Happenings at GSU

2/17 Art exhibit of the works of Gary Coleman. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday—Friday through Feb. 26, Art Gallery.

2/17 Work of photographer, Philip Krejcarek, Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Infinity Gallery.

2/19 Workshop, "Wealth Creation," 6:30 to 9 p.m., Orland Park Place. Also on Feb. 26.

2/20 Lecture with commentary by poet Nikki Giovanni, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre.

Committees to name new administrators

Five committees have begun the process of searching for new administrators at Governors State University.

The committees' charge is to develop a three-pronged approach to the search process—developing a scoping letter, using the regional and national college and university network to identify candidates, and discovering as much information as possible on the outstanding candidates.

This agenda was stressed by consultant John Isaacson who spent time with committee members Jan. 25.

Isaacson set a 16-week timetable for the search process. These first three weeks, committee members are developing a scoping letter that outlines GSU's history, its current situation, the university's objectives, as well as a profile of the ideal candidate.

By the eighth week, the committee will have advertised the position as well as collected names of possible candidates through the network. Refer-

More than 200 help to draft GSU mission statement

By Marilyn Thomas

Governors State University's role as a teaching institution serving the returning adult was enthusiastically supported by more than 200 people participating in GSU's town meeting.

The consensus from the students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members will help a GSU committee draft a new mission statement for the university and give focus to GSU's role into the 21st century.

The gathering participants articulated some basic GSU values. They supported GSU's partnerships and service with the community. Professors are doing research and offering their advice in a variety of areas. Many GSU students complete internships that offer insights into the operations of businesses and agencies. GSU also coordinates specially-designed training programs for businesses and organizations.

Two selected to share 'Employee of the Year' award

For the first time, the "Employee of the Year" award is being shared by two outstanding staff members.

Pat Longtin in Academic Computing Services (ACS) and Rose O'Neal, a word processor for the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, are the 1992 winners.

Each had been recognized during the year as "Employee of the Month." GSU students and fellow employees also nominated them for the top yearly honor.

Longtin came to GSU as a transfer student from Kankakee Community
200 participants work to plan future of GSU

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Town meeting participants stressed the need to continue GSU's flexible schedule and considered the variety of courses essential to serving the working adult. They stressed that everyone affiliated with the university must help GSU recognize and serve a multicultural society.

GSU also should remain in the forefront of the changes in telecommunications and continue to offer students the opportunity of learning through media-based instruction. It should also analyze its role in a world that is constantly becoming more internationally interdependent.

The daylong town meeting gave those in attendance the opportunity to discuss the university's role in the community and within higher education.

The participants also reviewed state, national and international trends as sources of opportunities and limitations for the university.

After the meeting Jan. 15, Dr. Paula Wolff, president of GSU, said, "I was heartened and excited," by the turnout and involvement of the town meeting participants. "We absolutely have to focus or reaffirm our mission so we can get about the business of being an exemplary institution. If we confirm where we are going, we have the first-rate people at GSU who will get us there."

Once the ad hoc committee has drafted a mission statement, it will be reviewed by all the participants at meetings tentatively set for March 1 and 18. The newly drafted mission statement also will be discussed in each administrative unit in the university so that the implication of the mission statement on management decisions is understood by all GSU personnel.

By early April, the mission statement will be adopted and goals will be established. The process of planning strategies to implement the goals will be completed by May.

Two chosen to share employee award

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College. While working toward a degree in computer science, Longtin worked in the GSU computer lab, and upon receiving his degree in December 1988, he worked for the Cooperative Computer Center on campus.

Longtin later worked for a computer programming business in Kankakee before being hired for a full-time position in the university's Academic Computing Services in February 1990.

The dozens of nominations told of Longtin's patience, caring, knowledge and positive attitude.

"I see him work every day, and I know how difficult his job can be. He handles every challenge thrown his way with courtesy and expertise," said Tim Raebig (ACS).

"Pat always responds to cries for help, always responds promptly, always gets the job done knowledgeable and always, always has a positive, cheerful attitude," Barbara Stapleton (UL) told the committee.

Dr. Ali Setork (CAS) is especially grateful for Longtin's concern for others. "One day, I needed to access the network from one of our demo rooms. The room did not have proper hardware to be on the network. Jeff Gilow, who is responsible for the network hardware, was sick that day," he explained.

"Pat did an excellent rush job to bring up the demo room on the network, just before my class. He did the whole job in less than two hours."

O'Neal has been working in the College of Arts and Sciences for most of her 15 years on campus. Co-workers and students say she has a positive attitude, goes beyond her expected job responsibilities and is known to go out of her way to help others.

"Rose is always helpful and courteous. She is willing to work extra and will always stop what she is doing to help you out," said Adjunct Professor Susan Prokoppeak.

"Rose deserves to be 'Employee of the Year' because of her commitment and dedication to the College of Arts and Sciences as well as the university at large. Her attitude and competence in her work couldn't be duplicated by many others. She has been an asset and a joy to work with," according to Adrienne Kelly (CAS).

"Rose has been my guiding light. What is special and unique about Rose is her heart. She truly cares about people and is extraordinarily sensitive to their needs. (A most unusual find in this dog-eat-dog world.) Rose is one of those people you just want to take home with you to be a forever friend," Paula Van Beek, graduate student, told the committee.
Four experts offer insight on mission

Four educational experts are offering their insights on Governors State's mission and priorities.

GSU President Paula Wolff invited the nationally recognized experts to campus to help faculty, staff and students in their review of GSU's mission.

Dr. Robert Ringel, executive vice president for academic affairs at Purdue University, Dr. Arthur Levine of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Dr. Joanne Vanin, vice president for student services at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, have been to campus.

Dr. Patricia Graham, president of the Spencer Foundation of Chicago and the Charles Warren Professor of the History of American Education at Harvard University, will visit March 18.

"The past several months, I have been working with my colleagues at the university examining our mission and defining our priorities," President Wolff explained.

"With expertise from others not affiliated with Governors State, we will—I hope—gain new perspectives and insights that we can use in our discussions of how the university can serve its students, region and state while preparing for new possibilities as we approach the 21st century."

The president also has accepted suggestions from the four experts on university organization and on job functions for several top GSU administrative posts that need to be permanently filled.

Dr. Wolf has encouraged the experts to become referral sources for the five nationwide searches underway for vice president of Academic Affairs, vice president of Administration and Planning and deans for the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health Professions and Student Affairs and Services.

GSUings...

...Professor Jay Boersma (CE), having his works included in the February through April 18 Chicago Art Institute show "American Photographers: Recent Acquisitions."...Santos Rivera, minority fellow from Northeastern Illinois University, receiving a plaque in "recognition of distinguished and dedicated service to the Illinois Association of Hispanic State Employees and the Hispanic Community" at the November annual conference of the Illinois Association of Hispanic State Employees...Dr. David Matteson (CE) and Adjunct Professor Kelly McCarthy, attending a January American Red Cross instructor/trainer course in HIV/AIDS education at South Suburban College, certifying them to train instructor candidates for HIV/AIDS education courses...Dr. Maribeth Kasik (CE), serving as chairperson of the Higher Education Advisory Committee of the Illinois State Board of Education...Dr. Donna Siemro (CAS), presenting a November workshop in Denver on antibiotic sensitivity testing at the annual meeting of the National Association of Biology Teachers...Acting Dean Roger Oden (CE), accepting nomination to the Ford Foundation's Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs Board...Dr. Harvey Varnet (IS), chairing the Illinois Library Association Membership Committee meeting and attending the Counsel of Directors of State University Libraries in Illinois (CODSUL) meeting in December...Dean Esthel Allen (CBPA), serving as the vice chairperson of the Business Assistance and Development Division of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce (CSCC) this year and participating in a promotional video for the chamber. Also attending the American Council on Education/National Identification Program (ACE/NIP) regional meeting at the Polish Consulate...President Paula Wolff, receiving indoctrination in preparation for serving on the Citizens Advisory Board of St. James Hospital...Dr. MelMuchnik (P.O.), making a presentation to the faculty of Kankakee Community College regarding use of their new satellite antenna...Dr. William Dodd (DPA), meeting with Beth Ruyle of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) in preparation for serving as university liaison with that group. Pamela Zener (SD), speaking in January at the third annual Reunion Research Workshop at the Woodson Regional Library...Dr. Larry Levinson (CAS), speaking at the Park Forest Library Feb. 11 on "The Logic of War and Violence: Is There an Alternative?" and on Feb. 23 speaking at the Anita M. Stone Jewish Community Center on "Making Sense of the '92 Election: The Historical and Cultural Context."
Five committees will select new GSU administrators

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ences and background of the candidates will be checked. By the end of three months, the semi-finalists for the position will have been selected. When the finalists are named, a second round of interviews will be conducted. The search committee will recommend its choice and negotiations can begin.

Glen Abbott, GSU’s affirmative action officer, is coordinating the work of the committees. He will meet regularly with the 10 co-chairpersons to guarantee that information is shared and processes are consistent.

"The challenge here will be for us to articulate a university mission so exciting and vivid and at the same time to create a search process so effective in getting the word out that we will be beating qualified candidates from the door," GSU President Paula Wolff said.

The committees have administrative and professional, civil service, community, student, alumni, deans/directors, division chair and faculty representation. Members were either named or elected by their peers as provided by a process designed by the university senate. Dr. Wolff, with each committee chairperson’s advice, also appointed two members to each committee.

The search committee for the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs is led by co-chairpersons Dr. Peggy Williams (CE) and Vince Donahue Jr. (IS). Committee members are Dr. Esthel Allen (CPBA), David Carillo, a social worker in a local school district, Dr. Lawrence Freeman (PROV), Dr. Judith Lewis (CHP), Dr. John Lowe (CHP), Dr. Ed Miller (CAS) and and GSU student Tom Williamson.

Vice president for Administration and Planning committee members are co-chairpersons Mick Porter, a GSU student, and Dr. Jane Wells (CAS), serving with community member Roger Addison, Tim Arr (BO), Debra Boyd (DPS), Jeanne Costa (BO), Ralph Kruse (CELCS), Dr. Henry Lowenstein (CPBA), Professor James Massey (CHP). Dr. Larry Levinson (CAS) and Dr. Karen D’Arcy (CAS) are co-chairs of the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences search committee. Serving with them are computer consultant Georgia Dorsey, a GSU alumna, Dr. Sonny Goldenstein (CAS), student Barbara Johnson, Dr. Jay Lubinsky (CHP), Dr. Mel Muchnik (PO) and Louella Rozier (BO).

Co-chairpersons of the dean of the College of Health Professions search committee are Dr. Annie Lawrence (CHP) and Dr. Cheryl Mejta, (CHP) working with Burton Collins (SAS), Professor Donna Gellatly (CHP), Dr. William Kryspin (IS), Dr. Sonya Monroe (CHP), David Weinberger (FA), student Desi Sana and Dr. Carolyn Thompson of the South Suburban Family Service Centers.

Student Bob Hensle and Dr. William Prince McLemore (CE) are co-chairing the dean of Student Affairs and Services search committee. Serving with them are Professor Barbara Conant (UL), Debbie Conway (SL), GSU alumna Jo-Ann Hassan, Phyllis McLaurin (REG), Dr. Sheldon Mendelson (CBPA), Dr. Peggy Woodard (SD) and Dr. Leon Zalewski (CE).

A sixth committee searching for a new director of University Relations has been appointed by Dr. William Dodd, vice president for development and public affairs, and Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations, in consultation with Dr. Wolff and Glen Abbott. The committee is chaired by Burghardt. Members are Burton Collins, Dr. Deborah Holdstein, Dr. Jagan Lingamneni, Larry Lewis, Dr. Leon Zalewski, Dr. Mel Muchnik, Suzanne Oliver, Dr. Michael Purdy, Gladys Rogala, Clark Defler and Dr. William Wilkinson.

The position has been advertised. The committee hopes to have a new director about May 1.
Employee's technical expertise saves GSU $5,000

Hats off to Tom Sauch (CELCS) who put his technical expertise to use. Because he had been trained by Hitachi, Sauch was able to repair the contact brushes on the mastering videotape recorder in Communications Services. With his skills, and a $40 part, GSU was able to save $5,000 on a repair bill, and the possibility of a $12,000 replacement, according to Ralph Kruse, director of CELCS.

Faculty union president attends Clinton inaugural

Dr. Peggy Williams, president of the GSU chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, gladly accepted an invitation from Mitchell Vogel, president of the statewide faculty union, to be its representative at President Bill Clinton's inauguration on Jan. 20. Dr. Williams, a professor of education said being at the ceremonies was a thrill, and she did have a wonderful time at the parade and a ball that evening.

GSU holiday spirit shared with employee in need

The holiday spirit of love and sharing spread through the GSU building Dec. 23 after Business Office staff member Shelina Hurd's car caught fire in the parking lot. A special collection by staff gave Hurd much to be thankful for. "Words simply can not express my feelings toward my warm, caring co-workers who reached into their pockets at a time of year when funds are short for many of us."

President to bring GSU message to local groups

President Paula Wolff will be bringing the GSU message to the public through various speaking engagements. She has already addressed the Friends of the Crete Library, and will be speaking in the future to the Friends of the Park Forest Library, the Chicago Heights Rotary, the Homewood-Flossmoor Lions Club, the South Suburban YWCA and the Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters.

GSU campus to undergo construction this spring

The GSU campus will become a construction zone this spring and summer. The Capital Development Board is preparing architectural specifications and shortly will review bids on several major projects.

The leaking roof will be replaced. The work will begin as soon as the weather breaks.

Money also has been released for enclosing the front entryway for offices and enlarging the library. The architects have been asked to address concerns about wind at the front entrance.

Additional classrooms will be added when a second floor is added over Building B (at Physical Plant Operations and Career Services). Staff in that area will be relocating to the third floor offices (in the College of Business and Public Administration) now occupied by the Educational Computing Network.

GSU also will have some additional repair dollars through Build Illinois Funds for lighting in the library, and for electronic doors, signs and carpet replacement where needed in the main building.

Cafeteria Menu

(Week of February 15 to 19)

Monday—Garden vegetable soup. Oven roast chicken platter; Maxwell Street Polish sausage sandwich.

Tuesday—Chicken rice soup. Roast round of beef platter; Western ranchburger.

Wednesday—Beef noodle soup. Taco salad, turkey club melt sandwich.

Thursday—Navy bean soup. Chicken chow mein over rice, B.B.Q. beef sandwich.

Friday—Potato chowder soup. Baked fillet of scrod platter; Italian style submarine sandwich.

(Week of February 22 to 26)

Monday—Friday

Check cafeteria menu for Lenten specials.

Congratulations

To Ila Gallagher (PPO) on the birth of her granddaughter, Emily Turman, on Nov. 21, 1992. The proud parents are Ila's daughter, Bonnie, and son-in-law Bob.

Thanks

From Ray Gayton (CS) for the many get-well wishes he received following his heart surgery.

From Rose Mascolo (DPS) for the prayers and encouraging words on the death of her granddaughter, Courtnie Brooke Mascolo, who died Dec. 31.
Employee of the Month
University on computer network thanks to Gilow

Did you know Governors State has a computer network system? When the network finally services your office, thank Jeff Gilow.

The work of the January "Employee of the Month" will make it easy for you to leave messages on a fellow staff member's computer, receive faxes at your terminal and retrieve information in a matter of minutes.

It may sound like a pipe dream now, but Gilow shares his excitement about the possibilities the system will offer the university staff. Those linked on the initial network system say Gilow, campus network manager, has been the brains behind the operation.

"Over the past few months, he has been extremely helpful and supportive during the implementation phase of the network system," Judy Gustawson, coordinator of academic advising, told the nominating committee. "His patience has been long and his knowledge impressive. Implementation of projects always has a phase of finding problems and developing solutions. While this is a frustrating time for many, Jeff has maintained a very professional demeanor and performed pleasantly."

Dr. Harvey Varnet, chief of the Information Services Office, commended Gilow for "working long hours to be sure things operate smoothly. He has trained many users in how to get into and use the network. I am especially proud of Jeff's 'ownership' mindset," Varnet said. "He takes problems on and gets them solved."

Comptroller Tom Stepke appreciates Gilows service-oriented approach.

And, he adds, "This past year Jeff has matured into a competent manager as evidenced by his success in setting up the university computer network and making it as user-friendly as possible.

"Behind the scenes, Jeff has outlined a master plan on network usage that will provide maximum university participation without the trauma that normally accompanies such a major installation," Stepke explains.

Gilow wants to share the wealth of that praise, saying Lynne Hostetter, Linda Kuester and Tom Parillo "were extremely helpful with testing the system."

For Gilow, GSU has become more than an eight-hour-a-day way to earn a paycheck. "It's fun. I enjoy what I do immensely. I feel good about coming here."

He has learned much by doing and is willing to share his knowledge so that using the computer network can be a benefit. "I had the theory side (of computers) in college, and that provides a great framework, but like with any job, hands-on experience pays off," Gilow explains.

He came to GSU after working and attending college in Sacramento, Calif. Eight years ago, his job was computer lab manager supervising student workers and taking responsibility for the Academic Computing Services lab equipment.

Today Gilow is part of Information Services, GSU's newest unit that he sees as a true "comingling of all the information units."

The Park Forest resident also has taken advantage of GSU's tuition option for employees and received a master of business administration (M.B.A.) in 1992.

Zalewski awarded Civil Service Scholarship

Marquette University sophomore Laurel Zalewski is the recipient of the GSU Civil Service Scholarship.

The daughter of Ellen Zalewski in the Business Office, Laurel is the second member of her family to win the scholarship. Her sister Mary, who graduated from GSU, was the first recipient of the award.

The Rich East High School graduate is majoring in advertising and has taken a host of introductory communications courses at Marquette. She also has volunteered at MUTV, the local television station, doing camera and audio work, helping design sets and serving as a technical director.

"I realize that my area of study is challenging and that the job field is very selective," Laurel told the selection committee. "For these reasons, a good education and plenty of experience is favorable."

GSU employees may remember Laurel from this past summer when she served a temporary member of the grounds crew. She also has worked for the Village of Park Forest's Tennis and Health Club, and its golf center.

The Civil Service Scholarship is offered to outstanding employees and their dependents who attend GSU or other accredited institutions. Winners are selected for their academic performance and their letter of introduction, stating career goals and community service. The scholarship, awarded each trimester, is $150 for GSU students, and $250 for students attending other institutions.

Nominations are being accepted for the winter trimester scholarship. For an application, or additional details, contact Fran Lindsay in the Personnel Office. The deadline is Feb. 26.