This Week at GSU

7 “1,001 Black Inventions” presented by Pin Points Theatre, noon, GSU Theatre.
8 Reception for photographer Joseph Vitone, 5 p.m., Infinity Gallery.
8 Reception for sculptor Richard Hunt, 7 p.m., Art Gallery.
12 Lincoln’s Birthday Holiday.
15 Poetry/fiction reading by David Michael Kaplan and Li-Young Lee, 7:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.
16 Poetry/fiction reading by Angela Jackson and Edward Hirsch, 7:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.

Foundation donations meet university needs

Stipends for orchestra members performing at GSU-Community Chorale programs, scholarships, shrubbery around campus, magazine subscriptions in the library, faculty research and conference expenses, student contest fees—these are just a few of the ways the GSU Foundation works to support university activities.

Although the foundation has been recognized most often for its work in raising funds for the Regional Center for the Performing Arts, it has 60 accounts that students, faculty and staff benefit from, according to Dr. William Dodd, chief executive officer.

“Now that the capital campaign for the performing arts center is complete, we will be turning our energies over to direct support of teaching, research and service,” Dr. Dodd noted.

This year the foundation is asking for continued support from GSU’s Foundation donations meet university needs (Continued on page 3)

Hampton selected ‘Employee of the Year’

Mark Hampton of the University Library staff has been selected as the 1990 “Employee of the Year.” Hampton received overwhelming support from throughout the university for the honor. Earlier he had been selected the April “Employee of the Month.” He has been on the GSU staff for 15 years.

As the Employee of the Year, Hampton received a $300 stipend, a certificate and a plaque.

“I’m really surprised; shocked is a better word,” Hampton said of his selection. “Just to know people like what you do and respect what you do is a great feeling.”

Among the nominations for Hampton was one from Nick Battaglia of Academic Advising. “Mark’s unfailing good nature and tolerant personality make him an ideal employee in his position in the circulation department of the library. His public service skills are truly remarkable, and he is doing very well with his new supervisory duties.”

As a former co-worker, Battaglia said, “Mark is a joy to work with and for (Continued on page 5)

Illinois Board of Higher Ed seeks increases for new fiscal year

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is requesting a $2 million increase in GSU’s fiscal year 1992 budget to $25.9 million.

IBHE also is requesting $5.6 million for utilities and capital improvements at GSU, including remodeling Building B for additional classrooms and roof replacement on the university’s main building.


The budget request includes $1.2 million for salary increases and $577,800 to offset additional cost. (Continued on page 5)
Cafeteria Menu
(Weeks of February 4 to 8; 11 to 15)
Monday - Chicken vegetable soup. Entrees: veal cutlet Antonio platter; spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread; hot sandwich: B.B.Q. pork.
Tuesday - Lima bean soup. Entrees: roast turkey breast platter; macaroni, beef, tomato casserole; hot sandwich: pizza burger.
Wednesday - Turkey noodle soup. Entrees: London broil platter; linguini with clam sauce; hot sandwich: Chicago-style hot dog.
Thursday - Cabbage soup. Entrees: baked chicken Maryland platter; rotini and ham au gratin casserole; hot sandwich: sloppy Joe.
Friday - New England clam chowder. Entrees: stir fried shrimp over rice; broccoli and cheese quiche; hot sandwich: Italian beef.
Monday - Turkey vegetable soup. Entrees: baked chicken breast cordon bleu platter; fresh beef fajitas; hot sandwich: grilled ham and cheese.
Tuesday - Lincoln's birthday.
Wednesday - French onion soup. Entrees: Veal cutlet Provencale platter; chicken tetrazzini; hot sandwich: grilled reuben.
Thursday - Cream of chicken soup. Entrees: smoked sausage, vegetable saute; beef lasagna with parmesan toast; hot sandwich: Monte Cristo.
Friday - Cream of vegetable soup. Entrees: fried shrimp platter; tuna casserole; hot sandwich: patty melt.

Comings and Goings
Outgoing dean’s legacy is program expansion

By Marilyn Thomas

Dr. Richard Venneri, dean of special programs and continuing education, has resigned his position as of Feb. 15.

Dr. Venneri has accepted the position of dean of continuing studies and summer session at St. Xavier College in Chicago.

In the five years he has been here, several major changes occurred in his office. "I look back with pride on the simple and the complex happenings," he said.

During his tenure the office of Special Programs and Continuing Education initiated mail-in registrations for off-campus students, opened the GSU extension center in Orland Park, developed a joint agreement with Northeastern Illinois University for operation of the Rolling Meadows facility, and established Weekend College, now in its second year.

Sue Sturmon resigned her position in the Business Office Jan. 31 to become director of purchasing and auxiliary services at Aurora University. She will have responsibility not only for purchasing, but also for the university’s print shop, mailroom, parking, book store and security.

During her 13 years on the GSU staff, she has worked in the Personnel Office part-time and full-time before transferring to the Business Office as an accounting clerk. She was promoted to purchasing assistant I, II and III.

Michael Kamowski, data processing analyst II in the Registrar’s Office, resigned his position Jan. 31 to become the quality assurance officer for development at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

He will be working in the integrated student information system (ISIS) project office in the data center. Although GSU has an ISIS system, Kamowski was excited about his new position because UIC’s ISIS is a third-generation program.

A staff member at GSU since August 1986, Kamowski’s biggest accomplishment was helping the Registrar’s Office go to on-line registration.

Originally from New Jersey, the Park Forest resident earned his bachelor’s degree in business from Seton Hall University. He is a GSU graduate earning a master’s in business administration in 1980, and a second bachelor’s degree, in computer science, in 1986.

Napoleon Bell of Physical Plant Operations retired in December. He had been a member of the housekeeping staff since July 1981. He is a resident of Markham, but speculation is he’ll be moving to a warmer climate.

Dr. Michael Purdy has accepted the position of acting chair of the Division of Communications in the College (Continued on page 5)
Staff to coordinate care packages for soldiers

The GSU community wants to share its concern and support with those among us who are students who have family members involved in Operation Desert Storm. Persons interested in having care packages or cards sent to their loved ones should forward their names and addresses to Dee Woods and Beth Harms in the Business Office. They are coordinating the effort.

Staff members interested in helping with this project should call Dee on extension 2175.

Circle K Club will deliver Valentine's Day flowers

On Valentine's Day, tell someone how much you appreciate their efforts by sending them flowers. The Circle K Club will be selling flowers for delivery on Feb. 14. The sale will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 7, 8, 11, 13 and 14 in the Hall of Governors.

This year the club is selling bows for the flowers. Money from the sale of the bows will be donated to spastic paralysis research.

Poetry, fiction readings open to GSU community

Dr. Deborah Holdstein, professor of English and rhetoric, invites the GSU community to attend free poetry and fiction readings that are part of her three-day workshop, "Literary Chicago."

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, poet Li-Young Lee and fiction writer David Michael Kaplan will read and discuss selections from their works, and at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, writer Angela Jackson and poet Edward Hirsch will read and discuss their works. The programs are in the Hall of Honors.

CE prof facilitator for special project on literacy

Through the efforts of Dr. Peggy Williams, professor of education, children in Chicago's public schools will have a better chance at reading comprehension and improvement.

Dr. Williams served as the strategic planning facilitator for the Harold Washington Foundation's special project on literacy. The pilot program, beginning soon, will involve third and fourth graders from several schools whose reading program will be designed in coordination with library materials and programs. Dr. Williams said the program is meant to stimulate students to develop a love of reading and strengthen their writing, speaking and listening skills.

Russian visit offers new perspective on U.S. schools

Dr. David Blood, acting chairperson of the Division of Education, says we should recognize the value of American schools. After a two-week visit to Russia, hosted by the United States Comparative Studies Association, he has new perspectives on our system.

His biggest surprise was how far behind the Soviet system is. Not only do they lack computers in their classrooms, but they have only one copying machine for the entire Moscow school system!

The people were wonderful, he said, and they are beginning to grasp the effects of the government changes. For example, teachers in 90 percent of the schools voted to work only five days, rather than the traditional six. But they also are skeptical, and in some cases fearful, of what economic changes lie ahead. With reduced income to the central treasury, the schools' base of financial support is eroding, and their 206-ruble-a-month salary isn't buying what it used to.

The trip also gave David a lesson in foreign cultures. He is advocating a resurrection of foreign language studies in American schools and the need for more studies in international cultures and events.

Gifts help university

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employees. Robert Wolf, newly elected president of the foundation, said, "Nothing motivates us more in our volunteering to raise funds for GSU than the fact that the staff contributes generously. I ask, with confidence, that you consider a gift to our annual fund."

Donations can be made to one of the ongoing accounts. These include the endowed scholarships as well as specialty accounts for business, The Creative Woman, communications, continuing education, education, faculty research, fine and performing arts, health sciences, humanities, The Institute for Public Policy and Administration, the library, memorial plantings, psychology, science, social sciences and the GSU Community Chorale.

Or a donation can be made to the unrestricted account, which allows the foundation to fund special requests.

The foundation was founded before the university was officially organized, Dr. Dodd explained. It was initially called the Senior University Foundation, and it was based in Springfield as part of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities offices.

The Nathan Manilow family was donating a piece of property for the university campus and the state needed a mechanism to accept the donation, so the foundation was created.

After the university was created by the Illinois legislature in 1969, the foundation's name was officially changed and it was relocated to Park Forest South. The foundation began its philanthropic work in 1974 when it organized its first board of directors.

Congratulations

To Judy Reitsma of Administration and Planning on the birth of her granddaughter, Margaret Reitsma, on Dec. 29.

To Cheryl Lambert of ICC and her husband, Ralph Zaffino, on the birth of their son, Brenton Nicholas, on Jan. 25.
Sculptor will be GSU honored guest

Richard Hunt, internationally acclaimed sculptor who has two pieces on display in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on campus, will be the honored guest at a Feb. 8 reception.

The Division of Fine and Performing Arts is hosting the reception from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Art Gallery.

Hunt’s visit to the GSU campus, coordinated by Dr. John Payne, professor of sculpture, coincides with an exhibit of Hunt’s models of public commissioned works on display in the GSU Art Gallery through Feb. 28.

Hunt, a Chicago native and graduate of The School of the Art Institute, sold his first piece of public sculpture in 1957 to the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Since then, Hunt has had more than 55 public commissions, including “Large Planar Hybrid” which was the first piece purchased for the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, and “Outgrown Pyramid,” donated to the sculpture park by Morris Lipschultz.

Other works by Hunt are part of the permanent collections of The Art Institute of Chicago, The Metropolitan Museum of American Art and The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.

For more information on the free reception or Hunt’s exhibit, call the Division of Fine and Performing Arts on extension 2461.

Five events will mark ‘African-American History Month’

Governors State University is marking February as “African-American History Month” by hosting five special events.

At noon on Feb. 7, Pin Points Theatre presents “1,001 Black Inventions,” a humorous dramatization of the contributions of African-Americans. It will be held in the GSU Theatre.


The Studio Comes to GSU,” a variety show of amateur talent, will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, in the GSU Theatre. The production is presented by the South Shore Cultural Center and sponsored by the Minority Business Students Association. There is a fee for this program and tickets are available from MBSA members.

At 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, GSU presents the Black Issues in Higher Education teleconference, “The Rise in Campus Racism: Causes and Solutions.” The presentation in the GSU Theatre will be followed by a panel discussion.

“Traditions in Black Music,” featuring gospel and spiritual selections by area choirs, will be presented on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the GSU Theatre. A fellowship reception will be hosted at 6 p.m.

These programs, with the exception of the Feb. 16 program, are free. They are underwritten by the GSU Student Program Action Council, the GSU Council on Cultural Diversity and the GSU Office of Student Life.

GSUings...

...Professor Maria Connolly (CHP), making a poster presentation in September at St. Xavier’s College titled “Patients’ Perceptions of the Mechanical Ventilation Experience and Their Methods of Communication” and invited to make the same presentation at the University of Wisconsin in November as part of their 13th Annual Research Day...Dr. Efraim Gil (CBPA), being selected, with Craig Hullinger, to update the Kankakee County zoning ordinance and the county’s comprehensive plan...Dr. Carolyn Conrad (PROV), attending the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention in Seattle in November, and completing a three-year term on the association’s Ethical Practices Board...Dr. Gail Kempster (CHP), presenting a paper titled “Orapharyngeal Swallowing in Normal Adults of Different Ages” at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention in Seattle in November and being named associate editor for the Journal of Speech and Hearing Research...Dr. Ed Miller (CAS), speaking at the recent natural history series for the Thorn Creek Nature Center...Geri Dalton (SAS), attending the Chicago Association for the Education of Young Children annual conference Feb. 21-23 at the Chicago Hilton and Towers.

Get Well Wishes

To Jim Lohman, acting registrar, who is recuperating from surgery. Cards can be sent to his home—806 Harvard Lane, Matteson, IL 60443.

Thanks!

Peggy Woodard, an outreach counselor in Student Development, sends her belated thanks all who extended acts of kindness and special assistance to her after her house was destroyed by the Aug. 28 tornado.
IBHE seeks new money

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Administrators issue a word of caution, saying the dollar amounts requested are still subject to change.

"We at Governors State are committed to improving the quality of undergraduate education, promoting greater minority student achievement and enhancing programs that contribute to economic development," GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II said. "Our staff and faculty have done their best with the limited resources we have received from the state. I am proud of their initiatives and abilities."

Illinois now ranks 41st among the 50 states in appropriations of state support for higher education operating expenses.

"Each year the Board of Higher Education is forced to reduce our funding requests. This year was no exception. Fewer state dollars means a greater share of the funding of a college operation is likely to shift to the students in the form of a tuition increase," the president noted.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education recommended a five percent tuition hike for state college and university students. The Board of Governors Universities (BGU) has not yet taken action on that option.

IBHE is asking for an FY 1992 allocation of $2.04 billion for state colleges and universities.

This new request is the board's attempt to restore a funding base for higher education that has been eroded by inflation and increased demands on state revenue.

IBHE also argues faculty salaries have not kept pace with the cost of living or the competitive salaries paid by other states.

"It is important to understand that the proposed budget for Governors State is assuming extension of the temporary income tax surcharge," said Thomas Layzell, chancellor of the BGU.

"Without those dollars, the need for additional revenues will be even more critical," Layzell added.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is assuming the temporary income tax surcharge remains level. In FY 1990, $106 million was appropriated from the surcharge for higher education operations and grants. The total increase in appropriations for FY 1990 was $226 million. The temporary income tax increase enabled Illinois higher education to achieve the funding levels established in its three-year budget plan.

During FY 1991, the board estimated the required total increase needed was $165 million, but the state appropriated only $24 million—$141 million less. The $24 million increase was less than 15 percent of the total planned increase for that year.

The funds provided a 1.9 percent salary increase and minimal financial aid increases. No funds were included for cost increases or program improvements.

Dean leaves expanded programs

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of Arts and Sciences following Dr. Joyce Kennedy's leave from the division. The former chairperson, Purdy had returned to teaching when Dr. Kennedy accepted the division responsibilities.

Several other staff members also have resigned their positions at the university.

They include Roynette Jones who had been secretary for The Institute for Public Policy and Administration; Lorraine (Lori) Lithgow who had spent most of her time here on the staff of Special Programs and Continuing Education; Bonnie Lunde, microcomputer software specialist for the GSU Alumni Association; Peach Henry-Hyde, a secretary in the Office of Conferences and Workshops; Tyrone Trotter, a member of the housekeeping staff, and Heather Usewicz who was on the Financial Aid staff.

Published

Ann Glascoff, chairperson of the University Library's Division of Technical Services, and Librarian Lydia Morrow authored the article "Training Technical Services Staff to Provide Public Service" for the November issue of Illinois Libraries.

Dr. Michael Lewis, professor of psychology and counseling, and graduate student Sheri Wallace, co-authoring the book Becoming a Professional Counselor.

Hampton selected

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and always has time for those who need his help and expertise. (He is) truly an Employee of the Year," he added.

Jacqueline Roberts of Admissions and Student Recruitment said "In the short two years I've been at GSU, the library staff in general, Mark in particular, have been extremely professional, polite and helpful. I have witnessed consistently only the best of services from Mark. He's a great asset to this university."

Dr. David Matteson, professor of psychology and counseling, said Hampton's service is outstanding. "Mark has consistently been helpful, competent and friendly over the 10-plus years that I have been a professor here. I probably make more demands on him (re: films and videos) than any other professor. Never has he been difficult to work with."

Dick Burd, photographer in ICC, said Hampton is "an ambassador of good will each and every day. If everyone wore his smile and gave the same commitment as Mark does, GSU would indeed be a better place."

"To have faculty, students and staff speak highly of you—that's special, very special," Hampton said of his co-workers' nominations.

He's been very busy since his promotion to library operations assistant in August, and he finds the new work challenging. "I've learned a lot," he added, "and I've got a great staff. They make me look good."
Hatcher challenge: Make GSU a ‘racism -free zone’

Richard Hatcher, former mayor of Gary, Ind., challenged Governors State University faculty, staff and students to make the university a “racism free zone.”

“You’ve heard of nuclear free zones,” Hatcher told the Martin Luther King Day celebration audience. “I would like to challenge those of you here. Wouldn’t it be a wonderful thing if this university could set an example throughout Illinois (as a racism free zone)??

Hatcher argued that “racism has become institutionalized in the United States. Sometimes even black people get caught up in the system.”

Hatcher beat the practices of the past by being elected the first black mayor of a major municipality, in 1967. He was elected to five consecutive terms as mayor of Gary. Today he is a consultant and adjunct faculty member at Roosevelt University.

He recalled his first introduction to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when King visited Gary in 1963. “The experience was so profound for me...to hear him speak and somehow feel the power of his commitment, that it literally changed my life.”

As a young lawyer, Hatcher joined a lawyers group that traveled through Mississippi in 1964 filing desegregation lawsuits.

The struggle of America’s blacks is now in its third phase, Hatcher said. The first was the freedom from the physical bondage of slavery that came with the Emancipation Proclamation. The second was the freedom of personal bondage by the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1965. The third and ongoing phase is accessing of the system. Blacks, he said, want the same doors open to them as others have, “so we can show what we can do.”

There is also an aside to the access, the guest speaker noted, and that’s the question of economic bondage. He quoted Congressman William Grey of Philadelphia who says the issues of the ’90s are not whether blacks will be allowed into the finest restaurants and served, but rather what happens when they get the check.

“Dr. King, I believe, would have understood our questioning not only access but the economic challenge,” Hatcher said.

Veterans of Innovation
(for December)

1971 Jacob Liao (ICC), Louise Brown (REG)
1972 Beatrice Grant (ASR)
1973 Peter Yaus (PPO), Sonya Monroe (CHP)
1975 Gloria Chu (BO)
1976 Dorothy Sanders (DPS)
1978 Gary Fisk (ICC), LaVerne Bennett (REG)
1979 Polly Bernd (SPCE)
1980 Geraldine Kerestes (UL)
1981 Laird Hartley (UP Shop), Dorothy Legge,(REG), Joseph Addison (CAS), Kathleen Czyz (SAS), Tony Labriola (ICC), Roger Paris (OCW)
1983 Peggy Woodard (SAS)
1984 Catherine Borem (CBPA),

Audrey Simpson (ASR)
Virginia Eysenbach (UR)
Robert Press (CE)
Andy Lokos (MR)
Franchon Lindsay (PERS)
Teresa Marcus (SD)
Arthur Bourgeois (CAS), Virginia Lenart (CE), Mary Sallander(UL)
William Toner (CBPA), Lisa Chang (CE), Michael Dimitroff (CE)
Robert Woodard (UP Shop)
Linda Smith (UL)
Jay Boersma (CAS)
Charles DeBrizzio (PPO)
Leda Lance (ICC)

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