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This Week at GSU

6 Women's History Month, "Successful Women: Singles" discussion, 7 p.m., Student Life meeting room.

6 University Curriculum Committee, 1 p.m., D-1702. Also March 13.

10 GSU String Quartet Concert, 3 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

11 All Student Exhibition Reception, 5:30 p.m., E-Lounge.

13 Women's History Month, "Successful Women: Heads of Households," 7 p.m., Student Life meeting room.

13 CAS lecture by AIDS researcher Dr. Michael Murphey-Corb, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

6 "The Studio at GSU" reception, 5 p.m., Hall of Governors.

More than 70 staffers complete ‘Connections’

More than 70 GSU staff members completed the "Connections" program in the last half of 1990.

"Connections: Putting Quality Student Services into Action” offers employees long-range student/customer relations training. The program is designed to help support staff feel good about themselves when they strive to be the best they can be by helping others.

The training films and sessions include tips on courtesy and listening skills, being consistently positive in communication with others, and feeling good about your job and the university.

Graduates of "Connections" in May 1990 were Vanessa (Star) Anderson of SPCE, Dorothy Sanders of DFS,erry Rickhoff and Janice Washington of UL, Leda Lance of ICC, Michael Hassett and Brendan O'Rourke of PPO, Margo Ellman and (Continued on page 5)

Pink porker in place as Phonathon promo piece

“To add a little zest to the Annual Alumni Phonathon” is the reason given by Dean Leon Zalewski of the College of Education in challenging his fellow GSU administrators to a contest on who can raise the most dollars in phonathon pledges.

“To add a little pig to the affair” is another reason. “We challenge all units to a contest,” Dr. Zalewski said in a recent memo to his colleagues. “The unit that raises the greatest amount of money through the phonathon will have the pleasure of displaying the Alumni Fund piggy bank in their unit for the next year.”

The “piggy bank” is a fat, pink pig that Zalewski and his wife donated as a mascot for GSU’s annual alumnifundraising gala. Currently on display at the entrance to the College of Education, the animal will trot off to another destination after the phonathon, moving its (Continued on page 5)

Guv ‘requests’ $185,500 trim from current GSU budget

Administrators have been asked to trim an additional $185,500 from the current GSU budget in keeping with Gov. Jim Edgar’s mandate to cut $75 million from the state budget.

“While we recognize all state agencies, including colleges and universities, must share in the burden, the cuts will make our job even more difficult,” said President Leo Goodman-Malamuth. “The $185,500 represents more than half of the $323,900 we received in additional funds at the beginning of our fiscal year.”

**Employee of the Month**

*‘Every day is different,’*  
**PPO secretary insists**

*By Marilyn Thomas*

The bookkeeping and schedule shuffling are never-ending for **Joy Behrens**, but she likes it that way.

The January “Employee of the Month” from Physical Plant Operations says “every day is different. I like that variety.”

Her skills and congeniality won her the monthly nomination from **Kim Sit**, coordinator of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services “Family First” program run by the Office of Conferences and Workshops, and the program’s secretary, **Bobbie Powell**.

“Over the past year,” Kim wrote in the nomination, “my secretary and I have had several occasions to deal with Joy regarding travel arrangements for the DCFS contract. Joy has demonstrated the skill of a veteran juggler in accommodating not only routine reservations for state vehicles but also has on more than one occasion redone her schedule (by calling people who had previously requested vehicles) to ensure our needs were met.”

Kim added: “Joy has always been outstanding human being, as well as a willing employee.”

Vehicle reservations and upkeep are a big part of Joy’s job. Behind her desk is a scheduling board listing each of the 10 motor pool cars, other state vehicles and their mileage. In a middle column, Joy fills in the reservation request.

“Sometimes I do have to juggle,” she said, “but everybody's pretty good about it.” It isn’t only the urgency of a request that she satisfies, but also requests for smoking or nonsmoking vehicles.

Joy laughs about the time Dr. **Paul Green**, a strong anti-smoking lobbyist, called her from Chanute Air Force Base where he was teaching to tease her that he’d thrown the car ashtray away.

The secretary is responsible for scheduling the cars, as well as maintaining monthly reports for the Business Office and the state auditors on the car pool autos, the president’s car and the vehicles used by the grounds crew, Central Stores and the mailroom staff.

She also keeps track of maintenance for the vehicles, when each should have an oil change, yearly servicing or attention for the unexpected repairs that come up.

Because PPO includes housekeeping, routine repair, public functions and grounds, Joy knows what’s going on in all sections of the building. It is hard work and extra efforts from these staff members that keep the GSU building and grounds in great shape, she says.

Being part of the PPO central office Joy and **Ila Gallagher** are the official pagers. Any time a staff member calls PPO with a request—urgent or otherwise—it is Joy and Ila that page PPO staff members **Mike Riley** and **Mike Hassett** with the message. “They get right on top of it,” Joy says.

The secretary has been on the GSU staff since 1984 when she worked in Administration and Planning. She later transferred to the College of Health Professions dean’s office. Joy came back to GSU in April 1988 after a year’s leave. She has been working in PPO since her return.

Joy and her husband, **Delmar**, live in Monee with their children, **Debbie**, a student at Prairie State College who will be transferring to GSU soon, and **Mike**, a fireman for University Park.
The Grapevine

Shekib designs own textbook for accounting classes

Dr. Aida Shekib, professor of accounting in the College of Business and Public Administration, has decided to have it her way by publishing a specially designed textbook for her accounting classes.

Dr. Shekib, who was featured in an article in the Chicago Sun-Times, said she's designed the textbook to eliminate excess materials, as well as keep it current by including articles from magazines and periodicals. Her self-styled textbook was printed for her by McGraw-Hill Inc. in cooperation with R.R. Donnelley & Sons, the world's largest printing company.

Johnson recipient of mental health scholarship

Congratulations to Mary Lee Johnson of the University Library staff who is the recipient of the Dr. Basil Sklan Endowed Scholarship in Mental Health. The scholarship was established by Ursula Sklan of the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment in memory of her husband who was a staff psychiatrist at Ludeman Center in Park Forest and for the Illinois Department of Mental Health.

Mary Lee, who is working on a master's degree in counseling, was nominated for the award by Dr. Judy Cooney, professor of psychology and counseling, who is one of her instructors. She hopes to work with the elderly and chronically ill to help them with long-range physical and mental health issues.

The straight-A student is the mother of six children.

Matteson's India trip topic for March colloquium

Dr. David Matteson, professor of psychology and counseling, will be the 3 p.m. March 21 speaker for the GSU Colloquium in the Hall of Honors. He will discuss his recent trip to India.

Dr. Matteson did research while in India on arranged marriages and the roles of men and women, and children and parents.

Cultural diversity in learning workshop offered

Phi Delta Kappa, the educators' fraternity on campus, is hosting a workshop on cultural diversity in learning March 9 at Freedom Hall in Park Forest. All faculty members are invited to the program that will feature Dr. Joseph Frattaroli, manager of urban and ethnic education for the Illinois State Board of Education. His keynote address is "Why Can't They Be More Like Us?"

Joining him as speakers are Professor Susanne Hildebrand, professor of speech and hearing disorders in CHP, who will discuss "Dialect, Diversity and Teacher Attitudes," and Dr. Vinicio Reyes, professor of bilingual/bicultural education in CE, who will discuss "A Guide to Culture in the Classroom."

Members of the program planning committee are Dr. Larry Freeman, associate vice president of academic affairs, and Donna Jacobsen, adjunct professor of education.

Persons wanting more information on the program can contact Dr. Sally Glenn in CE on extension 2352.

Summer bowling planned for students, staff, family

Students, staff and family members are welcome to try their luck at rolling skies this summer as members of a GSU summer bowling league. Games will be played at Lakewood Bowl. For more information call Bural Wilkerson on extension 2157 or Sharon Evans on extension 2165.

New standards put in place for system-wide use

New identification standards for Governors State University and its sister institutions were approved at the February meeting of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities held on the GSU campus.

The new standards cover the system office and the five system institutions of GSU, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University and Western Illinois University. They are effective March 1.

As part of establishing the new standards, the board approved stylebooks for the chancellor's office and for each of the universities. The purpose of the stylebooks is to establish consistency among the institutions but, at the same time, to allow each university the adaptability for maintaining its personal identification.

The new Governors State University identification includes use of the tripod/circle logo and the university name in Garamond type with the tagline of "Board of Governors Universities."

More details regarding the new publication and identification standards will be given in the next issue of F.Y.I.

Condolences

To Mike Riley of PPO whose mother, Mary, died Jan. 26 in County Cavan, Ireland.


To Kim Sit of OCW whose father, Albert Tobeck, died Feb. 5.

To Dr. Walter Wentz, professor of health administration, on the death of his mother, Gladys.

To Mary Taylor, administrative assistant to CHP Dean Jay Lubinsky, on the death of her brother.

To Shirley Armistead, secretary in CHP, on the death of her father, Thomas Atchison.
GSUings...

...John A. Ostenburg, director of university relations, being selected as chairman of the board for the Foundation for the Support of Chemical Dependency Programs Inc. for the 1991-92 year... Professor Maria Connolly of the College of Health Professions, successfully passing her clinical oral comprehensive examination and becoming a doctoral candidate at Rush University... Dr. Mel Muchnik of the President's Office, being elected vice chairman of the International Resources Group of the National University Teleconference Network (NUTN).

July 24-27, 1991, GSU will be the host institution for the NUTN summer workshop in Chicago with approximately 150 participants attending from across the country.

GSU wins teleconference top prize

Governors State University captured the top prize at the annual meeting of the National University Teleconference Network (NUTN) for its 1990 teleconference “Corporate America and the Environment.”

The “1990 Distinguished Program Award” was presented to Dr. Mel Muchnik, special assistant to the president, and the show’s executive producer, and to Tony Labriola, the show’s producer/director, during the NUTN banquet.

The show was produced and directed from the GSU campus with guests appearing in the GSU studio and via satellite from Washington and San Francisco. Program moderator, Bill Kurtis of WBBM-TV in Chicago, and his guests discussed the pressing environmental issues of the day and offered cooperative solutions for the future.

“Corporate America and the Environment” positioned the university as the designer of a forum for the exchange of ideas on a timely, complex issue,” Tony said. “We functioned as neutral ground for industry, environmentalists, investors and politicians to meet in a guided discussion.

“This program and many of our satellite efforts have made GSU recognized as a world class institution. We spoke with the top figures on the topic on a decision-making/policy level both on camera and at the receiving sites,” he added.

The project was produced by GSU’s Instructional Communications Center under the direction of Ralph Kruse, with assistance from Sally Petrilli, instructional designer and researcher; Dr. Efraim Gil, professor of public administration, as content specialist; and Dr. Dominic Candeloro of the Office of Conferences and Workshops, as marketing specialist.

CAS series features AIDS researcher

Researcher Dr. Michael Murphey-Corb, who has helped develop a prototype AIDS vaccine, will be the guest speaker for the 7:30 p.m. March 13 CAS “Distinguished Scholar-Statesman-Scientist-Artist” lecture series.

Dr. Murphey-Corb, affiliated with Tulane University, has been working to develop a prototype AIDS vaccine. Her work has been recognized by Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine, who says Dr. Murphey-Corb “exemplifies science at its best.”

Dr. Murphey-Corb, along with three other researchers, has been working since 1986 on a vaccine. Today the team is one of 11 in the United States doing AIDS vaccine research with support of the National Institutes of Health.
Budget cuts

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In July 1990, GSU administrators agreed to put several new initiatives on hold for the academic year because of a lack of new state dollars. GSU's budget of $23.95 million reflects only a 1.4 percent increase in funding. "This give-back request cuts deeply into the limited new resources we received and will mean we cannot do a number of things we hoped for our students," the president said. "However, we will make every attempt to maintain the integrity of our educational programs.

"We hope as the legislature discusses the 1992 budget, it will recognize the need to return to adequate funding for our educational programs, building maintenance and repair, and salaries which have not kept pace with inflation the past several years," he continued.

"An educated citizenry is essential to the vitality of Illinois. We, at GSU, try to give our students the education they need to compete today. These efforts cost money. Investing in education now will pay off in the future," Dr. Goodman-Malamuth noted.

Staff completes 'Connections'

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Gladys Rogala of ASR, Sherwin Hurd of BO, Kimberly Griffin of the Provost's Office, Sherry Kohl of SAS and Mark Stevens of ECN.

The June 1990 graduates were Clifton Franklin and Richard Van Pelt of PPO, Susan Bell of UL, Bural Wilkerson of FA, Ruby Washington and Kim Denton of ECN, Paulette Stark of CPBA, Jacquie Hemingway of ICC, Bobbie Powell of OCW, Eleanor Kane of CAS, Rose Mascolo of DPS, Alice Gardiner of ASR, Linda Kuester of A&P, Patrick Longtin of ACS, Franchon Lindsay of PO, Beverly Kyser of SPCE.

The July 1990 graduates were Tom Sauch and Margo Witakowsky of ICC, Rosetta Gibson and Lynne Deslerrers-Romaniak of CAS, Leon Middleton, Linda Ayala and Carl Cross of UL, Harold Newling, Marie Riney

Fat, pink pig adds 'zest' to annual calling

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Dr. Zalewski also is giving those within the university an opportunity to provide a temporary name for the pig. "Names can be placed inside along with a donation," he has announced.

According to Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations, the temporary name will be used until the phonathon is completed. At that time the unit that wins the contest will be allowed to give the pig a new name, one that will be used until next year's winner is selected.

The pig's name and home thus will change annually in the future, depending on the outcome of other phonathon contests in other years.

In order to participate in the contest, a unit must select a date on which it will man the telephones for the phonathon, Burghardt said. A minimum of ten volunteers for the selected evening is required.

She explained that the evenings of March 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 14 and 18 already have been selected by units. Among those responding so far, in addition to the College of Education, are the Civil Service Senate, the Business Office, the Library, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health Professions, the Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education (including the Board of Governors Degree Program and the Office of Conferences and Workshops), Student Affairs and Services and the University Chorale.

The phonathon runs from March 3 to 22.

More information regarding the phonathon and how to enter the "great American pig give-away" contest may be obtained by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at extension 2215.

In Memoriam

Marci Smith, a nurse in GSU's health services office from August 1974 through August 1981, died on Feb. 14.
Employee of the Month

Borak ‘rescues’ people Mon. thru Fri.

By Marilyn Thomas

Did you ever have one of those days where nothing went right at the office and when you got to your car you realized the lights were on?

Lucky for you, John “Casey” Borak can come to your rescue. The February “Employee of the Month” has been helping people in distress Monday through Friday evenings the last 18 months. He’s giving his special attention to between 25 and 30 persons a week.

The Business Office parking service attendant has a pleasant personality that is calming to those in need. He knows how to make others feel at ease at a time when many are in a panic because of a flat tire, running out of gas or having a dead car battery.

“I try to reassure them and let them know it’s something that happens all the time,” Casey said. “I try to make people feel relaxed and tell them that everything will work out.”

And his services, which would normally cost about $25, are free. Although Casey’s job doesn’t require a working knowledge of car engines, exhaust systems or brakes, it does require the patience, fortitude and, some would say, the helping hand of a saint.

“Ever need a free jump in the pounding rain? It was a hard job that took more than cables,” Paul Snyder of Hometown told the nominating committee. “He (Casey) stuck with it all the way. He saw me safely on my way.”

Vernita Lewis told the committee, “Casey Borak has once again come to my aid. His level of motivation is high as usual, and he remains courteous and consistent with his attempts to be helpful to people such as myself during these stressful moments.”

Casey’s selection as the “Employee of the Month” will “help keep his level of motivation high and his willingness to come to the aid of others a pleasure and not a chore,” she added.

Casey joined the GSU staff two years ago. The first six months he worked in the parking booth. When the parking service attendant’s position opened, he tested and was given the job.

His first suggestion was that he be given a radio so that he could be in constant contact with emergency personnel and those in need of aid. His second suggestion was that he not sit in the GSU building, but rather drive around the parking lots in the service car so that he could offer immediate assistance to those in need.

Driving through the lots helps him eliminate a problem, on occasion, when he sees a student leaving a car with the lights on.

It doesn’t matter what season we’re in, Casey will get calls, although foggy and cold days involve more emergencies.

Before coming to GSU, Casey worked as a manager for a bakery delivery network. It was an okay job, he said, but he likes his position at GSU. The hours, 3 to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 2 to 10 p.m. Fridays, are easier to handle than the 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. shift he worked at the bakery. And, he added, his job at GSU gives him pleasure and satisfaction in helping others.

Casey’s working at GSU has inspired him to return to school. He plans to begin college at Prairie State College and then transfer to GSU for his bachelor’s degree.

Casey and his wife, Kelly, live in South Chicago Heights with their son, Bryan, who is three years old.

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