a formal entrance on the northeast side.

Originally planned at $4.4 million, the newly designed building and renovation work is estimated at $5.4 million.

Schools fight drugs

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to alcohol and drug use and abuse," said Dean of Student Affairs and Services M. Catherine Taylor, GSU’s representative to the consortium.

The consortium will focus on five prevention strategies: assessment, faculty and staff development, prevention programming for students, institutional policies and students as prevention agents. It will also work in collaboration with local community agencies.

Students prepare for trip to Model U.N.

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Dr. Levinson has been preparing his students for weeks now, grooming them on strategies and issues pertinent to their Middle East country. On March 24, GSU hosted Model U.N. representatives from the University of Illinois-Chicago for a practice session.

"The Model U.N. provides GSU students with an arena to further develop global interests and concerns," says Dr. Levinson, "and it promotes a representation of GSU at the U.N."

This is the third year Dr. Levinson has involved his students in the National Model United Nations Conference Program of diplomacy and international issues. Last year, GSU delegates represented the African nation of SaoTome/Principe.

Staff Directory Changes

Please change the extension number for Robbin Rietveld to 2128. • New telephone operator I Romanus Ubamadu is on extension 0. • Rita Mannion, now a secretary IV, transcriptionist, in Business Operations, may be reached on extension 2160.

Students are GSU priority

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is tradition with many of our programs and we are proud of that. Tradition-making is part of being a university," says Dascenzo.

Outside of the university, Dascenzo serves on the advisory board for the South Suburban Family Shelter and is on the board of directors for the South Suburban Young Men's Christian Association. He also loves to sing and to play "every kind of recreational sport invented."

Dascenzo lives in Chicago Heights with his wife, Anne Brady. He has a son, Michael, who is a freshman at Rich East High School.