Happenings at GSU

11 Police Medic Training Course, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Engbretson Hall. Through Nov. 15.
12 "Connections," Employee Training, 9:30 a.m. to noon, D1702. Also on Nov. 19.
14 Faculty Senate Meeting, 1 to 3 p.m., E-Lounge.
16 Topics in Education: "Balance, Equity, Excellence," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hall of Honors.
19 "Developing a Grant," 2 to 4 p.m., Hall of Honors.
20 Topics in Special Education: "Vision & Learning," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hall of Honors.
20 Art Gallery Exhibit Reception, 6 to 9 p.m., E-Lounge.

Diversity in Higher Ed' topic of videoconference

Is the college campus a true "melting pot" of cultures and opinions? That question and others will be addressed in a national videoconference and local discussion beginning at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the GSU Theatre.

The videoconference "Diversity in Higher Education: Can We Meet the Challenge?" is being jointly hosted by GSU, Chicago State University (CSU) and the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT).

The national videoconference is being produced in Washington, D.C., by Black Issues in Higher Education and Cox Communications. The academic, legal and political, and social environment will be the three general topics (Continued on page 3)

Food, dance, crafts, mark 'International Festival'

Taste foods from China and Turkey, enjoy native dances from India and Croatia, and select handcrafted items from around the world at the 2nd "International Festival" Saturday, Nov. 16.

The program, hosted by the GSU International Student Organization, begins at 4:30 p.m. with specialty dishes from India, Malaysia, China, the Phillipines, Taiwan, Turkey, Italy and Palestine served until 6 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Entertainment from 6:30 p.m. will include native dances from India, Croatia, Mexico and an American folk dance.

Governors State University brings together students from many cultures and backgrounds. "This program is designed to promote international culture and understanding," said student Rajiv Jaggi of India.

Tickets to the festival are $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens, GSU students and staff and children ages 11 to 17. Children 10 and younger are free.

Students hope to organize an international film festival with the revenue from ticket sales.

For more information on the festival, call Dr. Larry Levinson, faculty sponsor of the International Student Organization, on extension 2251.

Campaign for Regional Center enters final phase

"Curtain Call for the Regional Center" is under way as the GSU Foundation works to raise $500,000 to cover inflationary costs added to the price tag of the proposed Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

Robert L. Wolf, president of the GSU Foundation, said the November mini-campaign will be the finale fundraising effort of the foundation's capital campaign.

In September, Gov. Jim Edgar released the state's $3.8 million grant to the university to match the $1.6 million raised by the foundation through private, business and corporate donations.

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Cafeteria Menu
(Week of November 11 to 15)

Monday—Garden vegetable soup. Baked chicken breast piccata platter; beef stuffed peppers; grilled poor boy sandwich.

Tuesday—Navy bean soup. Roast round of beef platter; vegetable pasta primavera; Polish sausage.

Wednesday—Beef noodle soup. B.B.Q. spare rib platter; fresh taco salad; turkey club melt.

Thursday—Chicken rice soup. Veal cutlet Scaloppine platter; turkey Tetrazzini; B.B.Q. beef sandwich.

Friday—Poato chowder soup. Baked scrod fillet with dill sauce platter; mostaccoli with meat sauce and garlic bread; fish fillet sandwich.

Tuesday—Split pea soup. Roast pork loin platter; turkey oriental over rice; Italian sausage sandwich.

Wednesday—Turkey barley soup. Baked meatloaf Wellington platter; vegetable lasagna; chicken sandwich.

Thursday—Chicken gumbo soup. Shrimp creole, rice; baked potato bar with choice of toppings; gyros.

Friday—Cream of tomato soup. Poached pollack fillet with lemon herb sauce; chicken ala king over a croissant; grilled cheese sandwich.

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Faculty Profile

Prof says life would be different without GSU

By Marilyn Thomas

Dr. Robert Donaldson says Governors State has been more than a place of employment for him.

The professor in the Division of Public Administration is the first to tell you that had it not been for Governors State, his life would be very different.

Dr. Donaldson arrived on campus in 1974 as a student in the counseling program. He was teaching high school in Chicago and thought he'd take extra courses. In 1975, 24 hours into the program, he learned Western Michigan University was looking for minorities for a specially-funded doctoral program.

"I called the dean at Western Michigan that afternoon from the (GSU) campus and got an appointment for the next day," he remembers. He was offered a fellowship under the Educational/Professional Development Act (EPDA) and within weeks he moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., and enrolled in the program.

Two years later, the professor received a doctorate in educational leadership coupled with a superintendent's certificate.

It was the second time he'd received an EPDA fellowship. In 1971, Dr. Donaldson enrolled at Roosevelt University with the fellowship to earn a master's in public administration and a master's in philosophy in public administration.

"Without the Civil Rights Act of 1964, I don't think I'd be at GSU," he reflects. "Without the affirmative action and equal opportunities laws, doors wouldn't have opened. I'm a prime example of a person who took advantage of the opportunities."

Dr. Donaldson returned to GSU in 1977, this time as a member of the faculty. His primary responsibilities are public management, public personnel and research methods courses. He also accepted an appointment by Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth to the Universities Council on Vocational Education. He's served on the council since 1983.

"The Goodman-Malamuth era was a good era for Donaldson," he says. "There were some rough spots, but they were smoothed out, and I'm on my way to a higher plane." Namely, the Illinois Legislature in Springfield.

Dr. Donaldson has announced his candidacy for the Illinois House from the new 29th District that extends north to 127th Street in Calumet Park, south to 183rd Street in Hazel Crest, west to the eastern edge of Oak Forest, and east into Harvey.

Slating will be conducted Nov. 22. The candidate hopes for an uncontested Democratic primary, but he says he'll be ready for a hard fight if it comes to that. It won't be his first effort at elected office. In 1981, Dr. Donaldson was the first Black slated for a Cook County Board seat from the suburbs.

Dr. Donaldson has served on the Hazel Crest Zoning Board of Appeals, and was elected to one term on the District 228 Bremen High School district board, and is serving as a Hazel Crest trustee and village president pro tem. He also is a member of the Public Buildings Commission of Chicago.

"The major issues before the legislature are municipal and school board issues," he says, noting that his past experience gives him much to offer the voters. And, he adds, he'll be a spokesperson for Governors State as well.

A native of Severing, Fla., Dr. Donaldson taught school at Ft. Lauderdale before accepting a position with... (Continued on page 6)
**The Grapevine**

**Fields piano recital rescheduled due to weather**

The Office of Student Life has rescheduled the piano concert by Richard Fields to Nov. 15. He was originally scheduled to play Oct. 4, but severe weather made it impossible for his plane to land in Chicago.

The pianist has received critical acclaim nationally and internationally for his outstanding performances. Fields studied at the Julliard School of Music and was the American prize winner at the Viotti International Piano Competition in Italy.

Tickets are on sale through the Office of Student Life. Tickets purchased for the Oct. 4 concert will be honored. For more information on his program, call Rita Nagy in Student Life at extension 2123.

**Deadline draws near for Civil Service Scholarship**

The application deadline for the Civil Service Scholarship is Nov. 15. The recipient can receive between $150 and $250 to cover college expenses.

The scholarship is awarded each trimester to a GSU employee or immediate family member. The employee, as the applicant, spouse or parent of the nominee, must have the equivalent of two years full-time employment at GSU.

The student must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree and must already be admitted into a college program either at GSU or any other accredited university or college. Students must be enrolled or planning to enroll at least half-time. Their current grade point average must be a “C” or better.

Application forms are available from Fran Lindsay in the Personnel Office. For more information, she can be reached on extension 2194.

**Green meets with Lithuanian Supreme Council**

Dr. Paul Green, professor of public administration and director of The Institute for Public Policy and Administration, was recently called upon to share his knowledge of politics with a visiting delegation from the Lithuanian Supreme Council.

Dr. Green was invited by the United States Information Agency and the Illinois General Assembly/Lithuanian Legislative Initiative organized by Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to lead a roundtable discussion Oct. 25 in Chicago.

The meeting between Dr. Green and the 11-member Lithuanian delegation focused on federalism, investments and infrastructure, especially the development of roads and the delivery of goods and services.

This is the third time Dr. Green has been asked to address an international visiting team. In 1990, he spoke to six officials from the Soviet Union and a three-member delegation from Costa Rica.

**Credit Union representative on campus Nov. 12**

Valerie Russow, marketing coordinator for the Will County Credit Union, will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, to outline the credit union’s services. She’ll have information on Christmas Club, membership and payroll deductions for savings and checking, loan options, as well as an outline for upcoming information meetings on investing. Russow will be in the Faculty Reading Room (D1702).

**Staff members share job experience with children**

“What do you do?”

Staff members Ellen Kahn, secretary to Provost David Curtis, library clerk Linda Ayala, and cafeteria director David Cain recently explained their jobs to children at the Student Life Child Care Center during a special program on work and jobs.

**Program addresses cultural diversity in higher education**

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for the program. Specialty topics will include Afro-centricism and multiculturalism, diversity standards and accreditation, a political correctness debate, and free speech and campus harassment codes.

The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a welcome by President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, followed by a discussion on “The Changing Demographics: How Does It Impact Higher Education?” given by Dr. Dolores Cross, president of CSU, and an introduction to the videoconference by Dr. Lew Collens, president of IIT.

The videoconference will be presented at noon. Panelists will include Dr. Myrna Adams, associate provost of graduate studies at State University of New York-Stony Brook; Dr. Nai’im Akbar, a psychologist and educator from Florida State University; Dr. Steven Balch, president/executive director of the National Association of Scholars; and Antonio J. Califa, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The national segment will be followed by a 2 p.m. panel discussion on the issues and topics of the videoconference. Panel members will be Dr. Paul Barrett, a professor at IIT; Lynette Chappell, director of affirmative action at IIT; GSU Provost David Curtis; Harold Dade, a student leader from CSU; Alvina Puente, president of “Amigos Hispanos” in Chicago Heights; and Ron Tunis, chairperson of the GSU Council on Cultural Diversity.

Moderator for this discussion will be Dr. Pedro Martinez, director of affirmative action and cultural diversity at CSU.

This program is being coordinated on campus by Glen Abbott, assistant to the president for affirmative action and cultural diversity. For more information, contact Abbott on extension 2339.
The Illinois Supreme Court has agreed to consider the legality of Gov. Jim Edgar's proposed transfer of funding from state pension funds to cover the state's bills.

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**Staff Directory Changes**

GSU welcomes the following new employees. Lou Ella Rozier and Henry O. Murphy Jr. both are purchasing assistants in Business Operations. They can be reached on extension 2175. Sharon D. James is a data entry operator II, Enrollment Services Technical Center/Admissions. She can be reached on extension 2518. Professor Joan Downs is a university lecturer in the College of Education. She can be reached on extension 2394. Professor Constance Cook is a university lecturer in the College of Business and Public Administration. She can be reached on extension 2245. Professor Penny Shnay is a university lecturer in the College of Education. She can be reached on extension 2367. Professors Robert Kaufman and Tomi Thompson are university lecturers in the College of Arts and Sciences. They can be reached on extension 2404. Professor Della Rush is a university lecturer in the College of Arts and Sciences. She can be reached on extension 2449. Professor Kathleen Lukcs is now a university lecturer in the College of Business and Public Administration. She can be reached on extension 2252. Professor Evelyn L. Carlson is now a university lecturer in the College of Business and Public Administration. She can be reached on extension 2263. Professor Patricia Koutouzos is now a university lecturer in the College of Arts and Sciences. She can be reached on extension 2422.

Gwen Siebert is now an administrative aide in Student Development. She can be reached on extension 2158. Dr. Michael Purdy is now on extension 2448.

Please remove Catherine Anderson from your staff directory.
'Prairie Chimes' gets facelift

First, it was red. Then suddenly “Prairie Chimes” was white! It was just a touch-up job on one of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park’s most famous pieces. Dr. William Dodd, chief executive officer of the GSU Foundation which manages the park, hired GSU painters Tony Ziccardi and Ron Canali to work after hours to give the chimes a fresh coat of “Chinese red.”

“Prairie Chimes” was constructed between 1968 and 1969 by Mark di Suvero who was a guest of Lewis Manilow. Before GSU was a reality, Manilow owned the home that today is the president’s residence on campus, and he invited di Suvero to leave New Jersey and spend time with him in the quiet of Park Forest South’s open spaces. It was during those summers that di Suvero constructed “Prairie Chimes” and “For Lady Day.”

“Prairie Chimes” was inspired by the prairies of the GSU campus. Its pieces gong and clang as the wind sweeps across the acres of open space. But di Suvero never erected his chimes. Rather, they fell into disrepair.

It was GSU’s first president, Dr. William Engbretson, who asked for permission to exhibit the chimes on the campus for a 1976 exhibit of sculpture. “Prairie Chimes” has been standing on display ever since.

Condolences

To Dr. Esthel Allen, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, whose mother, Tempie S. Farrar, died Oct. 28 in Chicago.

To Dr. Sheldon Mendelson, chairperson of the Division of Accounting/Finance/Economics, whose mother, Eva Mendelson, died Oct. 26 in New York.

To Rita Nagy, assistant program director in Student Life, whose mother, Therese Rubino, died Oct. 16 in Florida.

To Dr. Shensheng Zhao (CAS) whose mother died in China in September.

Answering machines in future for GSU phones

Your phone will soon have its own answering machine. When the new phone system is operable, the switching equipment will allow for voice-mail boxes, according to Vince Donahue Jr., consultant to GSU for the phone system.

Each of us will be asked to record a greeting, just as you would for your answering machine at home. You’ll be able to change your greeting as often as you like.

If you are on the phone or away from your desk, the caller will be able to hear your greeting and link in to your voice-mail box and leave a message. You’ll be able to listen, save or delete each message, Donahue explained.

You’ll also have the option of leaving several staff members the same message, perhaps a meeting date and time, by simply pushing a few buttons on your phone.

It’s the great pumpkin, Charlie Brown!

Tom Sauch of Communications Services supervises the children judging the “Great Pumpkin Contest” the unit conducted. The children selected Tom White’s Cubs fan pumpkin as the winner, but the unit selected Larry Lewis’ pumpkin look-alike.
Prof pleased with GSU role

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General Motors-Delco Products Division in Dayton, Ohio. He was drafted in 1966 and served the Army in personnel operations at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Following his discharge, Dr. Donaldson was offered a year’s management internship with the American Management Association in upstate New York. Afterward he accepted a management position with Hart, Schaffner and Marx which brought him to the Chicago area. He has lived and worked in the metropolitan area since 1977.

“Illinois has been very good to me. Since I’ve been in Illinois, I’ve received various degrees, superintendents’ recognition, been elected to public office,” he says.

The Hazel Crest resident is married and the father of four daughters.

Get Well Wishes

To Susan Inman (CAS) who is recuperating from surgery. Greetings can be sent to her at 268 Green, Park Forest, IL 60466.

To Kay Schebler (OEE) who is recuperating from surgery. Greetings can be sent to her at 2504 Lawrence Lane, Homewood, IL 60430.

Media Coups

Last spring’s “funeral” for “color blindness” at GSU has become the subject for a recent dispatch from AFRAMnewservices of New York.

The news service reprinted an April 4 article from the Southtown Economist on the “funeral” conducted by social work students of Dr. David Burgest.

In it, reporter Pat Harper comments that “social work students at Governors State University believe ‘color blindness’ is an idea whose time has gone.”

At the time, Dr. Burgest explained that “to deny color is to make everyone the same.” He said the “funeral” was intended as a graphic demonstration of the need to recognize cultural differences among people.

The F.Y.I. profile on Dr. Paul Green, director of The Institute for Public Policy and Administration, has been read throughout the state, thanks to the monthly County and Township Official newsletter.

The editor reprinted the story “in honor of a true friend of township government.” Not only is Dr. Green a former township supervisor, but he also conducts yearly seminars for township officials under the auspices of The Institute.

GSUings

Dr. Carl Stover, professor of public administration in CBPA, taking part Sept. 1 in a debate held at Park Forest's Freedom Hall in celebration of the publication of the book The New Individualists: The Generation After the Organization Man which was based primarily on the study of a number of Park Forest families...Dr. Sally Glenn, professor of education in CE, serving on the board of the Literacy Volunteers of America Inc. of South Suburban Cook and Will counties and volunteering as a member of the Staff Development Council of Matteson School District #162...President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, serving as a member of the Illinois State Board of Education’s Committee to Study Preparation of the Workforce, which was charged with examining existing policies, procedures and programs to ensure that resources are effectively focused to improve workforce preparation.

Send items for inclusion in Governors State University F.Y.I. to the GSU Office of University Relations no later than Nov. 15.