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Happenings at GSU

2/9  “1001 Black Inventions” presented by Pin Points, noon, Sherman Music Recital Hall
2/11 Lincoln’s Birthday, Holiday
2/14 “Hooked on Love” Valentine’s Day comedy presentation by Pin Points, noon, Sherman Music Recital Hall

Politicians, pundits, consultants address ’94 election issues

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, retiring Congressman George Sangmeister, political consultant David Axelrod and others will take questions from students and guests Tuesday nights at GSU.

The special presentations are part of the “U.S. and Illinois Elections” class with Dr. Paul Green, professor of public administration. Himself a political pundit, Dr. Green has invited his political pals to share their expertise at 7:30 p.m.


This special course is co-hosted by WGN Radio in Chicago, Quaker Oats Association and the GSU Foundation, and tickets to the Chicago Bulls vs. Philadelphia 76ers game Jan. 17 courtesy of President Paula Wolff.

GSU’s social work program given national accreditation

The social work program at Governors State University has been awarded national accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education.

The accreditation recognizes the excellence of the GSU program, the outstanding successes of its graduates, and the positive relationship of the GSU program with agencies and support groups in the area.

GSU has offered a bachelor’s degree in social work since 1970 and has followed the council’s guidelines for the past 20 years, according to Dr. Sonya Monroe, program coordinator. The official accreditation reaffirms the program’s excellence.
International demonstration project leads way to new video technologies

An experimental compressed video project linking the United States and England was deemed a success by Dr. Mel Muchnik, professor of media communications at GSU.

Dr. Muchnik was the catalyst behind the international demonstration that linked American and British universities by digital video, using telephone fiber optic cables from end to end.

Governors State University has been in the forefront in its use of television in higher education, and it soon will have capabilities to move forward in the use of fiber optic transmissions through the South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium. The consortium video network will link the 12-member institutions with other sites in the State of Illinois Network, as well as nationally and internationally.

Compressed video converts conventional analog television signals to digital form and makes transmission possible by the use of special telephone lines. These lines are designed with much greater capacity than normal voice lines but considerably less capacity than would be required for regular wide-band television signals.

Dr. Muchnik traveled to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., to be part of the experiment that linked Dr. Anne Raymond Savage, associate vice president for academic affairs at Old Dominion, and him with leaders at Sheffield University in England.

After 30 minutes, Old Dominion and Sheffield Universities changed to lower data rates so they could be joined by representatives at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

“We've only begun to explore the potential for this technology,” Dr. Muchnik said, “but our definitions of campus and classroom are broadening considerably when you can move the walls back 2,000 miles.”

Social work degree recognized

A self-evaluation study, outcomes report and on-campus visits were all part of the review process. The social work division worked on the accreditation materials for two years and submitted more than 1,000 pages of program articulation, alumni and employer information, and professorial records. Upon acceptance of the written documentation, a team of professionals representing the Council on Social Work Education visited the GSU campus.

The program was evaluated on the knowledge it imparts and skills assessment, such as how well GSU students conduct interviews, counsel individuals and manage group discussions, and the program's long-term value to its graduates.

As part of the self-study process, the GSU Social Work Advisory Board did a thorough review of the program in relation to national standards. Dr. Monroe said the committee found GSU's program to be current because revisions are constantly made to the curriculum. “There are always new approaches to be incorporated,” she explained. For example, in the past several years, professors have added materials to the syllabi on cultural diversity, women, gay/lesbian relations and rural population needs.

The accreditation agency also wanted information on how successful GSU students are in the job market, their satisfaction with the program, and involvement in professional activities.

Dr. Monroe explained. “We include not only the social but also the psychological and environmental perspectives and how they affect people.”

The bachelor’s degree in social work includes instruction in social welfare policy and services, human behavior and the social environment, social work practice, research and evaluation, and 430 practicum-hours completed at hospitals, mental health centers, women's shelters, senior centers, drug and alcohol abuse treatment facilities, nursing homes and teen service centers.
Margaret Goodman-Malamuth

Margaret Pegelow Goodman-Malamuth, wife of retired Governors State University President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, died Jan. 2 at their home in California.

Mrs. Goodman-Malamuth, 72, was born in Minneapolis and raised in Bemidji, Minn., where she received a bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. She received a master's degree from Baylor University and completed graduate courses at the University of Michigan. She was a teacher in Minnesota before being named director of the Naha Air Force Base Education Center in Okinawa. It was there the couple met. They married in Tokyo in June 1954.

Dr. and Mrs. Goodman-Malamuth lived in southern California where he was a professor and administrator at California State University. Mrs. Goodman-Malamuth taught English at the college level.

The couple moved to Illinois when Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was appointed president of GSU in 1976. They lived on campus until his retirement in June 1993 when they returned to California.

Her request was that no memorial services be conducted. A private burial in Two Harbors, Minn., is planned.

Gifts in memory of Mrs. Goodman-Malamuth are being accepted for the Leo and Margaret Goodman-Malamuth Endowed Scholarship Fund and can be sent to the GSU Foundation.

Condolences can be sent to Dr. Goodman-Malamuth at 3151 Oak Grove Rd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

Gilow takes top GSU employee honors

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"Jeff has unfailingly provided 'service with a smile' throughout this past year. His willingness to patiently explain (and explain again) technical procedures and assist computer users with the move to E-Mail makes Jeff a frequently sought 'answer man'," John Streeter, an assistant in the Office of Alumni Relations, told the selection committee.

"Jeff is a thorough and patient instructor of the unknown factors of software," says Willa McLaren, a secretary in the Student Affairs and Services Office.

"Jeff spent hours working out a system so that I could use E-Mail from home when my work station was removed because of construction," explained Gary Fisk, director of communication services. "Jeff came in on Saturday to fix my computer when the system crashed. That goes beyond what you expect from someone."

"When one believes the world is near its end due to computer failure, Jeff is there to put the pieces back together," Judy Gustawson in Academic Advising told the committee.

"Simply stated, Jeff Gilow is always prompt, friendly, helpful and extremely competent; an exceptional employee and individual," according to Dr. Bruce Fischer, professor of management information systems.

Gilow came to GSU eight years ago as computer lab manager, supervising student workers and taking responsibility for the Academic Computer Services lab equipment. He was promoted into his current position.

A Park Forest resident, Gilow received a master's degree in business administration from Governors State University in 1992.
MLK guest stresses changes from 'inside'

More than two decades ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reminded Americans they had to recognize their problems were of their own making, they were not all brought on by others.

Dr. King's message was reiterated by Dr. Frank Thomas, pastor of New Faith Baptist Church, during Governors State’s Martin Luther King birthday celebration Jan. 20.

When we say “the enemy” we generally think of someone fighting us, but we need to look at the internal enemies that are defeating us, Thomas said as he outlined three major attitude problems for the GSU audience.

During a 1991 visit to Moscow, former Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev asked Thomas and other ministers what America would do without the Soviet Union and the threat of communism as its external enemies.

In reflection, Thomas says he had heard the same question asked by Dr. King nearly 25 years before. Too often society's rules and forces were looked at as the enemy, but Dr. King asked that Americans re-examine the internal forces as well.

“I'm not naive that I don't recognize... problem issues, but they forced us to look on the outside,” Thomas told the audience. “The Cold War is over, communism has collapsed, Jim Crow laws have ended. Even South Africa has accepted a recognition of blacks, but we still have our problems.

“How do we deal with the hate and violence on the inside?” he asked the crowd of more than 300. Hate and violence are so prevalent that we cannot escape their actions that are reported day after day on television. “...In frustration we want to turn it (crime) off, but we can't because the nightmare is real,”

Thomas asked that Americans begin a personal campaign of values, including three that he believes will begin to alleviate society of its ills.

First, Americans can emphasize their rights, but those rights must be balanced by responsibility. It is not enough to say “I've got my rights...” and believe society owes each of us something. In contrast, Thomas argued that we must return to sacrifices and hard work as a means to an end and building of character. We must rid ourselves of the “we want it fast and we want it now” attitude that only leads to excuses for failure.

Secondly, too often we confuse empathy and compassion, Thomas said. “Unmotivated people are invulnerable to insight,” he stressed. “I can talk ‘til I'm blue in the face, but if that person doesn't want to hear me, it doesn't matter how long I talk.”

You should show compassion for another person, but you cannot show an extreme amount of empathy, he believes, because you end up smothering the other person's pain and he never takes charge of his life. “…Leave them with the responsibility for their destiny.”

Thirdly, too many today choose hate and violence over love. We must return to love, the minister said. “We make the choice to love and hate based on our souls. Hate is an inside reality. If we make the choice to hate, we are distorted on the inside. Love is the key to ultimate reality. The choice is yours. You can get on the side of violence, or get on the side of love.

“Live these three principles out at home, in your neighborhood, your workplace and for yourself. Break your silence,” he added. “Speak and write about these three things and pass on these three things.

“We must join rights and responsibilities, have compassion over empathy and love over hate.”
Grapevine

Kasik takes leadership of GSU's professorial union

Dr. Maribeth Kasik (CE) has been elected president of the University Professionals of Illinois-GSU chapter in a December special election. The special election was called following the resignation of Dr. Jane Wells as union president because of her job status change. Dr. Wells had accepted the presidency in summer 1992 after the death of Dr. Peggy Williams.

Serving with Kasik are Dr. Larry Levinson (CAS) as vice president; Dr. Marsha Katz (CBPA) as treasurer; Diane Casey (UL) as secretary, and Dr. Akkanad Isaac (CBPA) as executive board representative.

House of Delegates and Board of Governors Universities contract convention representatives are Dr. Reino Halaka (CAS), Dr. Deborah Huntley (CE), Dr. Katz, Dr. Kjos, Dr. Levinson, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Jagan Lingamneni (CAS), Professor Charlie Olson (CBPA), Dr. David Parmenter (CBPA), Dr. Suzanne Prescott (CE), Sparks.

Phones ring in March for Alumni's '94 fundraiser

Make a date with the GSU Alumni Association in March for its annual phonathon fundraiser. Volunteers are needed for this major fund drive when alumni throughout the country are solicited for their support. The 1994 phonathon will be conducted for 17 days over a three-week period. The phones will be busy March 13 through 18, March 20 through 25 and March 27 through 31. To volunteer, call Ginni Burghardt at extension 5094.

Combined Appeal raises more than $8,400

Governors State University employee donations to the State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) campaign are more than $8,400. Kelly McCarthy, co-chair of this year's campaign, said most of the donations were made through payroll deduction. Donations were made to a variety of charities.

California earthquake can't stop computer links

The California earthquake left many families without communication lines. A friend visiting Dr. Suzanne Prescott was one mother who'd lost contact with her son. She was in a panic because her son lived just a block from the now-famous demolished apartment building in Norridge.

Phone calls from outside California were not being accepted, so Dr. Prescott used her computer to connect into America On-Line. Then she connected into the Internet system in California. A good Samaritan there read Dr. Prescott's computer message and agreed to contact the son by phone. His return computer message to Dr. Prescott was that the son was fine.

Cafeteria menu

(Week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 4)

Monday—Sausage/egg biscuit. Cream of chicken soup, chili; Polish sausage; beef stew over biscuit; fresh pasta and sauces; pizza.

Tuesday—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Garden vegetable soup, chili; Italian beef; pecan chicken, sweet potato, vegetable; wok items; pizza.

Wednesday—Ham/cheese omelet, toast. Potato chowder, chili; quarter pound cheeseburger; Quiche Lorraine, herbed bread, fresh fruit; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

Thursday—Egg, bacon, cheese on croissant. Beef barley soup, chili; tuna melt; cat fish, fries, coleslaw; grilled chicken, Caesar salad; pizza.

Friday—Continental breakfast. Crabby Swiss, chili; Monte Cristo; beef or chicken tacos; pizza.

(Week of Feb. 7 to 11)

Monday—Ham/cheese omelet with toast. Beef noodle soup, chili; Philly cheese steak sandwich; roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetable; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

Tuesday—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Chicken rice soup, chili; Maxwell Street-style Polish; baked mostaccioli, vegetable, garlic bread; the wokery; pizza.

Wednesday—Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, toast. Minestrone soup, chili; Italian chicken breast sandwich; turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

Thursday—French toast, bacon. Cream of broccoli soup, chili; fishwich and cheese; southern fried chicken, potatoes, vegetable; grilled chicken, Caesar salad; pizza.

Friday—University closed.
Employee of the Month

Bob Jensen wins kudos for GSU storeroom work

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Whether you want something as commonplace as a pencil or as elaborate as a computer, chances are Bob Jensen will be handling your order.

The January "Employee of the Month," a storekeeper at Central Stores, has been keeping Governors State well stocked for nearly 20 years.

Some may joke that Jensen is invisible, but that's only because he spends his time among the shelves of Central Stores which is in a remote location from GSU's main building.

But that doesn't mean that Jensen isn't highly thought of. Many new staff member or student worker, as well as the long-time ones, know Jensen as an authority on equipment and supplies.

"When supplies are needed fast, Bob goes out of his way to get them. And because Bob knows the items, when I'm in doubt he suggests the best item," Cheryl Carstens told the nominating committee. "He answers my questions in a helpful, kind way. He's helped me make the best supply choices and avoid ordering errors."

He has catalogs at his fingertips and codes memorized for many of the 700 items in stock. "Everything's numeric," Jensen explains, noting that the system assigns numbers for the stock, the account, the purchase order and the vendor. The final number is the dollar amount.

Jensen has always been a person responsible for stock. When he first came to GSU in September 1971 as a student in GSU's warehouse days, he worked under the direction of Dr. Ron Brubaker. Together they ordered equipment and supplies for the science labs, and Jensen was responsible for the paperwork.

Eventually Jensen was hired as a GSU employee and began his full-time employment in 1974. He is in charge of supplies, although he learned the other jobs at Central Stores as well.

Since the retirement of his two coworkers, Glen Claus and Ray Gayton, in spring 1993, Jensen has been juggling his time between ordering supplies, receiving and shipping deliveries, and maintaining stock.

Besides the bookkeeping and phone calls that are part of his job, Jensen is doing his best to keep abreast of the other work.

Anything that is ordered must first be delivered to Central Stores. The item is logged in, checked against the order form, and then delivered to the university's staff member or department by Bill Elliott.

Keeping up with all of that is no small task for just one person, and Jensen has had some pretty harried days. All in all, it's a job he's enjoyed these past two decades.

He laments about the changes at GSU, wishing some of the "innovative ideas" that brought him here were still in place. But he believes the university is fulfilling a need for the community.

In his off time, Jensen is addressed as Chief Jensen at the Glenview Naval Air Station where he is a career counselor. He has been a member of the Naval Reserve for 32 years following his discharge from the Navy in the early 1960s.

The Park Forest resident beams when he talks about his grandson, Joey, admitting he and his wife, Sharon, spoil the child of their daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Doug Fryfogle.

Lincoln's holiday celebrated Feb. 11

As state employees in the "Land of Lincoln," Governors State University marks the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president, on Friday, Feb. 11. All offices will be closed and classes are canceled.

GSU does not celebrate the national President's Day holiday.

Congratulations

To Dr. Shelly Kumar and his wife, Sangetta, on the birth of their daughter, Himani, Dec. 29.

To Professor Catherine Hanson (CHP) on her marriage to Lee Balthazar Jan. 8.
President accelerates 11 PQP projects

Nineteen ninety-two was the year PQP and PW arrived at GSU. Paula Wolff became president, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Priorities, Quality and Productivity (PQP) program was instituted throughout public universities in the state. Both came to forecast a new mission.

"GSU is now doing what the university should be doing, implementing a mission statement that prescribes the university's charge for the future," said President Wolff. "Right now, we are looking at where GSU should be five and 10 years from now. With the strategic planning process now underway, we are shaping GSU into a university equipped to meet the needs of its many constituencies in the 21st century."

As part of this process towards progress, President Wolff has asked units in the university to submit proposals indicating how they will change the way they do business in order to meet the university's priorities in the most productive way, promoting quality while doing it. The projects will compete for $5,000 bonuses for the unit. A subcommittee of the GSU Foundation will judge the proposals' quality and the results they achieve based on information submitted in December 1994, recapping the year's accomplishments.

"All of our efforts are aimed at making GSU a most student-friendly, student-useful institution incorporating our goals of academic excellence, diversity, technology, internationalization and service," said President Wolff. "We intend to provide maximum service and educational opportunity to our students and to all our regional neighbors."

Progress underway includes:

* Business Office — Implementation of an electronic requisition tracking system in support of the purchasing office to increase productivity and efficiency.

* Human Resources Office — Design an orientation program for all employees to offer information on the university, its history, organizational structure and employee benefits to familiarize them with university priorities.

* Department of Public Safety — Development of a "student patrol" to perform "non-police" functions, including escorts, general information services, facility safety patrol, crime prevention surveys and programs, and emergency notification services to expand the department's productivity.

* Physical Plant Operations — Installation of a comprehensive computer work order system that allows for tracking of maintenance schedules, inventory control, labor man-hours, E-Mail and energy monitoring to expand department productivity.

* Information Services — Development of an instructional lesson for Academic Computing Services student workers in the lab to increase quality and productivity in the lab.

* College of Health Professions — Development of a multi-faceted program, including work toward state and national accreditation for all CHP programs, retention and recruitment of students, development of continuing education opportunities for those working in health professions and working within CHP curricula for interdisciplinary program enhancement.

* College of Education — Strengthening of community/university liaison programs by arranging on-going partnerships with community agencies for psychology and counseling student internships, acceptance of doctoral candidates for GSU-site internships, continuation of the Teacher Induction Program for a second year, and development of a GSU-elementary schools partnership on uses of computers and phones for enhancing math and science instruction.

* Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts degree program — Development of software for computer-based instruction for the portfolio program enabling staff to reach a greater number of students, enhancing productivity and quality through technology.

* College of Business and Public Administration — Refinement of a specially-designed project, "The Learning Loop," that will identify and solve problems in the college and have staff and students implement improvements using W. Edwards Deming's "plan, do, check, act" cycle.

* College of Arts and Sciences — Publication of a newsletter, "NewsCASt," for continued contact with alumni and use as a recruitment tool. Also, improve the uses of Internet by faculty and expand the use of existing computer bulletin boards into a collegial-wide system.

Schiesher directs housekeeping staff

Peggy Schiesher is the new building service supervisor.

She is responsible for 12 building service workers who maintain the campus. One of those is a new night staff person responsible for cleaning the restrooms and emptying garbage. Schiesher of Chicago Heights came to GSU after working for Hyatt Hotels in Chicago, Virginia and New Jersey where she was responsible for front desk and housekeeping staffs.

She received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Palm Beach Atlantic College in Florida.

Enrichment workshops

Two "Professional Enrichment" programs will meet from 8:45 a.m. to noon in the Hall of Honors.

Professor Walter Perkins will outline the basics of public relations Feb. 15. Professor Michelle McMaster will offer insights into the art of job interviewing Feb. 22. To reserve your place, call extension 4108.
Gunther fund meets $5,000 target thanks to GSU friends, colleagues

An outpouring of support by the Governors State University community has pushed donations to the Peter Gunther Fund over the $6,000 mark.

Dr. Peter Gunther, professor of environmental science, underwent a second liver transplant in October. He has returned to work this trimester after a good prognosis from his doctors. After his first transplant in April 1990, Dr. Gunther’s family faced more than $17,000 in unpaid medical bills. His colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences hoped to avoid a similar situation this time, and asked Dr. William Dodd, director of the GSU Foundation, to establish a special fund. They set the goal at $5,000.

“We presented Peter with a check for $5,000 before the Christmas holidays, and donations are still coming in,” Dr. Dodd said. He recorded 114 donors making gifts of $5 to $250.

“I believe the remarkable success...is a tribute to Peter Gunther himself and the love the people in the community, his former students and colleagues have for him. It is also a tribute to the generosity of the GSU community,” he added.

Donations are still being accepted and can be made to the Peter Gunther Fund in care of the GSU Foundation.

CS employees ratify contract, raises

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 743 representing Civil Service employees has approved a two percent across the board salary increase retroactive to July 1.

Employees covered by the agreement also will receive a retroactive $30 per month adjustment to their base pay, a $200 one-time service recognition increase for staff hired before January 1, 1993, and a longevity increase of 3.3 percent for employees who have been in the same job classification for five, 10, 15 and 20 years. The increase takes effect on the employee’s anniversary date.

Members also agreed to create a union/management communications committee to help communicate reorganization and restructuring moves within the GSU organization.

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Board of Governors Universities trustees are expected to ratify the agreement.

Valentine flowers will benefit others

As the holiday of hearts and flowers nears, the Civil Service Senate asks you to join in their Valentine Day celebration on campus.

Show your appreciation, friendship and concern for others through the purchase of carnations. The special momentos will be distributed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.

Senate members will be selling the flowers as a benefit for the Civil Service Scholarship Fund. Because of low interest rates, the fund’s investment has not made a substantial amount of money the past year. Senate members hope to increase the fund so that scholarships can be available again.

Flower orders will be accepted through Wednesday, Feb. 9. Flowers are $1.50 each. For information, call Vince Donahue Jr. on extension 4848.