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The university will be closed to the public from December 24, 1992, through January 3, 1993. Happy Holidays to all.

Ten Community College Scholars are selected

Ten outstanding transfer students have been named 1992-93 Community College Scholars.

The students were selected by their community college for the scholarship. Students must attend GSU full time and maintain a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship recipients who enter GSU as juniors receive tuition and fees, a book allowance and a transportation allowance for two trimesters. If they continue their high academic standing, the scholarship is renewed for another two trimesters.

Charity Kennedy of Oak Forest transferred from South Suburban College into the GSU College of Education majoring in elementary education.

Bonnie Szponder of Lockport also is an elementary education major. She transferred from Joliet Junior College.

Arties Brown of Glenwood transferred from Prairie State College into the College of Business and Public Ad-

GSU President finalizes administrative team

By Marilyn Thomas

Governors State University President Paula Wolff has finalized her administrative team for this academic year.

In November she appointed four administrators to fill vice president and dean positions.

Dr. Carolyn Conrad is serving as acting vice president for academic affairs/provost. Dr. Linda Heiser is acting vice president of administration and planning. Burton Collins is acting dean of Student Affairs and Services, and Dr. Roger K. Oden is acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

They join Dr. William Dodd, vice president of development and public affairs, Dr. Leon Zalewski, dean of the College of Education, Dr. Esthel Allen, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, Dr. Jay Lubinsky, dean of the College of Health Professions, and Ralph Kruse, director of the Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services.

"I am excited and pleased with the opportunity to work with these four

GSU begins self-examination process in line with IBHE initiative

Governors State University has begun to reexamine its mission, role and programs as part of a self-evaluation process in line with the Priorities, Quality and Productivity (PQP) Initiative set forth by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).

"The IBHE has strongly supported, in recent times, undergraduate education; minority enrollment, retention and degree completion initiatives; and the quality of classroom teaching," GSU President Paula Wolff said. "These three priorities are at the very heart of Governors State's mission."

"We hope that in the process of reviewing our programs, our priorities and our
Administrative team selected for this academic year

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Dr. Wolff said, "It is most beneficial for the university and for me during this early period to have people of such competence and commitment to the goals of GSU willing to serve."

Dr. Conrad had previously served as associate vice president in the Office of Academic Affairs at GSU. Since accepting that position in 1988, Dr. Conrad has been responsible for faculty contract administration, curriculum coordination and faculty development.

From 1982 to 1988, Dr. Conrad had been a professor of communication disorders at Governors State.

Dr. Heiser had served as director of budget planning before being named an acting vice president. She came to GSU in 1991 after serving as assistant director of school and college relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

She previously had been affiliated with GSU as university planner from 1986 to 1988, and as assistant director of budget planning from 1988 to 1989.

Collins came to GSU in 1972 as director of career planning and placement. During his 20-year association with Governors State, he also has served as acting coordinator of intercollegiate programs, acting university coordinator-cooperative education, associate dean for student development, associate dean of student affairs and services.

As acting dean, Collins will be responsible for the Student Life Division, Office of Student Development, Center for Learning Assistance, Office of Career Services and the Campus Community Center and its programs.

Dr. Oden came to GSU as a professor of political science in 1973. He was chairperson of the Division of Intercultural Studies from 1975 through 1986, and the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences from 1986 until being named the acting dean for the college which includes the Division of Science, the Division of Fine and Performing Arts, the Division of Communications, and the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The four will serve until September when permanent vice presidents and deans are named.

GSU programs, mission reexamined

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productivity the Illinois Board of Higher Education will remain mindful of those institutions which address the central priorities of public education in the state," she added, "and will take into account the data that support our success in this mission and reward that success with adequate resources."

Earlier this year, IBHE asked each state-supported university and college to examine its role and programs within IBHE guidelines set out in the PQP Initiative. IBHE staff initially presented a list of 12 programs for elimination at GSU, but at its November meeting, IBHE agreed to a year’s study by the university.

IBHE Director Art Quern also suggested that IBHE would seek the authority from the legislature to cut programs. That authority now rests with the Board of Governors Universities trustees which set policy for GSU and four other state universities.

GSUings...

...Dr. Henry Lowenstein (CBPA), speaking at the Sept. 10 meeting of the Midlothian Area Chamber of Commerce on “What If We Built an Airport and Nobody Came?”...Professor Jane Andringa (CE), presenting at the 1992 Conference of the Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities at Rosary College in River Forest on the topic “Collaborative Teaming” and at the Illinois State Board of Education Initiatives Training Conference at the Sheraton Inn in Rosemont on “Co-Teaching.”...Dr. Deborah Holdstein (CAS), serving as featured speaker on writing regulations and articulation Oct. 17 at the University of Illinois-Chicago for the Chicago area English Articulation Conference and speaking Oct. 29 at the Friends of the Park Forest Library meeting on “A View in Need of Re-image of Jewish-American Women in Literature.” Also presenting the paper "Issues of Assessment in Writing: Thwacking the Unworthy" at the December annual meeting of the Modern Language Association (MLA) in New York City and presenting a paper in March in San Diego at the national annual meeting of the Conference on College Communication and Composition on the topic “Issues of Assessment: Institutional Assessment of Writing and the Need for Public Debate.”...Dr. Joyce Morishita (CAS), exhibiting in the show titled “Her Works” in September for the National Women Artists Show in South Bend, Ind., with artists from 28 states. The show was sponsored by the National Women’s Caucus for Art...Dr. Melvin Muchnik (PO), participating in the 6th Annual Conference on Distance Education, Training and Interactive Technologies at the University of Maine in Augusta...
Two CHP students awarded in honor of past president

The College of Health Professions at Governors State University has named Angela Willis and Carole Henderson Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth Scholars.

The scholarships are offered as part of the GSU Alumni Association’s Minority Scholarship Program.

The alumni association is matching a gift from South Suburban Hospital given in honor of Dr. Goodman-Malamuth II, past president of GSU, who continues his service as a member of the hospital’s board of directors.

The health professions students must maintain at least a 3.25 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours. The recipients are eligible for the full tuition scholarship every trimester they attend GSU, provided they meet the grade point requirements.

Willis of Chicago is an undergraduate student who will complete a bachelor’s degree in nursing in April 1993. She transferred from South Suburban College. Willis is a staff nurse at Christ Hospital.

Henderson of Chicago is a graduate student in the communication disorders program. She completed her undergraduate degree at GSU.

Holiday greetings for retired GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II can be sent to him at Residence Inn, 411 E. Willow, Long Beach, CA 90815.

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Professor John Payne (CAS), being invited to exhibit his bronze titled “Ye Ole Harbinger” in the Pick of the Region Exhibition at Atrium Gallery in Gary, Ind., Philip Owowiec (DPS), presenting a session on “Emergency Medical Training for the Tactical Officer” at the 5th annual training conference of the International Tactical Officers Association (ITOA). Dr. Leon Zalewski (CE), delivering an invited address at the Cities in Schools national meeting in Chicago, discussing the college’s involvement with at-risk students through field-based methods courses and outreach programs such as Reading Recovery and the Exxon Math Grant...Dr. Harvey Varnet (IS), attending the EDUCOM Conference held in Baltimore and serving as a panel moderator at the November Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL) Conference in Chicago...Roger Paris (CELCS), being named to the board of the Park Forest Rotary Club for a two-year term beginning in July 1993...Acting Professor Carolyn Conrad (PROV), attending the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association convention in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Cheryl Mejia (CHP), making a presentation on case management as an alternate treatment strategy to the Illinois Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependents (IAADA). Dean Jay Lubinsky (CHP), attending a reception sponsored by the Midwest Healthcare Council for Cook County Commissioner John Stroger...Acting Dean Roger Oden (CAS), participating in November in the Conference for Grantmakers in Lake Bluff. Conference theme was “International Dimensions of Local Philanthropy: Chicago and the Countries of the Pacific Rim” and was sponsored by the Donors Forum of Chicago and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Also participating on a panel on “Achieving Competitive Advantage: New Approaches to Jamaica’s Economic Development” at the International Business Development Center, Northwestern University...Charles Nebes and Vincent Donohue (IS), attending the Midwestern Higher Education Telecommunications meeting in Bloomington and the first Midwest Centigram Users Group meeting in November. Dr. Paul Green (IPPA/ CBPA), speaking at Rotary One held at the Chicago Athletic Association in his role as political analyst...Dr. David Burgest (CHP), speaking at an author’s reception at the University Park Public Library where he read selected passages from his book of poetry...Dr. Donna Siemro (CAS), serving as a member of the accreditation team for the Illinois State Board of Education at Illinois Wesleyan University where she reviewed secondary teacher education programs in biology, chemistry and physics.

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• Dr. Shensheng Zhao (CAS), the article “Abductive and Deductive Inference Diagnosis Model in Tutoring System” in the Modeling and Simulation Conference Proceedings of the 23rd Annual Pittsburg Conference held April 30 to May 1 at the University of Pittsburgh.
• Dr. Arthur Bourgeois (CAS), commentaries on the illustrations in Kings of Africa, Art and Authority in Central Africa, a collection of the Museum fur Volkerkunde Berlin, for a major exhibition held June to August in Maastricht, the Netherlands. Also “Art and Healing of the BaKongo Commented by Themselves, Minkisi from the Laman Collection,” a book review in UCLA’s quarterly journal African Arts.
• Dr. David Burgest (CHP), a book of poetry titled Reflections on the Thoughts of a Young Male.
Communications faculty look at redesigning program

Faculty in the Division of Communications are reviewing a curriculum change that will offer students an in-depth bachelor's degree in communications.

With a merger of the undergraduate speech communications and media communications programs, faculty are designing a merged curriculum that will offer students the chance to sharpen their public speaking, writing, research and interpersonal communication skills, while also learning about mass communications, communication technologies and production techniques.

Included in the 27-hour core requirements are completing a senior project, as well as either a workshop or internship.

"This program will give students a strong foundation on which to go into either a media communications or communications studies emphasis for the bachelor's degree," Dr. Michael Purdy, chairperson of the division, said.

"The process to put this new curriculum in place has already begun. We want the community to know that we are working to serve them better in their needs for a sound and valuable education," he added.

The faculty is working to have the new curriculum in place for the Fall 1993 Trimester. The course work is designed to help students prepare for careers in advertising, management, public relations, human services, reporting, producing, teaching and research.

Alumni Association matches donation

The Governors State University Alumni Association is matching a $3,900 donation by President Paula Wolff for faculty and student academic enhancement.

The donation is in addition to the association's $25,000 given annually as Alumni Faculty Development Awards.

The president's donation was her salary increase for the 1992-93 academic year.

"The GSU Alumni Association's mission is to support the university and its goals," association President Pamela Woodward explained. "We're pleased to be able to match President Wolff's donation, and join in partnership with the university to support teaching and programs benefitting students."

"I'm delighted but not surprised that the GSU Alumni Association has made this most appreciated matching gift," Dr. Wolff said. "Over the years, the association's fundraising efforts have contributed thousands of dollars to the betterment of instruction and the quality of life of GSU's students."
Grapevine

Holiday decorations shared with area nursing homes

After the GSU community has enjoyed the holiday wreaths, potted plants and tree that decorate our environs, we share them with area nursing care centers in Beecher, Richton Park, Chicago Heights, Matteson and Peotone, according to Michael Foley, director of Physical Plant Operations.

Foley has coordinated the giving project the past eight holiday seasons. The holiday decorations are distributed just as the university closes for the Christmas break.

"This has become one of the highlights for Jo Shaw and her crew representing Governors State in the gift of giving to a very appreciative group," he said. "To see their faces light up when we walk in with poinsettias and wreaths makes us all realize this truly is the time of year for giving."

Blackburn recognized for efforts on behalf of SMA

Congratulations to Michael Blackburn, assistant director of Student Life, on receiving the Besty Voss-Lease Partnership Award from the South Metropolitan Association for Low-Incidence Handicapped (SMA).

Blackburn was recognized for his support of the SMA Center for Adaptive Programming (CAP) Program at GSU. Julie Chapman, teacher for the CAP program, told the nominating committee "His advocacy for SMA has been endless. It has been displayed by assisting the SMA staff in their efforts to network, employing an SMA student, providing vocational work for the SMA class, becoming a member of the SMA Advisory Committee, inviting SMA to all college functions to assure full inclusion, and becoming a friend and role model to SMA students."

Thanks to all who participated in Civil Service Day

The Civil Service Senate sends its thanks to all who helped with the planning and presentations during Civil Service Day.

And don't forget, "Employee of the Year" nominations are due Dec. 23. Nominating letters can be sent to Marlene Anderson in the Personnel Office, or dropped in one of the Employee of the Month boxes.

Nominees are Katie Ball (CHP), Rose O'Neal (CAS), Josephette (Josie) Fox (PPO), Gwendolyn Glenn (PO), Helen Spencer (BO), Virginia Lenart (CAS), Terry Rickhoff (UL), Alice Gardner (REG), Melba Fink (UL), Patrick Longtin (ACS) and Cliff Franklin (PPO). February's winner, Sharon Evans, is no longer affiliated with the university.

December paychecks will reflect salary increases

Non-negotiated employees should see a raise on their paychecks. The two percent across-the-board salary increase is being issued retroactively from July 1, 1992, as a lump sum payment. An additional one percent market increase to bring salaries on par with those in the Chicago metropolitan area will be given to non-negotiated employees. The increases for Civil Service staff total $65,799, and for administrators and division chairpersons another $103,687.

"His increase is hardly a reflection of your worth," President Paula Wolff has told staff members, "but considering that we are taking it out of a budget which has not increased over its level from last year, it appears to be the best we can do. Thank you for all your hard work."

Early retirement plan considered

The Illinois General Assembly will consider a new retirement plan for university employees when it meets again in January. The package is being called the "10-30 Early Retirement Plan." It provides for a 10 percent increase in the current benefit formula.

According to information from the State Universities Retirement System (SURNS), an employee would pay SURNS six percent of their highest full-time salary rate and the employer would pay SURNS 20 percent of the employee's highest full-time annual salary rate. The election of the 10 percent enhancement is at the option of the employee.

The cost of this enhancement to the retirement system is approximately 26 percent of payroll. There is no increase in the accrued unfunded liability to SURNS as the employee and employer will make the payment of 26 percent.

The proposed changes also call for retirement without penalty with 30 years or more of service, regardless of age. Currently, employees can retire without penalty at any age with at least 35 years of service.

This proposal would have a one year window of retirement opportunity. If the General Assembly approves the proposal, it will take affect July 1, 1993.

A statement from the SURNS office says, "SURNS supports this proposal because it provides both improved benefits and provisions to fully fund the cost of improved benefits."
Employee of the Month

Employee awarded for courtesy, good humor

Mops and brooms may be his equipment, but it is Cliff Franklin's work ethic, courtesy and good humor that won him the December "Employee of the Month" award.

Franklin has been on the Physical Plant Operations staff for nearly six years. In that time, he has been maintaining order in every area of the building. His longest assignment was on the third floor in the administrative area and the Division of Psychology and Counseling.

He now is assigned to the second floor cleaning the Divisions of Humanities and Social Sciences and Communications, and the music area. But with vacations and short staffings, it isn't surprising to see Franklin cleaning the Academic Computing Center or the cafeteria.

"Cliff makes significant contributions to GSU by his exceptional willingness to handle everyday, as well as extraordinary conditions that occur in his job," Virginia Eysenbach of University Relations told the nominating committee.

"A few months ago, the third floor was experiencing flooding in the psyche and counseling area near University Relations," she explained. "Cliff spent hours vacuuming up the water and monitoring buckets to ensure that water damage would be minimal.

"No one has to tell Cliff when they're experiencing a problem that he can solve. He noticed one time that we were having a problem with insects," Eysenbach said. "The next day, as I began work, Cliff reported that he had sprayed all of our offices before we arrived so that we wouldn't be inconvenienced."

Co-workers Linda Dean and Melani Davis concurred with Eysenbach. "The area he is responsible for is always clean and in order. Cliff is very hard-working and dedicated," Dean told the committee. "We have come to depend on his good-natured attitude and capable dedication on the third floor," Davis added.

Some have called the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift "the grouch shift," but Franklin says generally it is quiet that early in the morning and easier to work with few people around. "Although now that the gym is open at 6 o'clock, there are people who beat us here," he notes.

For 15 years, Franklin worked the "graveyard" 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift as foreman of the foundry division at Abex Corp. in Chicago Heights. Most people would shrug off that shift, but it gave Franklin the opportunity to help his wife, Blanche, get their seven children off to school.

When Abex closed its steel plant because of foreign competition, Franklin worked for Stauffer Chemical, but when cuts were made 10 months later, he was laid off. That's when he came to GSU.

The Ford Heights resident feels very comfortable in the south suburbs. Although he was born in Arkansas, he moved to Chicago when he was seven and lived there for several years until his father decided the family had had enough of the city and moved them to East Chicago Heights.

Franklin attended Bloom High School. He dropped out and got married, joined the U.S. Army and served in Korea. The Army helped him finish high school, which has proved to be a plus. His service in Korea was the longest separation he and his wife faced in their 40 years of marriage. They have 22 grandchildren.

Veterans of Innovation

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Burgest, Wilson begin sabbaticals

Two faculty members will begin six-month sabbaticals Jan. 1. Dr. David Mwalimu Burgest, professor in the Division of Health and Human Services, will be a guest professor at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad.

He will be supervising graduate students in their practica, developing a conference on gender issues and social work, as well as developing a curriculum in that area and teaching a course on diversity as it deals with gender.

Dr. Buford "Gene" Wilson, professor in the Division of Psychology and Counseling, will spend his time rewriting a handbook he authored that is used in a graduate psychology course offered for teachers.

Dr. Wilson also will be doing library research and writing a research proposal on implicit memory, one of Wilson's areas of expertise.