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Happenings at GSU


3/14 GSU Alumni Association Annual Phonathon, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall, Sunday-Friday through Mar. 30.

3/16 Panel Discussion: “Rape—The Myth and the Reality,” 7 to 10 p.m., Hall of Honors.

3/17 Discussion of GSU Mission Statement, 9 a.m., University Theatre.

Channel 32 audience hears GSU opinions

Governors State University students gave their opinions on health care, the economy, welfare reform and other major issues to Feb. 17 viewers of Fox Broadcasting’s 9 o’clock news.

Channel 32 reporter Lilia Chacon reported live from the Hall of Governors asking questions of students in Dr. Robert Donaldson’s urban government class and Dr. Andrew Petro’s economics class after they listened to President Clinton give his State of the Union address.

The students’ initial reactions came at the opening of the newscast when Chacon asked for a show of hands from students supporting the President.

The majority of students agreed with Clinton’s proposals and said they were willing to pay more in taxes if the money would be used to reduce the deficit. Many in the audience said they would wait for specifics on how the President proposed to jolt the economy into a sound recovery while reducing the cost

President’s home converted to conference center

By Marilyn Thomas

Governors State University today has additional meeting space because of the conversion of the president’s house into a conference center.

Each public university president in Illinois is provided a residence. GSU President Paula Wolff, a Chicago resident, prefers to remain at her home with her family. At her suggestion, the GSU president’s house has been converted for use for meetings, conferences and receptions.

The four bedroom ranch-style house off the main drive is hidden in a grove of trees. It underwent a makeover in late November and early December when staff from Physical Plant Operations (PPO) removed the paneling and replaced the plaster board, took up the carpeting and installed hardwood floors throughout the house, and hung track lighting in several places. One of the bathrooms was remodeled, dimmer-light switches were added and each room was painted. The kitchen had been remodeling in 1989 when GSU celebrated its 20th anniversary.

GSU awarded $108,000 grant to fund summer training program

Governors State University has received a $108,000 grant for training math teachers this summer. The grant is one of the largest Eisenhower Grants awarded to an Illinois college or university.

The federal dollars are funneled through the Illinois Board of Higher Education which makes awards for outstanding programs in math and science education. Special emphasis is placed on programs geared toward junior and senior high school teachers.

This is the fifth year GSU has received the grant. The program will be directed by Professor Clinton Desmond.
GSU enjoys new conference center thanks to president

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The annual Board of Governors Universities reception in December served as the grand reopening for the conference center which was decorated with original art works by Professors Joyce Morishita, Jay Boersma, Paul Schranz and Mary Bookwalter.

The original house, owned by Irving Ruder, was enlarged by adding on the living room with its patio doors that look out on the swimming pool. In the late 1960s, the house was purchased by Lewis Manilow, son of Nathan Manilow who had developed the village of Park Forest and was beginning work on University Park, then known as Park Forest South.

"I walked with my land buyer and said this tract is a good piece, and then I walked in the back and saw the pool and the wonderful lake and said 'Buy it! Sign the papers tomorrow,'" Manilow recalls.

Later, when the farms around Manilow's property were purchased for Governors State, he donated the house and land to the state for GSU's use. GSU's first president, Dr. William Engbretson, lived in the house with his family, as did GSU's second president, Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, and his wife, Margaret.

Five seek political office

Five Governors State staff members are campaigning for political office in the April election.

Polly Bernd is seeking re-election as a village trustee, Dr. Robert Donaldson is running for the mayor of Hazel Crest, and Dr. Dominic Candeloro, Janice Schultz and Christine Cochrane are campaigning for township supervisor posts.

Bernd of the Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services is seeking her fourth term as a trustee of the village of University Park. She is completing her sixth year on the board and has previously served on the plan commission.

As chairperson of the finance committee, Bernd said her major campaign themes are economic development, building a strong liaison between the village and School District 201-U, and continuing to expand the village's housing market.

Dr. Donaldson is heading up the Active Citizen Team in Hazel Crest. He is completing a four-year term as trustee and vice-mayor. The professor of public administration was recently reappointed as a member of the Public Building Commission of Chicago, and has served on the board of High School District 228.

Dr. Donaldson's nonpartisan party has designed a five-year plan of economic development for the village. It points to the successes of the Waterford Retirement Center, the Palmer Lakes Industrial Park and new housing in the Village West area these past four years.

Dr. Candeloro, director of the Office of Conferences, Workshops/Weekend College, is campaigning for Bloom Township supervisor. He was nominated at the recent Democrat caucus to challenge the long-standing Republican office holders.

The township serves 100,000 people with a $2 million budget. The township stretches from 183rd Street on the north to 34th Street on the south, to Western Avenue on the west and the Illinois-Indiana State Line on the east. It encompasses all or part of Park Forest, Homewood, Olympia Fields, Glenwood, Ford Heights, Chicago Heights, Sauk Village, Steger and South Chicago Heights.

Schultz of the Personnel Office has filed as a Democrat in the Wilton Township supervisor's race. The Will County township covers a six-mile unincorporated area west of the village of Peotone. In 1988, Schultz lost in her bid for a township trustee's post by seven votes.

Cochrane, director of the Small Business Development Center at GSU, is seeking re-election for a second term as supervisor of Monee Township. From 1984 to 1988, the Democrat was a township trustee. Monee Township stretches from the Will County line on the north to Offner Road on the south, Harlem Avenue on the west and Western Avenue on the east.
Math program funded
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GSU will offer three, three-week workshops June 14 through July 1 for the training and retraining of 75 junior and senior high school math teachers. Teachers will select one of three areas, Desmond explained.

One section will offer teachers methods of reaching at-risk math students in geometry, concepts skills and teaching methodologies. The emphasis will be on hands-on instruction, he noted.

Another component will offer instruction in methods to better reach at-risk basic math, pre-algebra and algebra students by focusing on a broad range of secondary math content. Teachers will learn to diagnose the math level of students at-risk and design and implement an appropriate course of study.

The third strand of the summer program is considered to be a unique curriculum approach, Desmond said. It too will focus on at-risk students. Teachers will learn how to use higher order thinking skills, specifically application of math concepts and the use of calculators in problem solving, numeracy, prediction, estimation and probability in their instruction.

More than 25 private schools and public school systems from southern Cook, Kankakee, Will and Grundy counties have told Desmond they will have teachers participate in the program.

“This is going to be one of the best summer institutes we’ve had, given the topics, cooperation of the state in funding, and enthusiasm of school administrators and teachers,” Desmond noted.

Students offer opinions
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of government.

The broadcast returned to GSU about 20 minutes into the newscast when students were again asked for their reactions to the president’s proposals.

Between the two GSU presentations, students were given the opportunity to ask questions for videotaping that they wanted the president to address. Chacon said a Fox Network anchorperson would present these to President Clinton in the future.

More than 100 enroll in Adult Learning Program

A new group of learners will be on campus when The Adult Learning Exchange kicks off its peer learning program March 5 at Governors State University.

For eight weeks, this group of more than 100 adults will be taking Friday morning and afternoon classes sharing their knowledge on science, foreign affairs, the arts, the American Indian, comparative religions, English literature and American history.

The idea behind the program is to bring adults together as co-learners, each sharing their particular abilities and knowledge accumulated during their life, according to Marianne Switt, director of adult and community services at the Anita J. Stone Jewish Community Center.

Although the topic has been selected by volunteer facilitators, Switt stresses that each student will be a full participant and act as a discussion leader in the class.

Switt and others brought the Adult Learning Exchange idea to fruition thanks to the help of Dr. William Dodd, vice president of development and public affairs. The planning group used adult learning models from around the country, and was given great assistance by Northwestern University staff, Switt said.

Parker named Lincoln Laureate

This year’s Lincoln Laureate recipient is Elvis Parker, a full-time teacher and part-time student in the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree program at Governors State University.

The Lincoln Laureate Award, given by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, is intended to recognize, encourage and seek to further the outstanding contributions of Illinois citizens working for the betterment of humanity.

Electronics became Parker’s area of expertise while he served six years in the United States Air Force.

Today Parker is a full-time instructor at Career Development Institute in Chicago where he teaches computer electronics, computer repair and computer and business skills. He also teaches electronic engineering technology part-time at Taylor Business Institute in Chicago.

Parker is credited with helping the older students regain their self-esteem returning to school. His abilities relate to his students have made him an excellent teacher, and he has a high success rate in training competent electronic technicians.

Parker will receive a bachelor’s degree in April and begin the master’s program in Instructional and Training Technology at GSU.

GSUings...

...Dr. Maribeth Kasik presenting the workshop “Reasonable Accommodations for Higher Education Faculty According to the Americans with Disabilities Act” at South Suburban College in January...Dr. Robert Donaldson (CBPA), participating in a panel discussion on “After Harold: A Retrospective on Black Politics in Illinois” in February at Roosevelt University...Dr. Annie Lawrence (CHP), serving as site visitor for bacc-
Last of four experts will offer insights on GSU mission

“GSU: Its Challenges and Opportunities” will be the focus of the all-day visit of educational expert Dr. Patricia Graham March 18.

Dr. Graham is the last of four experts to visit GSU and offer insights on GSU’s mission and priorities.

She is serving as president of the Spencer Foundation, a philanthropic organization funding research whose outcome shows promise of contributing new knowledge, insight, or understanding to the ongoing venture of education...primarily in the social and behavioral sciences, according to its annual report.

The Spencer Foundation was organized in 1962 by Lyle M. Spencer, founder of Science Research Associates, one of the country’s leading publishers of educational tests, guidance programs and curriculum materials.

Dr. Graham is on leave from Harvard University during her term as president of the Spencer Foundation. At Harvard, she is the Charles Warren Professor of the History of American Education. She also is a former dean and vice president at Radcliffe Institute and a former dean of the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

Donnelly donates for Reading Recovery

The Reading Recovery consortia at Governors State has received a $5,000 gift for the R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. Contributions Committee.

The check was presented to the GSU Foundation. This is the second major gift the program has received this year. The GSU Alumni Association awarded the consortia $1,500.

Reading Recovery, developed in New Zealand, has been used by GSU-area school districts since 1990. Today dozens of school districts in an area stretching from Aurora south to Kankakee and east to the Illinois-Indiana border are part of the three Reading Recovery consortia led by Governors State.

The program’s objective is to get children at the bottom 20 percent in reading classes to be average readers through daily teacher intervention that includes reading, writing and speaking. The program is a reinforcement of the regular classroom reading program in which all students participate.

More than 300 children were helped during the first two years of the program.

"Education, particularly literacy, has long been a priority for our company," said Susan Levy, manager of community relations at R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. “Recently, we have directed more of our attention to early education. We appreciate the opportunity to be associated with this innovative program.”

Bobbie Sievering, a teacher leader for Reading Recovery, has trained dozens of teachers in Reading Recovery methods after regular school hours. They, in turn, have trained other teachers.

Because of the one-to-one teacher-pupil involvement, school districts have been putting additional resources into the intervention program. Schools also provide special reading and writing materials for the students.

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Dr. Arthur Bourgeois (CAS), sharing his views on “Masks That Terrify: Masks That Entertain” at the Chicago Center for African Art in the Harold Washington Library in February...Professor Mary Geis (CHP), being elected chairperson of the 33-member Advisory Council for the Suburban Area Agency on Aging in November 1992...Dr. Peggy Williams (CE), addressing teachers in Tulsa, Okla., and administrators in Oklahoma City, in January on the development of language arts textbooks, including the series she produced for Macmillan Publishing.
**Grapevine**

'Rape: Myth and Reality' will be topic of discussion

"Rape: The Myth and the Reality" will be the topic of a Tuesday, March 16, program in the Student Life Center given as part of GSU's "Women's History Month" celebration.

In the 7 to 10 p.m. program, participants will be given the opportunity to learn protective techniques, express opinions, gather information and connect with professionals. Topics of discussion will be the medical, legal, psychological and social issues of acquaintance and stranger rape. A question and answer period will follow.

This program is co-sponsored by the South Suburban District YWCA, GSU and its Student Life Advisory Council, Special Events Committee and the Student Development Division.

Award given for contribution to cultural diversity

The second annual Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action Awards program and banquet will be April 2 on campus.

A cash prize, underwritten by the GSU Foundation, is given to any unit or organization at GSU that has made significant contributions in enhancing cultural diversity and/or affirmative action on behalf of women, minorities or persons with disabilities. The prize money must be used to further equal opportunities and equal treatment for all at GSU. For additional information, contact Glen Abbott on extension 4132.

Guest speaker will be GSU alumna Georgia Ann Dorsey. The cost of the dinner program is $20. Checks should be made payable to the GSU Foundation and forwarded to Abbott by March 26.

Student art work on exhibit through March 17

The Student Art Show through March 17 will feature more than four dozen works in sculpture, drawing, printmaking, computer imagery, painting and photography. The works are on display in the Art Gallery on the first floor. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community invited to give input on GSU mission

The GSU community is invited to give its input on the proposed mission statement, and help develop the university's focus statement during two town meetings beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 17. Both meetings will be in the GSU Theatre.

Division of Student Life adds several new clubs

The Student Life Division has added several new student clubs to its roster, according to LaMonda Kidd, coordinator of student organizations and services.

The Green Group is working to enlighten and inform students of the steps they can take politically and personally to protect the environment. The Martin/Mandela/Malcolm Club is a reading club with an emphasis on the African-American Experience. The Latino Student Union was chartered this year. Its role is advocating for the needs and concerns of Latino students and enhancing cultural awareness for better academic and social experiences. Kidd said members of GSU's Circle K Club joined with the Harold Washington College chapter to feed the needy on Thanksgiving.

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**Cafeteria Menu**

(Week of March 8 to 12)

**Monday**—Turkey rice soup. Chicken fillet parmesan with spaghetti; turkey club melt sandwich.

**Tuesday**—Navy bean soup. Roast pork loin platter; Chicago-style hot dog.

**Wednesday**—Chicken vegetable soup. Baked potato with choice of toppings; Italian beef sandwich.

**Thursday**—Beef noodle soup. Chicken and spinach lasagna; Mushroom and Swissburger.

**Friday**—Cream of broccoli soup. Tuna noodle casserole; open face hot turkey sandwich.

(Week of March 15 to 19)

**Monday**—Turkey noodle soup. Beef pepper steak over rice; Italian sausage sandwich.

**Tuesday**—Chicken rice soup. Taco salad; grilled chicken fillet sandwich.

**Wednesday**—Potato chowder soup. Aloha vegetable loaf platter; hot beef and cheddar sandwich.

**Thursday**—Beef barley soup. Hot chicken salad; fish fillet sandwich.

**Friday**—Manhattan clam chowder. Fried perch platter; tuna melt.

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**Get Well Wishes**

To Gigi Brubaker (UL) who is recuperating from surgery. Get well wishes can be sent to her at 522 Barrington Ct., University Park, IL 60466.

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**Condolences**

To Richard Van Pelt (PPO) on the death of his brother, Robert, on Feb. 21.
Employee of the Month
Supervisor knows how to motivate staff

Many would say a good supervisor is a wonderful motivator. For GSU's cleaning staff, that special supervisor is Sam Steele.

The February "Employee of the Month" has been building service supervisor for more than a decade. He started at GSU as a part-time cleaning staff member after working in a steel foundry by day. But that part-time work became a full-time position when Steele was offered a supervisor's job. He was later promoted to foreman and then supervisor.

He's performed all the different cleaning tasks on all shifts, which is probably why he can relate so well to the needs of his staff.

"No matter how short of help Sam is, or how many calls he receives for cleaning requests, I can always count on his cheerful, helpful manner and willingness to get the job done," Ila Gallagher told the committee in her nomination. "Sam will make a special effort to help fellow Physical Plant Operations (PPO) staff in advising what cleaning procedures to use and in general is a helpful, conscientious employee."

As routine as cleaning the GSU buildings may be, there are "under pressure" occasions, such as commencement when hundreds of visitors come to GSU for the first time. Congratulations from a major figure are usually reserved for those in the upper ranks, but Steele received personal praise from Pearl Bailey, GSU's 1985 commencement speaker.

"She personally complimented Sam on the clean and attractive appearance of the building," Gallagher recalls.

Those were the days when GSU had cleaning personnel around the clock. Because of budget cuts, the staff has been reduced to 10 people working the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shifts. Many forget those 10 people clean Wagner House, the Central Stores/Print Shop building, the day care center, the information booth and the GSU building.

"There are many times when Sam will be called to do special cleaning in an area and he will do the work himself," Gallagher explains. "During his years of service at GSU, Sam has worked on Saturdays and Sundays, coming in to check on his crew, or running the machines himself.

"I can't count the number of times that Sam has been called at home to come in and oversee a special cleaning project. There have been times when he has been on vacation and he has come in," she adds.

Governors State has never been able to afford a training staff for its maintenance workers, but Steele has kept up with the latest products and innovations by attending seminars and programs given by distributors.

Steele says he recognizes how well his department works, and each Christmas season he gives his staff a party "because I like the way they work."

They will miss their supervisor when he retires Sept. 1, but Steele says "I've been here 16 years. It's time to go, while I'm still in good health."

"The Ford Heights resident says he will travel with his wife, Tavie, and spend more time with their six children and 11 grandchildren.

Alumni Association plans for 1993 phonathon

The GSU Alumni Association has set a goal of $85,000 for its 1993 Phonathon fundraiser March 14 through 30.

The alumni association kicked off its annual fund drive Feb. 1 by contacting the more than 17,000 alumni through a direct mail solicitation.

During the phonathon, volunteers will be calling GSU alumni across the country. Staff members willing to spend an evening as a fundraiser volunteer are asked to call the alumni relations office, on extension 4128.

The alumni association raises funds for a variety of projects, including a host of scholarships and faculty development grants awarded annually, as well as for the library. Additional projects include the Child Care Center on campus, tutors in the Center for Learning Assistance, and equipment and services for the differently abled.

"Once again, we turn to our graduates to seek funds for crucial projects which GSU simply cannot fund on its own. As state resources continue to shrink, this fund drive takes on even greater significance for the university," Burghardt explained. "We are confident that our graduates will respond generously during these especially challenging times."

The minimum contribution for membership is $20, although the alumni association accepts gifts in any amount. Donors have the option of specifying that their gift be designated for a particular account, such as faculty development, library purchases or scholarship funds.

Training sessions on HIV/AIDS offered for faculty

GSU faculty are invited to attend a training session on HIV/AIDS prevention at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 23.

The program will be presented by Dr. David Matteson of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, and Kelly McCarthy, outreach counselor in Student Development, with a presenter from the statewide higher education prevention project. The discussion sessions will help faculty introduce the issue in the classroom, and prepare to answer students' questions better.

Another session will be given at 9 a.m. March 23 at Joliet Junior College, and at 1:30 p.m. March 18 at South Suburban College.