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This Week at GSU

18 "Connections" Follow-up, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.
18 Reception for West German Royal Guests, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Hall of Honors.
18 Marketing Club Bake Sale, 1 to 7 p.m., Hall of Governors. Also on April 19.
19 "Connections" Class, 10 a.m. to noon, D1702.
20 Composers Concert, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
21 End of Winter Trimester (5 p.m.)
22 University-Community Symphonic Band Concert, 4 p.m., University Theatre.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

GSU host for 'Sensitivity in Multicultural Settings'

Governors State University is hosting a "Sensitivity in Multicultural Settings" workshop from 4:30 to 7:15 p.m. May 4 on campus.

This program, specially designed for faculty and staff, will focus on the topic "How Educators Can Facilitate Minority Students' Success in Learning."

Following a presentation by Lucinda Lee Katz, a discussion will be led by panelists David Johnson, mayor of the City of Harvey; Dorothy Boyd, a schools superintendent; Lawrence Ragland, an accountant, and Gwen Barnes from the health field.

GSU participants will be Dr. June Patton, Professor Jane Andringa, (Continued on page 3)

Division of nursing joins professional organization

Governors State University's Division of Nursing is now a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the second largest professional nursing organization in the United States.

In ceremonies on campus March 31, GSU’s nursing staff, students and alumni accepted a charter for the Lambda Lambda Chapter.

Approximately 120 persons were inducted into the chapter during the ceremonies attended by more than 300 persons. Special guests at the program hosted by College of Health Professions Dean John Lowe III and Dr. Annie Lawrence, chairperson for the Division of Nursing, were President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, Provost David Curtis, Dr. Joyce Molberg and Dr. Phyllis Klingensmith of the Division of Science, and Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations.

GSU's nursing division first organized a Professional Nurses Organization in 1982 under the direction of the late Linda Zieman, a professor in the division of nursing. The chartering ceremony was dedicated to her memory.

In 1987, PNO was reorganized into the Nursing Honors Society as the first step to membership in Sigma Theta Tau.

Membership is open to undergraduate students who maintain at least a C average.

Benefits of temporary tax increase evident on GSU campus

The politicians continue to argue the merits of the temporary income tax increase.

But we at GSU know its benefits: additional class offerings, the hiring of new faculty members, the establishment of a master's degree in computer science, new book and periodical purchases for the library, program materials for the science and education curriculums, new equipment for the office administration, media communications and chemistry programs, and a modest salary increase.

"The funds enabled us to offer students a greater array of courses, update our (Continued on page 4)
Cafeteria Menu

(Week of April 16 to 20)
Monday - Creole soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: pot roast beef; mostaccioli w/meat sauce, 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; sweet potatoes.
Wednesday - Cream of celery soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast pork w/dressing; swedish meatballs over 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; green beans; whipped potatoes.
Friday - Specials will be posted in the cafeteria.
Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.

Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations to the following employees of Governors State University who celebrated their anniversaries of employment during April.
1972    M. Catherine Taylor (SAS), Burton Collins, (SD), Tim Arr (BO)

Employee of the Month

Employee's 'natural high' is helping people

By Marilyn Thomas

Mark Hampton is known as the friendly guy in the library, the one who always has a smile and a hello.

The good vibes he sends out haven't gone unnoticed. Mark has been named the April "Employee of the Month."
"I'm not one who's at a loss for words, but I was speechless when they told me," Mark said. "It was just the nicest surprise!"

Mark calls himself a "people person" and says he wouldn't have a different job. "My natural 'high' is helping people. A lot of people say 'thank you' and they're very sincere about it, and I know they appreciate what I do for them. That's my job satisfaction."

His supervisors have been hearing good things about him even before he was hired full-time. Mark first worked in GSU's library in 1973 the summer between his graduation from Bloom High and his freshman year at Illinois State University.

Two years later, when Mark returned to GSU applying for a full-time job in the library, his past supervisor, Dick Newman, recommended he be hired based on Mark's positive attitude and strong work ethic that summer in 1973.
"I'll be here 15 years in August, and I'm here that long because I love working here. The people I work with are tremendous, and I get real satisfaction from my job," Mark said.

When he started in August 1975, he was a member of the media department of the library. Several years later, media merged with circulation, opening the student/Mark Hampton link at the front desk.

As an audio/visual technician III, Mark is responsible for films, audio tapes, film strips and microfiche students need for course instruction. He copies audio tapes, duplicates microfiche and repairs the equipment and films when they break.
"We're trying to convert the films to video," he explained. "The library sometimes is just too hot, and the room temperature affects the tapes and they get brittle and crack and split."

Repairing equipment isn't always fun or easy, but he handles it, says Jill Stanley, library office supervisor, in her nomination.
"You can always depend on his attitude to be positive. For example, a patron dropped a dime into the copier and the coin had lodged itself in the paper feed. While the patron was responsible for the machine's malfunction, he acted irate and demanded service immediately.
"I called upon Mark for assistance and his manner in dealing with this 'problem patron' was one of patience and a sincere attitude of helpfulness," Stanley explained.
Mark admits he wouldn't be human if he didn't have bad days, "but the good days outweigh the bad ones."
Mark is most often recognized as the guy at the circulation desk answering questions and locating materials for students and staff.
"The one big benefit of working up front is meeting people. I've met people who live here and around the world," he said noting that at GSU at least, this "global village gets along fine."
Mark's won praise for his efforts on behalf of GSU outside the university. As a former volunteer with Project PEEP at Hickory School in University Park, Mark spent several afternoons working with students "because he actually enjoyed working with the kids."

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The Grapevine

Sculpture park tours held 3rd Thursday each month

Springtime has arrived, and that means it’s a perfect time to take a walk on campus. Why not walk through the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park? Guided tours are given the third Thursday of each month. The next tour is April 19 at 12:15 p.m. beginning at the information desk on the first floor. For more information contact Elaine Sherman, secretary for the GSU Foundation, on extension 2215.

‘Centennial Artists Competition’ conducted at GSU

Have you, or someone you know, dreamed of performing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra? That dream will come true for musicians and vocalists who win the Rose Fay Thomas Award in the “Centennial Artists Competition” sponsored by the Musicians Club of Women of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The competition is part of the CSO’s 100th anniversary celebration. Judging will be in four categories—voice, piano, strings and other instruments. Open competition will be conducted Nov. 3, 1990 at GSU. Competition applications will be accepted through May 1, 1990. For more information write to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Centennial Office at 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1824, Chicago, IL. 60604.

Participation urged in ‘Food Fight Against Cancer’

Thursday, April 19, is the American Cancer Society’s “Great American Food Fight Against Cancer,” a special day for you to “fight the urge” to eat fatty, fried foods. Studies show that diet alone may account for as much as 35 percent of all cancers. The American Cancer Society recommends eating foods rich in vitamins A and C, low fat foods and those high in fiber, and vegetables. The Personnel Office has adoption papers available for persons who need formal support. Contact Dorothy Sherman on extension 2194 for details.

Critical issues of the environment is topic of forum

“The Environment at Risk: Responding to Growing Dangers” will be the 7:30 p.m. April 23 program in the National Issues Forum hosted by GSU’s Office of Economic Education, Star Newspapers, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and South Suburban College. The program will be at the Marie Irwin Community Center in Homewood.

Guest speakers will include Norman Crampton, author of Complete Trash: The Best Way to Get Rid of Practically Everything Around the House, Robert Casteel, energy and natural resources supervisor for the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources, and James Binder, president of Alternative Resources, a solid waste consulting firm.

This free program will be conducted as an old-fashioned town meeting bringing citizens together to discuss the critical issues of the environment and the lifestyle trade-offs. For more information, contact Kay Schebler in the OEE office on extension 2141.

New spring course explores themes of Woody Allen

The creativity and genius of comedian and filmmaker Woody Allen will be explored in a spring/summer trimester course “Sex, Death and Humor—Themes of Woody Allen” offered from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, April 30 through July 30, at GSU’s extension center at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. For details contact Sandy Mensch on extension 2121.

Hampton a plus

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Melani Davis of university relations said in her nomination. “The children in his group felt this, as did the principal who asked if Mark could continue his volunteer efforts.

“As the liaison between GSU and Hickory School, I have found it a pleasure to work with Mark. As a staff member and student at GSU, I find it comforting to know there is a ‘friendly guy in the library,’ always quick to smile and eager to help,” Davis said.

The Chicago Heights resident says he wants to share his “Employee of the Month” recognition with the staff of the Instructional Communications Center, the University Print Shop and Central Stores because “they’re the people behind the scenes who make my job easier.” Without those folks, Mark says he wouldn’t be able to deliver his services in a timely manner.

Veterans of Innovation

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1973 Karl Harrison (DPS)
1974 John Fahey (PPO), David Sud­
dick (SD)
1975 Thomas Byrne (PPO), Dolores
Baker (SPC/BOG)
1977 Kathryn Norman (UL)
1978 Rosina Mascolo (DPS), Bar­
bara Mosley (CAS)
1979 Irwin Miller (CHP)
1982 Louise Kohl (PROV)
1983 Catherine Taffora (PPO)
1984 John Osternburg (UR)
1985 John Fedak (PPO)

Educator’s conference will be held on campus

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Dr. Leon Zalewski, Professor Donna
Gellaty and Mary Taylor, administrative assistant to College of Health Professions Dean John Lowe III.

This program is organized by Dr. W. Prince McLemore. For more information contact him on extension 2369.

This program will be followed by the South Suburban Council for Multicultural Education’s Fine Arts Festival from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on campus.
Tax benefits numerous to GSU staff, students

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materials for research and course productions, and do building maintenance that had been deferred for several years," GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II said.

In fiscal year 1989, GSU was forced to drop 40 class sections because it didn't have the money to hire adjunct faculty members. With the tax increase revenues, GSU is offering 41 new class sections for fiscal year 1990.

In 1979, GSU had 150 full-time faculty members serving its 3,700 students. In 1989, GSU at 147 full-time faculty members serving 5,100 students. The tax increase dollars allowed GSU to hire seven new faculty members this year and improve its instructor-student ratio.

In 1987, the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved a master of science degree in computer science for Governors State, but money for the program was not available in either 1988 or 1989.

The tax increase dollars have allowed GSU to initiate this program in fall 1990. The university has spent $64,000 for computer software for this program, and two of seven new faculty members will be instructors for it.

"Salaries at BOG institutions lag 7 to 16 percent behind those of comparable universities within Illinois and across the nation," Dr. Goodman-Malamuth explained. "Obviously, the additional 4 percent increase given GSU's faculty and staff as a result of the income tax surcharge is a modest, but extremely important step toward establishing equity in pay for our employees.

The governor's proposed fiscal year 1991 budget for the Board of Governors system is $219.8 million. While it is an increase from the fiscal year 1990 appropriation of $214.2 million, the 2.4 percent increase includes money from the income tax surcharge.

"Making the income tax increase permanent is essential to us at GSU," he added. "We want to maintain and build on the quality of education we offer. Withdrawing these funds will hamper our efforts.

"We've all heard about Illinois' commitment to quality education. We have faculty and staff at GSU who are working for that quality in education," he noted, "but we need the support of the Illinois legislature and the people of Illinois to do that.

"We hope they are willing to support us in our endeavors for our current students and those that will walk through our doors in the 21st century," the president said.

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