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Happenings at GSU

18 Blood Drive, 3 to 7 p.m., University Theatre.

20 Gospel Music Festival: Lecture and Demonstration, History and Performance Styles, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

21 Choral Techniques and Gospel Music Vocal Arranging, 7:30 p.m., New Covenant Baptist Church.

22 Gospel Music Competitions: High School, Junior College, University Gospel Choirs, 1 to 5 p.m., Dinner, 6 p.m., University Theatre.

Annual awards given for affirmative action efforts

The Office of Student Life, the women of the Department of Public Safety, and the African-American Staff Caucus were given special recognition for their efforts at the 1st Annual Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action Awards Banquet.

Those at the banquet heard Dr. Nancy "Rusty" Barcelo, assistant dean for academic affairs and associate director for opportunity at the University of Iowa, address the issues of cultural awareness by all and of cultural oneness among ethnic and racial groups.

The Persons with Disabilities Award was given to the Office of Student Life for its sponsorship of the "Disabilities Awareness Day" program. Through this day-long event, students and staff have come to recognize the assets and abilities the students with disabilities bring to the university, as well as the problems they face.

Marilyn Thomas (UR) and Michael Blackburn, assistant directors.

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New phone system gains staff approval

The reviews are in, and GSU staff members are excited to have new phones. Despite the initial jitters and fears, employees have adapted well and are now finding that the phones' technology options can work for them! No tears were shed when GSU switched from the rotary-dial to the electronic telecommunications age slim-line phones that offer direct-dialing, voice-mail, three-way calling and other specialty features.

The official switch-over took place April 24 when Illinois Bell Telephone workers switched GSU phone lines to the new Fujitsu network.

The system of 900-plus phone stations is divided into extensions beginning with 4000 that can be dialed directly and extensions beginning with 5000 that will require connection by a GSU operator. The exchange remains "534" for all GSU lines.

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Six candidates for presidency make campus visits this month

The field of candidates for the presidency of Governors State University has been narrowed to two men and three women.

The candidates are visiting the GSU campus this month. Board of Governors Universities Chancellor Thomas Layzell said three finalists will be named from the five candidates. BGU trustees will name a successor to retiring GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II at the June 18 meeting.

The five candidates are Dr. Donna Arlton, vice president for academic affairs at East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas, who will be on campus May 11 and 12; Dr. Donald Bronsard, president of Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, Penn., who will be at GSU May 18 and 19; Dr. Janet

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of May 11 to 15)
Monday—Garden vegetable soup. Oven roast chicken platter; Maxwell Street Polish sausage.
Tuesday—Chicken rice soup. Round roast of beef platter; Western ranchburger.
Wednesday—Beef noodle soup. Fresh taco salad; turkey club melts.
Thursday—Minestrone soup. Baked potato with choice of toppings; Italian style submarine sandwich.
Friday—Potato chowder soup. Baked fillet of scrod platter; Italian style submarine sandwich.

(Week of May 18 to 22)
Monday—Turkey barley soup. Fried chicken platter; Bacon cheeseburger.
Tuesday—Chicken gumbo soup. Spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread; Footlong hot dog.
Wednesday—Beef vegetable soup. Roast pork loin platter. Italian sausage sandwich.
Thursday—Minestrone soup. Baked potato with choice of toppings; Chicken breast fillet sandwich.
Friday—Cream of tomato soup. Poached fillet of pollack platter; tuna melt sandwich.

Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.

(Menu subject to change.)

Employee of the Month
Fox enjoys keeping GSU's house in order

Keeping house, scrubbing floors and washing windows are chores most of us would pass up in a minute.

But Josie Fox considers keeping GSU's house in order special work. The April "Employee of the Month" says although cleaning is her job, she enjoys what she does.

"I take pride in my work. I like it, and I want it done right or leave it alone," she says. "Even as a child I liked to clean. I stayed inside with Mama and helped her, and I let my sisters and brother go outside and play."

She has been at GSU for eight years. She applied for a job at the suggestion of her brother-in-law who lived in University Park. At the time, Josie was working for "Helping Care," a Chicago agency that delivered care to senior citizens.

The past eight years, Josie has cleaned the Business Office and Department of Public Safety areas, then the College of Education, in addition to the third floor administrative wing which has always been her responsibility.

Staff members have come to appreciate Josie's meticulous attention to detail. Several GSU staffers cited examples to the nominating committee.

"I recall one Christmas party we had when someone accidently spilled dip on one of the upholstered office chairs, and Josie worked at the stain over and over before she finally worked it out," Virginia Eysenbach of the Office of University Relations remembered. "She didn't have to be so conscientious, but I truly believe she is by nature very thorough in all she does to keep the university administrative wing in spic 'n span order."

"Spring cleaning is just around the corner, and that means Josie will be on special alert," Marilyn Thomas of the University Relations staff related to the nominating committee. "Not only does the change of season mean special tasks at the president's home where Josie provides cleaning service, but it also means the university is gearing up for commencement.

"Each June Josie washes down the walls in the administrative wing in anticipation of our special commencement guests. Everything sparkles in the restrooms, and there is not a speck of dust or paper around," she adds...

Josie is up at 5 a.m. to arrive at work by 6 a.m. where she cleans more than two dozen offices, general secretarial areas and restrooms. "It's very quiet then," she says, "and I get a lot done. When the people come in, I stop and visit. It's just part of my nature to stop and say hello."

After a short break, Josie goes to the president's house where she does general housekeeping. She returns to the campus in time for lunch before calling it a day.

Although that's her regular routine, Josie also does overtime work, especially when GSU will host a Board of Governors Universities meeting, or the President's Office plans a special event. And working for commencement is a given. Sometimes special things pop up, like the leaking roof problem in the Division of Education area that required Josie's mop-up attention as she tried to suction the water from the carpeting.

Josie, who lives in University Park, has had some serious health problems that caused her to be off of work for a while. Her friends missed her and

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The Grapevine

Glenn donates gift to fund student teacher award

When graduate students in the school supervision class gave Dr. Sally Glenn a monetary gift for a donation of her choice, she knew exactly what she'd do with it. She funded the 1992 Student Teacher of the Year Award presented to Neal Podell at the college's May 7 banquet. Dr. Glenn calls it a wonderful means of graduate students recognizing undergraduates who some day will be their peers.

GSU benefactor Percy Wagner dies at age of 98

Real estate developer Percy Wagner, who acted as the state's agent in buying the 750 acres for GSU's campus, died Tuesday, April 7, at age 98. The Flossmoor resident also was a major contributor to GSU. His donations included funding the remodeling of a former farmhouse into a center for the GSU Alumni Association and the GSU Foundation. The Percy and Elizabeth Wagner House was dedicated in memory of Wagner and his wife.

GSU phonathon airs live on cable TV for final hour

The GSU Alumni Association's phonathon was "on the air" for its final hour Sunday, March 29, thanks to Jim Dinsmore, a graduate student in media communications who produced a live, one-hour "GSU Phonathon" program available to Jones Intercable subscribers. The program, hosted by Dr. William Dodd, vice president for development and public affairs, included guest segments with Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations, and Pam Woodward, president of the alumni association, GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, and alumni Tony Petersen, Deanna Larson and Roxane Geraci-Roche.

Professor Eli Segal, Dinsmore's thesis committee chairman, said the program was the first student master's project produced as a live, on-air show.

Civil Service Senate hosts Arts and Crafts Fair

The Civil Service Senate is hosting its 3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair June 17. GSU faculty, staff and students interested in displaying their special projects are asked to reserve a table by June 10 by calling Brenda Chapman on extension 4535.

Gilbert will produce musical on Norman Rockwell

Professor Temmie Gilbert has been asked to produce the summer stock production of "Rockwell," a musical based on the life of artist Norman Rockwell, for the Southern Vermont Art Center in Manchester, Vt.

The show, based on Rockwell's autobiography, was adapted by Eileen Blue-stone Sherman who has collaborated with Professor Gilbert on two of her Emmy-winning productions. It was Sherman who requested the GSU professor as her producer. Casting was earlier this month. The show will be presented in August. Alice "Tinker" Parker, a graduate student in media communications, will assist Professor Gilbert with the production.

Endowed scholarship established for Gordon

An endowed scholarship in memory of Joyce Gordon, former assistant director of purchases and a 1984 GSU graduate, has been established with the GSU Foundation. Anyone wanting to make contributions should send checks to the foundation office at Wagner House.

Employee enjoys keeping house

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"These people are my friends. They're like family to me. They'll always be there for me," she says. That's probably because Josie is always there for them with her special attention and loving care.

Veterans of Innovation

(for April)

1972 M. Catherine Taylor (SAS), Burton Collins (SD), Timothy Arr (BO)
1973 Karl Harrison (DPS)
1974 John Fahey (PPO), David Suddick (CE)
1975 Thomas Byrne (PPO), Delores Baker (CELCS)
1976 Kathryn Norman (UL)
1977 Rosina Mascolo (DPS), Barbara Mosley (CAS)
1979 Irwin Miller (CHP)
1982 Louise Kohl (PROV)
1983 Catherine Taftor (IS)
1984 John Ostenburg (UR)
1985 John Fedak (PPO)
1986 Phyllis McLaurin (REG)
1987 Jill Stanley (UL), Janice Washington (UL)

(for May)
1971 Joseph Gabrisko (PPO)
1972 Glen Claus (CS)
1973 Aida Shekib (CBPA)
1974 Benjamin Lowe (CE), Brendan O'Rourke (PPO), Michael Hassett (PPO), Neil Reidy (PPO)
1976 Donna Viramontes (FA)
1977 William Elliott (CS)
1979 Barry Ryan (BO)
1980 Jagan Lingamneni (CAS), Virginia Thurston (PERS)
1984 Judith Lewis (CHP)
1986 Jeffrey Gilow (ACS), Ellen Kahn, (PROV), Barbara McLennan (CELCS), Christine Barberi (CBPA)
1987 Charles Barnett (PPO)
University needs to set new priorities for future

As he draws closer to retirement after 16 years at the helm of Governors State University, President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II recently told staff, students and faculty that he believes new priorities must be set for the university to be better positioned for the future.

In announcing his decisions at an April 16 convocation to consider elimination of seven programs and reduce spending, he said he was acting "to assure this university will be able to better support those programs and activities that are of the most importance and highest priority."

"What I want to emphasize most is quality, quality in all that we do, but especially in instruction," he added.

The president said he and Provost David Curtis will continue to study undergraduate and graduate degrees in health administration, the undergraduate degree in medical technology, the graduate degree in sociology, the undergraduate degree in speech communications, the graduate degree in English and the undergraduate degree in office administration for possible elimination. A decision will be reached by mid-May, he said.

Majors in art, communications studies, media communications, music, political studies, public administration, social sciences and social work have been removed from the possible elimination list.

Dr. Goodman-Malamuth also proposed an increase in faculty for media communications, English, communication disorders, alcoholism and substance abuse, business, computer science, psychology, education and social work.

He believes his actions will help to maintain and improve on the university's mission of teaching, research and service.

A reduction in state funding has taken its toll on GSU staff, he noted, and the hiring freeze that was imposed in 1990 will continue, while cuts in purchases and travel also will be extended.

In addition, a variety of administrative cuts for Fiscal Years 1993 and 1994, totalling $1.14 million, have been ordered. From the Administration/Planning area these include $112,500 from Physical Plant Operations, $20,000 from Personnel Office, $80,000 from Business Operations, $29,000 from combined Public Safety/Information Services, and $73,000 from the vice president's office; from Development and Public Affairs, $20,000 for the GSU String Quartet and $25,000 in staff; $90,000 from the Information Services unit; from Academic Affairs, $250,000 from the Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services, $290,000 from Student Services, $60,000 from the Advising Office, and $79,000 from the Provost's Office; and $13,000 from the President's Office.

Even with these savings, and increases in tuition and continued current funding levels from the state, the president said, GSU still could face a deficit.

Dr. Goodman-Malamuth said he has several recommendations for the university's reorganization that he will suggest to the new president to be appointed in June. These include possible restructuring of colleges and divisions within the academic area, he said.

New phone system working just fine

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Assistance specialists from Fujitsu have left, but Vince Donahue Jr., telecommunications manager, and Chuck Nebes, coordinator of information systems, can provide assistance. Special review classes are being offered May 11, 12 and 13. Call Donahue on extension 4848 to arrange an appointment.

The telecommunications manager attended a Fujitsu Enhanced Man-Machined Language computer program class and will be able to make some adjustments to correct phone problems.

Installation of a new phone system had been talked about for at least six years, according to Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president of administration and planning. State funding was never available, however.

The GSU Planning Committee made a new phone system its top priority in 1990, and President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II concurred. Nebes plotted GSU's needs and reviewed bid specifications with several companies before Central Management Systems (CMS) agreed on Fujitsu.

GSU will continue to pay its monthly phone service fees, plus a financing fee arranged through CMS that allows the university to pay the $1 million cost for the new system over 10 years.

Dr. Harvey Varnet, director of Information Systems, Donahue, Dr. Piucci and others lauded Mike Foley, Mike Reilly, Mike Knabjian and other Physical Plant Operations staff members who have worked to hold the old phone network together.

Operator Cathy Taffora said the first week was rough on the university's operators because they had to learn to work new operator consoles while trying to explain system techniques to GSU staff and inform the public of the phone switch while checking new extensions.

Things are getting easier, but the operators still ask for patience. If your callers find it takes longer to get an answer, please ask them to be patient.

In the next few weeks operators will have most extensions memorized and be back to answering the phones with their normal 10-second response time.
President honors employees for service to the university

President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II honored 78 employees for their service to the university at the annual Service Recognition Awards ceremony March 17.

The president, who will retire in July after 16 years at the university, honored employees who have given five, 10, 15 and 20 years service to the institution thanking them for their time and efforts in making the university an outstanding institution of higher learning and for creating a good working and educational environment.

Honorees recognized for their 20 years of service were Louise Brown (REG), Dr. Ronald Brubaker (CAS), Dr. Lowell Culver (CBPA), Joseph Gabrisko (PPO), Henry Jablon (BO), Dr. Thomas Kelly (CAS), Dr. Michael Lewis (CE), Jacob Liao (CSG), Dr. William Prince McLemore (CE).

Dr. Edward Miller (CAS), Carolyn Moore (DPS), Dr. Melvin Muchnik (PO), Barbara Mucklow (UL), Philip Orawiec (DPS), Dr. Andrew Petro (CBPA), Dr. Virginio Pucci (A&P), Professor Robert Press (CE) and Dr. Anthony Wei (CAS).

Employees with 15 years of service are Haddon Anderson (ES/TS), Alice Gardner (REG), Shirley Grant (CE), Doris Hubbard (REG), Therese Marcus (SD), Dr. Daniel Mendoza De Arce (CAS), Quemolia Owens (UL), Dorothy Sanders (DPS).

Janice Schultz (PERS), Dr. Donna Siemro (CAS), Thomas Stepke (BO), Donna Viramontes (FA), Josephine Winter (UL) and Pamela Zener (SD).

Employees with 10 years of service are Dr. Joseph Addison (CAS), Maureen Bendoraitis (UL), James Burke (PPO), Jean Cox (UL), Cathy Czyz (SD), William Grogan (PPO), Laird Hartley (UPS), Anthony Labriola (CAS).

Dottie Legge (REG), Leone Middleton (CS), Roger Paris (CTS), Janet Rohdenburg (UL), Gladys Rogala (ASR), Thomas Sauch (CSC), Linda Smith (UL), Robert White (CSC) and Ellen Zalewski (BO).

Employees with five years of service are Nasim Ali (UL), Christine Barberi (SBDC), Ruth Barley (REG), Dr. David Blood (CE), Thomas Chambers (PPO), Mary Ann Clarke (CHP), Clifton Franklin (PPO), George Garrett (CE), Ray Gayton (CS), Dr. Mary Geis (CHP).

Jeffery Gilow (ACS), Alice Hanes (REG), Elizabeth Hansen-Shaw (UL), Stanley Hetmanski (PPO), Patsy Hoskin (PPO), Ellen Kahn (PROV), Mari Ellen Leverage (UL), Rita Mannion (BO), Barbara McLennan (CSC), Phyllis McLaurin (REG).

John Meyer (OEE), Patricia Rogala (CELCS), Dr. Winfried Rudloff (CAS), Kathleen Schebler (OEE), Dr. Ronald Small (CE), Marilyn Thomas (UR), Jacqueline Trubac (IS), William Van Dyke (PPO) and Dr. Walter Wentz (CHP).
Candidates visit campus

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Greenwood, president emeritus and professor of the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, Conn., coming to GSU May 20 and 21.

Dr. O. Clayton Johnson, associate academic vice president of Quincy College in Quincy, Mass., is at GSU May 27 and 28; and Dr. Paula Wolff, a distinguished fellow at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in Chicago, and a former staff member in Gov. Jim Thompson's administration, visited May 4 and 5.

A sixth finalist, Dr. Bruce Grube of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, Calif., asked that his name be taken out of consideration. Dr. Johnson was associate vice president at GSU from 1972 to 1975, and Dr. Wolff was a member of the faculty from 1972 to 1976.

The BGU received 101 applications for the presidency. The field was narrowed to 41 applicants whose resumes and credentials were reviewed by a GSU Campus Advisory Committee that included administrators, faculty members, civil service representatives and students.

From the 41, the field was narrowed to 21 candidates. Of those, 19 expressed interest in being considered for the presidency. They were interviewed by the chancellor and Professor Barbara Conant, chairperson of the GSU committee, who narrowed the list to six, with approval of the GSU Campus Advisory Committee.

"The campus interview process is a critical stage in the selection of a president, and we look forward to introducing the candidates to the university community," the chancellor said.

Alumni Association may surpass fund drive goal of $80,000

The GSU Alumni Association is on its way to surpassing its $80,000 fund drive goal.

Volunteers accepted pledges totaling approximately $55,000 during the March Phonathon. The association began the phonathon with $32,000 from its direct-mail appeal. Phonathon pledges continue to come in, said Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations, who predicts the association will "easily reach our goal of $80,000 by December."

In addition, she said, the association received another $21,000 in donations this year.

"We couldn't have done it without the help of so many people on campus," Burghardt said. "I want to thank Sylvia Chavez in CCC who ran the computer program for the phonathon cards. Mike Knabjian in PPO was tireless in coordinating the phone support. Thanks also to Charles Barnett who coordinated the setup of the phonathon."

The alumni association is planning a follow-up phonathon June 9, 10 and 11 in Engbretson Hall.

Congratulations

To Sharon James (ESTC) and her husband, Ken, on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Nicole, Feb. 9.

To Rosemary Hulett, associate director of alumni relations, and her husband, Melvin, on the birth of their second son, Marlon, April 13.

To Jeanne Murphy (AR) and her husband, Patrick, on the birth of daughter, Michelle, April 16, and to grandpa Ray Gayton (CS) and uncle Mark Gayton (UPS).

Condolences

To Margo Witkowsky (CELCS) on the death of her sister, Julie Schnute, April 18.

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