Happenings at GSU

9  "Drugs in the School," 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall. Continues through July 19.
10  "Connections," 10 a.m. to noon, D1702. Additional meetings July 12, 17, 19.
13  "Black Holes and Quasars," 1 to 10 p.m., F1200.
14  "Intelligent Life in the Universe," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., F1200.
16  Advance registration, Fall trimester, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., main entrance. Continues through July 27.

Campus smoking areas designated

In accordance with the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act, President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II has designated smoking areas in the GSU buildings.

The president considered suggestions from the Civil Service Senate, the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate in making his decisions.

The university policy calls for all university indoor facilities to be smoke-free by July 1, 1993. The interim plan that designated specific smoking areas took effect this July 1.

According to that plan, there are no designated smoking areas in Wagner House, the planning building, the Child Care Center in Hantack House, the parking booth, Physical Plant Operations Center, A-Building, C-Building first floor and third floor, and D-Building second floor.

Designated smoking areas are the new addition to the cafeteria, the balcony area of the library, the second floor

Mystery of strange rectangular panels solved

We've all seen them. Lurking in the corners of GSU. One stands in the cafeteria next to the Coke machine. One stands on the library balcony. If you look across from the media lab by E-Lounge, there's one there, too. They are scattered throughout the university...in the College of Arts and Sciences by Room 2209, in the Instructional Communications Center, by the Department of Public Safety office.

Hmmm...so just what are those strange rectangular contraptions that stand about six feet tall and come complete with a telephone, about 50 controls and switches, and sometimes a television to boot?

Ed Flowers, electronics engineer in ICC, knows.

"Their original purpose was to deliver instruction," Flowers explains. They are called Sound Control Panels, and those with televisions are Media Control Panels, and they do have quite a history.

When Flowers began working at GSU in 1974, he says there were about 45 panels throughout the university. Today there are only a handful.

Sets of speakers were placed strategically with each panel so an intercom system could be used and music could be piped into the various areas of the university.

In the beginning, the idea was to have the communications center of the library as the centralized area for panel operations. Students throughout the university could go to a panel location, pick up the panel's

Althoff, Wilson named to head GSU's governing board

The leadership of GSU's governing board changed hands in June when Chairman Nancy H. Froelich of Lake Bloomington passed the gavel to James L. Althoff of McHenry.

Althoff was elected BOG chairman and D. Ray Wilson of Elgin was named vice chairman.

"I am looking forward to working closely with my colleagues on the board and with the chancellor and presidents," Althoff said. "I have a full agenda planned for my term, which includes continuing the progress made under Mrs. Froelich's leadership in the areas of minority achievement and improved services to students."
Cafeteria Menu
(Week of July 9 to 13)

Monday - Creole soup; chili con carne; Entree: pot roast beef; mostaccioli w/meat sauce, garlic toast; wax beans & pimento; whipped potatoes.

Tuesday - French onion soup; chili con carne; Entree: roast turkey breast w/dressing; B.B.Q. beef sandwich; seasoned peas, candied sweet potatoes.

Wednesday - Cream of celery soup; chili con carne; Entree: roast pork w/dressing & applesauce; Swedish meatballs over rice, mixed vegetables; oven browned potatoes.

Thursday - Garden vegetable soup; chili con carne; Entree: Salisbury steak; B.B.Q. pork sandwich; green beans; whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials posted in cafeteria.

(Week of July 16 to 20)

Monday - Chicken rice soup; chili con carne; Entree: Swiss steak; fillet of chicken sandwich; French style green beans; whipped potatoes.

Tuesday - Beef noodle soup; chili con carne; Entree: roast beef & au jus lasagna w/meat, garlic toast; mixed vegetables; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Vegetable soup; chili con carne; Entree: hoagie steak & grilled onions; sloppy Joe on bun; buttered broccoli; whipped potatoes.

Thursday - Chicken gumbo soup; chili con carne; Entree: reuben sandwich; fried chicken; buttered peas, whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials posted in cafeteria.

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'Average guy' shares wealth of experience

By Roxane Geraci-Roche

"I'm just an average guy," says Dr. Harvey Varnet, Governors State University Library director.

But this "average guy" from New Bedford, Mass., not only was a Fulbright professor in Nigeria and coordinator for several Sultan Qaboos University projects in Oman but also gained a wealth of experience through his years at home in the United States.

In 1969, Varnet graduated from Southeastern Massachusetts University with a bachelor of arts in English. That same year, he was named one of the outstanding college athletes of America. Playing both basketball and soccer, Varnet explains that he was one of the few jocks on campus.

"I was one of two people at the university who were two-lettered with high academics," says Varnet, laughing. Ironically, in the same year, basketball superstar professional Kareem Abdul Jabbar wasn't recognized as an outstanding college athlete because he only played one sport, Varnet adds. The 5-foot 6-inch library director finds that quite amusing.

Although he may have had a brief stint with athletic fame, Varnet found his real niche in life at the library. Working at the New Bedford Branch Library while in college, Varnet enjoyed the many pleasant people he met there. He also felt it was honorable work.

Varnet went on to receive a master of science degree in library science in 1971, a master of education degree in instructional media in 1977 and a doctorate in library administration in 1979.

From 1971 to 1979, Varnet worked at the Learning Resources Center at Bristol Community College in Massachusetts. His responsibilities ranged from heading library technical services to being assistant director for public services. He also served as acting director of the Learning Resources Center and coordinator of administrative and technical services while teaching various courses in the library science/visual program.

After completing the doctorate, Varnet went to the University of Calabar in Nigeria as a Fulbright professor in educational technology and as a consultant for development of the university's audiovisual center.

"I learned a lot about the continent. It is a complex place, and I met fascinating people. Most of all, I learned the most about myself," says Varnet of his experience in Nigeria.

Returning to the States in 1980, Varnet continued as assistant director for public services at Bristol Community College. In 1981, he served as director, associate professor and chairman for the library and audiovisual services department at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. While at KWC, Varnet also became soccer coach.

One of Varnet's more memorable experiences was his two-year stay in Muscat, Oman. From 1983 to 1985, he served as coordinator for the library, the Centre for Educational Technology and the Computer Centre at Sultan Qaboos University project in Oman. He was responsible for overseeing the development of those three areas until they opened in 1986. He also spent some time in England while working on the Oman University project.

"Life there (in Oman) was quite nice. It was a lot safer than here," says Varnet explaining that the strict laws and severe penalties for crime made it uncommon.

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Press elected chair of student teaching consortium

Professor Bob Press in the College of Education has been elected chairperson of the Chicago Consortium of Student Teaching for 1990-91. Consortium members are faculty from Chicago area public and private colleges and universities who are responsible for student teaching programs and assignments. The consortium deals with issues relating to the field experience of teacher education.

Carlson honored at annual psychology convention

The North American Society of Adlerian Psychology honored Dr. Jon Carlson, professor of counseling, at its 38th annual convention. He was recognized for his contributions as a teacher and educator, for his work as editor of the Journal of Individual Psychology: Practice and Application and his dedication to the health and well-being of his private practice patients.

Submissions needed for GSU Literary Magazine

Calling all writers, poets and photographers...the GSU Literary Magazine needs you to submit materials for the Fall 1990 edition. The materials must be original and be typed double space. Short stories, essays, poetry, graphic art and photography are being accepted.

Send materials to the GSU Literary Magazine in the Office of Student Life. For notification of acceptance and/or return of materials, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Blood research helps schools win national award

Congratulations to Dr. David Blood of the Division of Education who helped the Minooka Schools win the “1990 National Rural and Small Schools Consortium Exemplary Program Award” for teacher/student evaluations.

He conducted research on nearly 500 children in the Minooka schools in the largest student personality-type study in the United States.

The selection committee said the program was chosen for its “commitment to the improvement of rural and small school education” and that the research “exemplified the highest standards of professional excellence and integrity.”

PPO staff busy maintaining campus sculptures

Does the “Illinois Landscapes No. 5” look brighter these days? That’s because the staff in Physical Plant Operations has been doing cleaning and repair work on several of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park sculptures on campus. “Illinois Landscapes,” “The Phoenix” and the interior of “House Divided” have all been painted. Repairs have been done on “Prairie Chimes” and “Field Rotation” and a new covering of crushed stone will be added to the base of Mary Miss’ “Field Rotation.”

'Solstice' celebration may become annual event

Dr. Bill Dodd, vice president for development and public affairs, said the success of the June 21 “Solstice” celebration may convince the GSU Foundation to make the program an annual event. Nearly 400 persons participated in the summer season celebration that was forced indoors because of rain.

Library director more than 'average guy'

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His wife, Theresa, also enjoyed Oman and because there are no taxes there, the Varnets were able to save money for Theresa’s tuition for law school when they returned to the States in 1985.

They looked for a place in a metropolitan area so Theresa could attend law school. And that’s how they settled in Homewood, and how Varnett came to GSU.

“This job popped open - and I liked the president and the provost. I wanted to work for someone I could talk to. I found that here,” says Varnet of GSU. He says GSU reminds him of Bristol Community College, adding that the talented staff here is one of the reasons he decided to accept the position.

As director of the GSU Library, Varnet feels that providing service to the people is the most important aspect of his position.

“We are in the helping-people-change-their-lives business,” says Varnet. “People coming in (the library) are eager and want something better. They can find a piece of information that can change their lives.”

Varnet is involved in many areas of the university as university grievance officer, and was a member of the collective bargaining team. He also has authored several publications.

Outside of GSU, Varnet enjoys being a “semi-jock.” He is quite proud of his wife who is now a lawyer in private practice. The couple has one daughter, Jennifer, who is 23.

1990 phone books available

1990 telephone directories for Blue Island, Chicago Heights/Park Forest, Crete, Dolton, Evergreen Park, Harvey, Homewood, Orland Park and Tinley Park are available outside the Personnel Office on the first floor.

Congratulations!

To Jean Johnson, in the College of Education, and her husband, Rick, who had their first child, Daniel Allen, on June 30.

To Jackie Trubac, in Administration and Planning, whose grandson, James Ryan, was born June 28.

To Linda Kuester, in Administration and Planning, whose grandson, Eric, was born June 24.
Research grants given to 13 professors

University research grants have been given to 13 professors for their continued research and special projects.

The winners were announced by Dr. Carolyn Conrad, associate vice president of academic affairs. The university research grants replace the mini-grants. The awards can be up to $2,500 and are funded with academic affairs money.

Winners for the 1990-91 academic year and their projects are: Dr. Jon Carlson, professor of counseling, with graduate student David Kleist for “Effect of Voice Mail on Client Engagement Rate.”

Dr. Karen D’Arcy, professor of analytical chemistry, for “Synthesis of Toluene Degradation Products.”

Dr. George Garrett, professor of educational administration, for “Study of School Climate in Metropolitan Areas.”

Dr. Mary Geis, professor of nursing, for “Study of Differentiation of Community Health, Public Health and Home Health Nursing.”

Dr. Paul Green, director of the Institute for Public Policy and Administration, for “Crossroads ’90: Illinois Politics, Chicago Politics and Reapportionment.”

Dr. Reino Hakala, professor of mathematical, physical and environmental sciences, for “Equation of State of Pure Fluids.”

Dr. Albert “Chip” Ingram, professor of instructional training and technology, for “Instructional Potential of Hypertext.”

Dr. Barbara Jenkins, professor of psychology and counseling, for “Women of Peace: Lives of Israeli and Palestinian Leaders.”

Dr. Marsha Katz, professor of management, and Dr. Suzanne Prescott, professor of human development, for “Replication of the Broverman Study of Sex Role Stereotyping.”

Dr. Diane Kjos, professor of psychology and counseling, for “Application of the Myers-Briggs Indicator.”

Dr. Shelly Kumar, professor of organic chemistry, for “Investigation of Oxidation Mechanism in Precarcinogens.”

Dr. June Patton, professor of history, for “Historical Research on Miscegenation in the Antebellum South.”

Dr. Sandra Whitaker, professor of psychology, for a school psychology newsletter.

Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations to the following employees who celebrate their anniversaries of employment during July:

1970  Ginni Burghardt (AR)
1971  Ronald Brubaker (CAS), Andrew Petro (CBPA), Virginio Piucci (A&P)
1972  Hugh Rank (CAS)
1973  Barbara Clark (PERS)
1974  William Dodd (DPA), Richard McCready (CAS), John Payne (CAS), Bethany Harms (BO)
1976  Thomas Stepke (BO), Josephine Winter (UL)
1978  Douglas McNutt (FA)
1979  Geraldine Kezis (SPCE), Evelyn Georgiadis (BO)
1980  Catherine Swatek (BO)
1981  Ellen Zalewski (BO), Maureen Bendoraitis (UL), Jean Cox (UL), Napoleon Bell (PO)
1982  David Curtis (PROV)
1985  Barbara Conant (UL), Jean Johnson (PROV/Academic Adv.)

GSUings...

President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, attending the 9th Triennial Conference of the International Association of University Presidents July 8-13 in Vallodolid, Spain...Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president of administration and planning, attending the “Planning Higher Education in the 1990s” conference in Preston, England, in July...Geri Dalton, director of the Child Care Center, attending the 18th annual National Coalition for Campus Child Care conference this spring in Washington.

Campus smoking areas now clearly designated

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At this time, no washrooms have been designated. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth said the university’s commitment will be to assist smokers with “stop-smoking” programs, rather than towards efforts that would isolate them from nonsmokers.

In an effort to help smokers kick their smoking habit, the university is sponsoring a smoking cessation program during working hours. Nurses from the Park Forest Health Department will offer a four-week clinic following the Chicago Lung Association program. Employees will be asked to pay $15 of the $50 charge for the six classes. Each class is 90 minutes.

For details on the class call Barbara Clark, director of the Personnel Office, on extension 2194.

Fran Lindsay (left) of the Personnel Office congratulates Nick Battaglia (center) of academic advising and Jackie Trubac (right) of administration and planning for their outstanding efforts as canvassers for the U.S. Savings Bonds campaign. They received certificates and $50 savings bonds.
Professor receives first BOG Distinguished Professor Award

Dr. Elyse Mach, a professor of music at Northeastern Illinois University, has received the first Board of Governors Distinguished Professor Award.

Mach was one of five professors, one from each Board of Governors university, nominated for the award.

Dr. Hugh "Duke" Rank of the College of Arts and Sciences, was the Governors State University nominee. Dr. Rank is a professor of English Literature in the Division of Humanities and Social Services.

The award, which publicly recognizes excellence in teaching, carries a $5,000 stipend and a year-long appointment with 50 percent reassigned time for public appearances and presentations. The selection committee for the award included Dr. Richard Payne, Illinois State University; Dr. Clyde Kimball, Northern Illinois University; Dr. Christina Brinkley-Carter, Southern Illinois University; Professor Robert V. Remini, University of Illinois at Chicago; Professor Harry C. Triandis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Dr. David Williams, Board of Regents; and Dr. Robert A. Pringle, BOG vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Althoff, Wilson selected to carry on board leadership

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A board member since 1979 and vice chairman since 1986, Althoff, 62, is the chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Althoff Industries and of Althoff and Associates, both located in Crystal Lake.

He said increasing the recognition and support of the BOG universities will be a priority during his tenure as chairman. He also stressed the need for the universities to get the most out of each dollar appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly.

"There is no question, that the 1990s will be a decade of tight fiscal restraints in state government," said Althoff. "It is critical to not only make wise use of our resources, but also be accountable for those expenditures to Illinois taxpayers."

"Mr. Althoff's expertise in fiscal matters has been tremendously valuable in the past," said Chancellor Thomas D. Layzell. "He has also been very concerned about being accountable for providing a quality undergraduate education to all students who attend our universities. We expect the tradition of strong leadership by the board to continue under Mr. Althoff."

Outgoing Chairman Froelich, who did not seek re-election, received praise from fellow board members for BOG accomplishments since she took office in 1986.

"We had to make some difficult decisions as a board given the lean budgets we faced in the late 1980s," Froelich said. "I think we still made tremendous progress in many areas such as access, retention and strategic marketing. I wish Mr. Althoff success and look forward to continuing to serve on the board."

The board also filled other positions at its June meeting by electing Wilma J. Sutton of Chicago as a member of the executive committee, James R. Garner of Macomb as pro-tem member of the executive committee, and re-electing Robert J. Ruiz of Beverly as representative to the State Universities Retirement System board and William E. Hoffe of Fairfield as representative to the State Universities Civil Service System merit board.

As BOG chairman, Althoff also will serve as representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Mystery solved

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phone and ask for a video or audio program. Those who were manning the communications center in the library would load the program for the panel the student had telephoned from.

Although much of the idea never got off the ground, the video portion did get lots of use, Flowers said.

The phone was also an intercom. Flowers remembers some faculty members thinking their conversations could be heard over the speakers and it was sort of "a spy system," he says with a chuckle, adding "but they weren't hooked up."

While the panel system was being built, administrators realized it was going to be a very costly endeavor, so only half of the wall speakers planned for the system were installed.

"There are more speakers in the business office area than in other parts of the university," says Flowers. "That's where they started (putting up the system) before the cutback."

Today the system is used to a limited extent and has been decentralized to be used as a local operation, Flowers explains. Although all of the panels are operable, their location determines if they are being used or not.

"It (the panel) has no purpose in CAS, but it is still being used regularly in the cafeteria and in central areas like E-Lounge which is a common meeting place," says Flowers. In locations where the panel is still used, you can hook up a mike and cable to the box and the public address system will work in that immediate area.

The communications center in the library is no longer used for central panel operations, and much of the operations center has been dismantled. What remains still does function passively as a switching center to send signals through for cable television programs and for satellite usage.

"A lot of people tried very hard to make (the system) work," says Flowers, "and it's a shame it never got used as much as possible. I guess the idea they conceived was way ahead of its time."
Recycle! message comes to life in ICC video

The "Recycle!" message comes to life in a 12-minute "Trashbusters" video the Instructional Communications Center produced for the South Suburban Recycling Coalition.

In the video, three "trashbusters" invade a home to convince a housewife that recycling is a simpler solution than having them come back every week.

The comedy video, written and directed by Tony Labriola, is a take-off of the "Ghostbusters" film. Tony has incorporated several different themes in the video. The tongue-in-cheek script has segments reminiscent of "Dragnet," silent movies, a 1960s sitcom and 1940s nostalgia.

Tony got his friends from The Drama Group in Chicago Heights to star as the "trashbusters," the housewife, and the housewife's father who is confused by the household garbage trashers.

ICC crew members who worked with Tony were Steve Carlin and Bob White. The public service video was the suggestion of Marie Bertz, research associate in the College of Health Professions. Marie, as a representative of the Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters, joined with representatives of the Village of Homewood, the National Council of Jewish Women and the South Suburban Recycling Coalition, to help get the southern suburbs' first curbside recycling program in Homewood off the ground. Since its start-up a year ago, several other communities have begun recycling programs.

The four groups endorsed the development of a video as a means of spreading the word on the ease and value of curbside recycling.

This tape is available through the Village of Homewood and the South Suburban Recycling Coalition. It will be available soon through the Suburban Library System. The video is a fun way to inform school groups, community and church groups and others about the advantages of recycling.

Send items for inclusion in Governors State University F.Y.I. to the GSU Office of University Relations no later than Tuesday of each week.