This Week at GSU

28 Memorial Day Holiday—no classes.
30 FPA Voice Recital, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall. Also on May 31.
1 CAS Honors Award night, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre.
2 Commencement ceremony, 2 p.m., Gymnasium. Also on June 3.
2 Communications Workshop: “Managing Stress,” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Orland Park Place. Additional session June 3.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

Eighteen attend meeting for office professionals

Eighteen GSU staff members attended the Fourth Biennial Conference for Office Professionals meeting at the University of Illinois at Champaign. The theme was “Open Lines—Making the Communication Connection.”

The Civil Service employees who attended the workshop were Marlene Anderson and Fran Lindsay of the Personnel Office, Star Anderson, Beverly Kyser and Patricia Rogala of Special Programs and Continuing Education, Chris Barberi and Jeanne Murphy of the College of Business and Public Administration, Brenda Chapman and Brenda Hatcher of Administration and Planning.

Also Linda Dean of University Relations, Kimberly Griffin and Ellen Kahn of the Provost’s Office, Shelina Hurd and Helen Spencer of the Business Office, Rose O’Neal of the College of Arts and Sciences, Donna Rutledge of the Instructional Communications (Continued on page 3)

Affirmative Action Fellow completes 1989-90 term

What a year it’s been for Dr. Mary E. Jones who is completing her 1989-90 Affirmative Action Administrative Fellowship.

Dr. Jones, a professor of communication disorders in the College of Health Professions, was GSU’s representative in the Board of Governors program.

As a Fellow, Dr. Jones was assigned to work in the Provost’s Office at Chicago State University. She says the experience has helped to broaden her view on higher education.

“As a faculty member, your focus is on a specific division, department and class. In higher education administration, you cannot be parochial because you could have responsibility for 50 departments,” says Dr. Jones. “Through my experience (as a Fellow), I now see the big picture—and how it all fits together.”

For Dr. Jones, the past year was one of “intense mentoring.” She credits Dr. Carson W. Veach, vice president of academic affairs at Chicago State, with her development.

“I was fortunate to have a mentor that allowed me flexibility to discover my own ability, to develop my own style,” says Dr. Jones. “He gave me real work, not just work for the sake of work.”

Administrative assignments have been challenging and interesting for Dr. Jones. She developed an early warning system to help increase CSU student retention by identifying students who are having academic prob-

Governor’s proposed budget will force cutbacks on program improvements

Governors State University will be forced to cut back on planned program improvements if Gov. James Thompson’s proposed 1991 budget is approved.

The governor is asking the Illinois Legislature to provide a budget of $219.28 million, or a 2.4 percent increase in funding, for the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.

Of that, GSU would receive $24.1 million for fiscal year 1991. That is a 2.2 percent increase over last year.
Employee of the Month

Print shop employee ‘believes in miracles’

By Roxane Geraci-Roche

Next to her desk hangs the printed saying, "Miracles come in all shapes and sizes—and happen to those who believe in them."

During the month of May, Barb Basler, University Print Shop printing estimator, had her share of excitement while experiencing a miracle as well.

Barb says she "really couldn't believe it" when told she was the May "Employee of the Month." "I felt like an Emmy Award winner. I felt humble."

As the thrill of being recognized by others for her work started to sink in, Barb also experienced the miracle of her daughter, Laurie, giving birth.

"I was there," says Barb with a smile talking about the May 8 birth of granddaughter Stefani Renee. "Near the end (of the birth), my whole focal point was seeing the baby, watching it come into the world."

While Barb may see miracles as coming to those who believe in them, her co-workers and peers also believe in her "miracles."

In her nomination of Barb, Marilyn Thomas, coordinator of public information in University Relations, says the GSU staffer deserves a halo.

"She is never cross, never too busy and never short-sighted," says Thomas. "Each request she handles receives first-rate attention. Many times a client has a simple request, such as asking for service on a copier, but there are others who come to her with questions on printing and paper stocks, deadlines and cost estimates. She has answers for just about all of them."

And after working at the University Print Shop for 17 years, Barb not only has answers to most of the questions, but also has a thorough knowledge of all aspects of the shop.

"I've worked all the way through, ran most of the equipment and learned procedures," says Barb. "It's just not learning one thing. I've been in back and worked in back."

When she was first hired at UPS in 1973, Barb says she planned to stay only for a year for a second income. Now, nearly two decades later, she is a vital presence.

She says it's the people at GSU that make coming to work worthwhile. "I like the people I work with. I work with nine men - who are the greatest nine men I've ever known in my life," says Barb, the only female worker in the shop.

She admits that when the print shop moved away from the main campus, her "heart was broken." She recalls how proud she felt when President Leo Goodman-Malamuth addressed the gathering. "He came over to talk to me - and it really was a family moment. I was so proud."

Barb views her experiences at GSU with great fondness. "There is something warm about being here all these years. GSU has been good to me. I think more people have more loyalty to GSU than they want to admit," says Barb.

She recalls how proud she felt when she was at a Prairie State College honors dinner with her daughter, Beth, and President Leo Goodman-Malamuth addressed the gathering. "He came over to talk to me - and it really was a family moment. I was so proud."

Basler is equally proud of the rest of her family. Residing in Park Forest with husband Hank, who is employed by The Star newspaper, Basler says (Continued on page 3)
The Grapevine

Librarian selected to attend statewide conference
Beth Hansen, librarian and chairperson of the Division of Information Services, was one of 70 librarians statewide selected to attend the Illinois Conference on Library and Information Services. She was one of 300 delegates representing Illinois librarians, library trustees, government officials and citizens. They discussed an agenda that will be outlined at the 1991 National White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

The topic for the April meeting in Chicago was “Setting the Illinois Information Agenda for the 21st Century.” Beth and the other delegates focused on three major issues—literacy, productivity and democracy—as they relate to library information services.

Parking at main entrance to university prohibited
Beware! Parking at the main entrance to the university is not allowed unless the driver remains in the car, says Philip Orawiec, acting director of public safety. Some staff members believe they can leave their cars in front with the lights on, and the Department of Public Safety will understand, but Orawiec says that’s not the case.

“We would have people say they were just running up to get their mail, but five minutes becomes 25 minutes when you stop to talk with someone,” he says. “All unattended vehicles are ticketed. The fine is $10.”

And he warns that persons who park at the right side of the drive designated for handicapped parking pay a $50 penalty. If it isn’t paid, that fine doubles to $100 in 10 days.

Orawiec recommends that persons unloading things should call the Department of Public Safety on the red house phone at the main entrance and notify the staff to avoid ticketing.

PPO staff working to complete cafeteria addition
What was all that racket? The air hammers are breaking away the foundation in the new addition to the cafeteria so that heating ducts can be installed, according to Mike Foley, director of physical plant operations. Crews are extremely busy because they want to pour the new flooring and install carpeting before commencement exercises June 2 and 3.

The windows on the second floor along the Academic Computer Services office have been removed as part of the window replacement program. Thermal pane windows will be installed. Foley said the floor to ceiling windows in the Hall of Governors will also be replaced with thermal panes, but that work will start after graduation.

GSU Foundation hosts sculpture exhibit in June
The GSU Foundation is hosting a sculpture exhibit June 8 through 23 in the Hall of Governors. The stainless steel and wood pieces of Arthur Schmaltz of South Holland are a prelude to the foundation’s “Solstice Celebration” June 21. An opening reception for Schmaltz will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 8.

Any changes in insurance benefits due by June 30
If you’re thinking about changing your insurance benefits, you have until June 30 to do so. Your group insurance representative must be contacted about any changes.

Anyone with questions about HMO coverage can attend an informational meeting with HMO representatives. Sessions will be at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. June 4 in Engbretson Hall.
BOG Administrative Fellow completes year

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lems at mid-term. With this system, she believes students can pinpoint their problems early and receive remedial help before it's too late.

Dr. Jones has been involved in many other administrative assignments including proposal writing, helping to establish partnerships within the community colleges, especially Chicago colleges, and helping to implement a university-wide honors program. She also worked to increase minority students at the graduate level in a partnership with the University of Chicago.

Dr. Jones says the fellowship has much to offer. “I wanted to determine from the fellowship if I would enjoy administration in higher education—and the answer is yes. It has allowed me to explore and develop leadership style management skills. Although it has been an intense year, in all sincerity it was a great year. I wouldn’t have missed the opportunity for anything.”

Leaving her post at Chicago State during the first week of June, Dr. Jones says she isn’t sure what she will do next and is leaving her options open. However, she does have a few words of advice for future Affirmative Action Administrative Fellowship recipients.

"Be prepared for an intense year. It’s not easy, but it can be very rewarding," she says. “If you want to explore the possibility of working in higher education administration, I highly recommend it.”

The Affirmative Action Administrative Fellowship program was established by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities. It is open to women and minority members of administration, faculty or staff, and is designed to give Fellows administrative opportunities during one academic year.

Proposed budget may force program cutbacks

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BOG Chancellor Thomas Layzell said the increase is "a level below what is needed to simply match inflation. The public needs to understand that this lean budget includes the revenue from the second year of the income tax surcharge.

"Without it, the funding situation we would be facing for next year would be even more difficult," he added.

GSU’s proposed budget includes:

• $194,627 for equipment for the chemical science foundations, organic chemistry, biochemistry, biological science foundations, physiologic systems and intermediate physics laboratories.
• $365,800 for main building repair and improvements, including repair and replacement of the building’s roof.
• $95,600 for a regional instructional center in Lansing/Calumet City.
• $159,000 for expansion of instructional delivery of televised courses, videoconferences and interactive satellite workshops.

The governor’s proposed budget provides no money for these program improvements or for expansion of the master’s degree in computer science program, improvements in the quality of undergraduate education, assessment of student programs, and minority access and recruitment programs.

“Our requests for additional funding are all based on need. Equipment, especially in our laboratories and our media communications program, becomes the lifeblood for persons training in those fields," GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II said.

The Board of Governors submitted its funding request to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) which called for Gov. Thompson to recommend a 7.8 percent funding increase for BOG schools. Many of GSU’s requests were approved by IBHE.