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**Happenings at GSU**

27 Block 3 Registration, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fri., Main entrance. Continues through July 3.

28 African-American Staff Caucus Dusty/Steppers Set: “Juneteenth Celebration,” 8 p.m., Hall of Honors.

4 Holiday—University closed.

**New BGU board members named**

Two new members have been appointed to the Board of Governors Universities (BGU) governing board by Gov. Jim Edgar.

Daniel Goodwin of Oak Brook has been picked to replace James Altoff, the current board chairperson, and Mack Hallowell of Charleston has been named as replacement for D. Ray Wilson, the board’s current vice chairperson.

Reappointed as a member of the board was Wilma Sutton of Chicago. Both the chairperson and vice chairperson positions are filled by the board itself. Following confirmation of the three appointments by the Illinois Senate, the board will reorganize and select persons to fill those posts.

Both Altoff and Wilson had one year remaining on their respective positions as chairperson and vice chairperson.

Goodwin, 47, is an executive with the real estate firm The Inland Group Inc., also located in Oak Brook, and Hallowell, 71, is a Charleston physician.

Sutton, 57, is vice president of Savings of America in Chicago.

“The strong ties that Mr. Goodwin has with Northeastern Illinois Univer-

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**GSU Extension Center continues to expand**

Computer classes at the GSU Extension Center at Orland Park Place Mall were so popular that Monica Johnson, coordinator of academic computing, felt she had to increase the number of work stations.

With tight budget constraints, any expansion was questionable. Johnson promised GSU administrators the computer workshop fees would pay for new equipment in two years. She then purchased 12 additional computers, printers and software.

A year later, Johnson said the classes are so popular that she should have the remaining $10,000 of the $30,000 debt paid off by December, six months ahead of schedule.

To accommodate these new computer services, the university rented an adjacent storefront in the mall at 153rd Street and LaGrange Road in Orland Park and moved the 12 high-powered IBM computers into the space. Now Johnson and her staff can offer credit classes in GSU’s original space and non-credit classes in the new space.

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**Two College of Education programs awarded national accreditation**

The College of Education’s master of art’s degree programs in counseling and school counseling recently were awarded national accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

The decision was reached at CACREP’s national meeting in April. CACREP is the accrediting arm of the American Association for Counseling and Development, the world’s largest association for professional counselors.

GSU is the fourth university in Illinois to have a nationally accredited counseling program. The university joins the ranks of 65 other CACREP

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Employee of the Month

OCW secretary thrives on non-stop duties

By Marilyn Thomas

It's a good thing Sandi Padgett likes being busy because her job in the Office of Conferences and Workshops is non-stop.

Sandi, the June “Employee of the Month,” came to GSU in March 1990 as secretary to Roger Paris, director of OCW. Today she laughs about her job description, and that one-liner “other duties as assigned.”

She didn't know that in a year's time she'd be doing work formerly handled by three clerical employees.

OCW staffers Virginia Bixby and Peach Henry-Hyde haven't been replaced, and Paris is now directing an Illinois Department of Children and Family Services "Families First" project from his office as well, so Sandi's workload is multiplying.

"I don't mind it," she said, although she admits it does get harried sometimes. "We have periods when we're extremely busy, and then there will be a sort of lull, and then it builds up again. It's never dull."

For Sandi, the change of pace has been pleasant. Her previous job at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, was transcribing physical therapists' reports by dictaphone. "That's all I did all day was dictaphone. I learned the name for every muscle, tendon and bone," she said.

One thing Roger told Sandi in her job interview was not to transfer callers if at all possible. "Sometimes the phone rings constantly, but I do take time to look things up for people," she said. "I remember what they taught us in 'Connections,' and I try to be helpful. I wouldn't like being transferred 10 times either."

Being helpful includes taking registration for workshops, answering questions, looking up tuition costs and section numbers and the barrage of other time-on-task requests.

Sandi works directly with Roger Paris and the Office of Conferences and Workshops staff, including Continuing Education Coordinator Dominic Candeloro, OCW student workers, and Monica Johnson, coordinator of academic computing, as well as the staff at the GSU Extension Center at Orland Park Place Mall. She assists Kim Tobeck-Sit and her staff with "Families First" special projects and answers phone calls for them.

In his nomination, Dr. Candeloro told the nominating committee, "Both workshop registrants and workshop leaders have commented on Sandi's enthusiasm, warmth and efficiency in registration and arranging logistics. She has volunteered for weekend registrations on many occasions."

"Her upbeat personality is a morale booster to all in our unit," he noted, "and her willingness to assume my routine tasks and supervise student workers has been especially helpful to me since the departure of my secretary (Peach Henry-Hyde). All in our unit are extremely pleased to have Sandi as a co-worker."

Sandi and her husband, Wayne, live in Monee with their six-year-old son, Michael. The family is looking forward to the birth of another Padgett in December.

"I'm going to use my award money for a cedar chest so I can store all the clothes I won't be wearing for a while," she said with a smile. "I'm hoping the baby's a girl."

Governors State University

Cafeteria Menu

(Week of June 24 to 28)

Monday - Minestrone soup. B.B.Q. chicken platter; meatballs in mushroom sauce over noodles; Italian submarine sandwich.

Tuesday - Corn chowder soup. Roast beef roulade platter; Oriental pork over rice; grilled bratwurst.

Wednesday - Chicken barley soup. Veal cutlet piccata platter; stir fried turkey, rice; French dip sandwich.

Thursday - Beefnoodle vegetable soup. Fried chicken wings platter; beef peppersteak over rice; grilled chicken fillet sandwich.

Friday - Seafood gumbo. Fried perch fillet platter; crab, shrimp Mornay over pasta; tuna melt.

(Week of July 1 to 5)

Monday - Turkey rice soup. Veal cutlet parmesan with spaghetti, garlic bread; Oriental chicken over rice; Philly cheese steak sandwich.

Tuesday - Beef barley soup. Turkey breast Divan platter; sweet tamale pie with vegetable; mushroom Swiss burger.

Wednesday - Cream of broccoli soup. Carved honey baked ham platter; beef Stroganoff over buttered noodles; Turkey fillet sandwich.

Thursday - Holiday—cafeteria closed.

Friday - Manhattan clam chowder soup. Fried catfish with fries and cole slaw; broccoli noodle casserole; grilled cheese with tomato sandwich.

(Menu subject to change)
The Grapevine

UR sponsors “Seminar on the Publicity Process”

Approximately 20 GSU faculty, administrators and staff members attended the “Seminar on the Publicity Process” recently sponsored by the Office of University Relations.

The program covered the public relations philosophy at GSU, the media outlets that are available for publicizing university happenings, the tools that are used to gain publicity for GSU and ways that members of the university community can work with the Office of University Relations staff to increase the amount of publicity that GSU receives.

The seminar was developed and presented in response to a request from members of the Faculty Senate.

Copies of an audio tape of the seminar proceedings may be borrowed from the Office of University Relations, extension 2122.

CE prof presents findings on affordable housing

Division of Psychology and Counseling Adjunct Professor Lou Ann Piket presented her findings on affordable housing at the International Conference on Human Ecology in Goteberg, Sweden, June 9 through 14. Her topic was “Hearthfinding: Affordable Eco-Housing for Seniors, Single Parent Families and Homeless Persons,” outlining three housing projects she researched with her husband, Philip, a professor of sociology at Joliet Junior College, and Dr. Louise Forsleff of Western Michigan University.

Professor Piket said housing for high-income elderly in America “has been built at significant ecological costs in many areas and marketed at increasing economic costs, (yet) affordable rentals are scarce or non-existent in many communities for low and middle-income persons of all ages.”

The presentation focused on units underwritten by local government and community groups in Charleston, S.C., and Lewis, Ariz., and a rehab project in Massachusetts.

Rogala receives Board of Governors B.A. degree

Congratulations to Patricia Rogala, a secretary at the Special Programs and Continuing Education office at the Homewood-Flossmoor High School North Building, who recently received her Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree.

F.Y.I. apologizes for leaving her off the F.Y.I. listing of GSU staff who received degrees earlier this month.

Lubinsky, Bell certified as accreditation site visitors

Two College of Health Professions members have been certified as accreditation site visitors.

Dr. Jay Lubinsky, dean of CHP, has been appointed a site visitor for the Educational Standards Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). ASHA activities include setting standards and accrediting graduate programs in speech, language and audiology. The communication disorders program at GSU has had ASHA certification since 1987.

As a member of a two-person visiting team, Dr. Lubinsky will examine quality in terms of administration, curriculum, faculty, clinical experiences and resources.

Dr. Ralph Bell, professor of health administration, recently completed site visitor training for the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA). The ACEHSA team is three members—a commissioner, a fellow and a faculty member. The visits take place over a three-day period.

CE programs awarded national accreditation

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accredited counseling programs of the 490 college counseling programs offered nationwide.

The CACREP accreditation not only offers national prestige to Governors State University but also to its counseling and school counseling graduates.

Many employers prefer to hire students who have graduated from CACREP accredited programs because of the strict standards and internship hours students are required to meet, Dr. Judy Cooney, professor of psychology and counseling, said.

National accreditation also facilitates licensure in states other than Illinois, which does not yet require counselor licensure.

The GSU Division of Psychology and Counseling began working toward accreditation in 1984. Since that time, the faculty has revamped the curriculum and implemented numerous procedural policies and changes.

Dr. Addison Woodward, chairperson of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, credited Dr. Cooney with writing the 600-plus page self-study GSU submitted for CACREP’s approval. The report led to phase one approval which was followed by on-campus visits and the eventual recommendation for accreditation.

Apologies

To Dr. Mary Geis, professor of nursing, whose F.Y.I. announcement on her tenure appointment had incorrect information. Dr. Geis has a bachelor’s degree from St. Xavier College, a master’s degree in nursing from the University of California, both a master of arts degree and a master of philosophy degree in sociology, and a doctorate from the University of Kansas. She served on the Faculty Excellence Award Committee.
GSU teleclass series purchased by PBS

A Governors State University produced teleclass series has been purchased by the Adult Learning Satellite Service of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

"Beliefs and Believers" with Dr. John Simmons, an associate professor at Western Illinois University, was produced in the GSU television studios during the Fall 1990 Trimester.

During the 24 one-hour classes, Dr. Simmons looks at traditional and nontraditional religions of today, at beliefs and believers and their impacts on society, the nation and the world.

The classes will air this fall over the PBS satellite's national affiliates.

The program will be part of the PBS class rotation for the next three years. ICC Production Manager Gary Fisk said PBS representatives learned of the course at a trade fair in Miami earlier this year.

The Mind Extension University, a division of Jones Intercable Inc., also has been showing the series nationally.

"Beliefs and Believers" was the first class GSU did in the Board of Governors Universities series of teleclasses designed to share professorial expertise among the BGU's five universities.

Dr. David Ainsworth, ICC coordinator of instructional development, was the producer for that program, and for this year's BGU teleclass, "Macroeconomics," featuring Dr. Ed Stuart of Northeastern Illinois University.

New phones to aid communications

Did you know you'll have your own extension when the new phone system is installed?

Did you also know the new phones will allow you to transfer calls at the push of a button?

The new phones have lots of specialty features that will make internal and external communications much easier,

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Orland site continues to grow

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GSU opened its extension center in 1988 with two classrooms and a computer lab with 12 IBM computers.

But the demand for both credit and non-credit computer courses couldn't be met with just the original 12 machines, Johnson explained.


Two labs allow for greater flexibility for students who need to spend hands-on time after class working on assignments. And Johnson now can schedule more evening and weekend computer workshops.

In August, GSU will begin a joint

venture with St. Xavier College for introductory computer classes on Apple Macintosh and IBM computers. Nine hours of training on the Macintosh will be offered at St. Xavier. Then students will spend nine hours learning the IBM system at GSU's Extension Center at Orland Park Place Mall. Students signing up for additional contact hours after the 18-hour workshop will earn a certificate of computer literacy.

GSU also is offering special discounted rates for workshop participants from schools and group rates for businesses and government agencies.

New board named

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sity and Dr. Hallowell with Eastern Illinois University will provide them with a good understanding of the issues facing the Board of Governors Universities," according to Dr. Thoma Layzell, chancellor.

"I am confident that their back­grounds and experience will enable them to make valuable contributions to the work of the board," Dr. Layzell said.

"Mr. Altoff and Mr. Wilson have provided strong leadership during their service on the board and we regret that they were not reappointed," he said.

"We are delighted that Gov. Edgar has reappointed Mrs. Sutton," Layzell added. "She has been an effective advocate for the needs of students."

In addition to Eastern Illinois and Northeastern Illinois, the BGU system includes Governors State University, Chicago State University and Western Illinois University.

GSUings...

Dr. David Matteson (CE), being invited to present at the May annual convention in St. Louis, of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists. His presentation was titled "Bisexuality: What Kind of 'Choice' Is This?"

Dr. Michael Stelnicki (CAS), speaking at the June monthly meeting of the Chicago Area Financial Training Network on "Thriving on Training: Profiles, Programs, People and Positions."

Peg Donohue (PROV), serving as 1991-93 co-chairperson of the association Transfer Coordinators of Illinois Colleges and Universities...


Thanks

To the GSU community for its cooperation and assistance in the 21st GSU commencement June 1 and 2, from Dr. Virgino PiuCCI, vice president of administration and planning, and the GSU Commencement Committee.
Child Care Center serves as training ground for social worker

Stepping into the realm of child care management isn’t something every social worker aspires to, but for Marla Abdallah it was perfect.

Abdallah completed an internship at the GSU Child Care Center to fulfill her requirements for a master’s degree in social work from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

While the Manteno resident was working toward a bachelor’s degree from GSU in the early 1980s, her two daughters, now 14 and 15 years old, went to the child care center while she attended classes.

After graduation from GSU, Abdallah enrolled in the UIC master’s program, but shortly afterward took a six-year break. She returned to UIC in 1990. When it came time for her to do an internship, the GSU Child Care Center immediately came to mind as the perfect place for her.

Abdallah wants to work in child welfare, but she adds, “My specialization is administration, so I wanted to see a wide gamut of experiences.”

At the center she worked with child care center Director Geri Dalton on day-to-day operations, reports and developing a volunteer program. They also evaluated administrative computer software programs.

“Marla was a highly-valued support member to the GSU Child Care Program staff,” Dalton says. “She learned the administrative end of child care, and I gained from the knowledge that she brought from her experience in social work administration.”

Abdallah is the first person to complete an internship at the GSU Child Care Center. Dalton welcomes others who want to visit, volunteer or complete an internship at the center.

GSU staff members participate in Torch Run for Special Olympics

Volunteers Karen D'Arcy, Mel Muchnik, Joseph Smith, Linda Smith, Phyllis Klingensmith and Jacquie Hemingway were GSU representatives in the Torch Run for Special Olympics.

New phone system offers a variety of specialty features

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said Vince Donahue Jr., consultant to Information Systems.

For example, dialing out will require just pressing “9” for an outside connection. “No more remembering 9-1 or 9-2-9 or 9-2,” he explained.

And answering a ringing phone at someone else’s desk will require a simple code to transfer the call to your phone. “No more running or diving for the phone before it stops ringing,” he noted.

“The Fujitsu 9600 is a great telephone switch, and it will greatly improve the communications between GSU staff and the public!”

Staff from Fujitsu Business Communications Systems will be on campus soon to familiarize themselves with the GSU building before beginning cable installation. They will begin at A building and work across to F building.

“Some desks may have to be moved, and there might be some interruption of work, but we’ll attempt to keep it to a minimum,” Donahue said.
Lewis named GSU Distinguished Professor

Governors State University's 1991-92 Distinguished Professor is Dr. Judith Lewis.

Dr. Lewis, a professor of alcoholism sciences, has been a member of the GSU faculty since 1984.

A specially appointed faculty committee recommended Dr. Lewis for this honor. They cited her excellence in teaching, research and creative activities, and service to the university.

Dr. Lewis' classroom often is considered an incubator for ideas. She challenges students to critique current practices in the field of alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation, and to develop new methods.

"What we do is try to make our students ask hard questions and go in new directions," she said. "We don't have them just accept treatment methods but move the field in to other (directions). We're training tomorrow's leaders."

Dr. Lewis sets good examples for her students, Dr. Cheryl Mejta, chairperson of the Division of Health and Human Services, told the nominating committee. When employee assistance programming for drug and alcohol abuse became a priority in business and industry, she said, Dr. Lewis developed the course "Alcoholism/Employee Assistance Programs in Business and Industry" to address students' interests in the field.

Dr. Jay Lubinsky, dean of the College of Health Professions, said Dr. Lewis is able to vary her teaching methods. She is comfortable in a variety of formats, including lecture/discussion, seminar, practicum and correspondence. Dr. Lewis also works at keeping course materials current in a field that is changing constantly.

Students consistently have had positive things to say about Dr. Lewis. Most call her an excellent professor with a clear command of her subject. One said, "Judy makes learning thought-provoking and stimulating."

Dr. Lewis said GSU's uniqueness makes teaching interesting. "One of the things that's wonderful about teaching at GSU is the mature student body" where the average age is 34 and many students share their own experiences in the classroom. She finds that interaction refreshing. "I expect them to learn from one another, and I learn from them too."

A licensed psychologist and a certified employee assistance professional, she has written nine books and nine articles or chapters in books. The topics vary from Health Counseling, Counseling Women Over the Life Span and Counseling Adolescents: Individual, Family and School Interventions.

Dr. Lewis has developed a national reputation as an articulate and knowledgeable presenter, and has delivered workshops on a variety of subjects throughout the United States.

She is the membership chairperson for the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, serves on the media committee for the National Career Development Association, and on the program committee for the national conference of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

At GSU, Dr. Lewis is completing her second term as president of the Faculty Senate. She also has served on a variety of university committees.

Send items for inclusion in Governors State University F.Y.I. to the GSU Office of University Relations no later than June 26.