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Happenings at GSU

6/30 Block 3 classes begin.
7/4 4th of July holiday; GSU closed.
7/11 “Substitute Teaching Strategies” workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., GSU Extension Center at Orland Park Place mall.
7/15 “The Art and Science of Personality Assessment” workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., GSU Extension Center at Orland Park Place mall.

Muchnik addresses distance learning at Russian conference

Dr. Melvyn Muchnik will join with representatives from 20 countries at the First International Conference on Distance Education hosted by the Russian government.

The professor of media communications at GSU was invited to share his knowledge of distance learning as a presenter and keynote speaker for the meeting July 5 through 8 in Moscow.

Dr. Muchnik’s presentation will be “Evolving Communications Technologies, Access and Quality: The Governors State University Paradigm.” The professor also will co-chair one of the seven major sessions with V. Vasil’ev of Russia on “Distance Education: The Local Systems.”

Dr. Muchnik will continue his stay in the former Soviet Union as a guest of the Russian Association for International Education and the United States Information Agency, sharing his insights into distance learning with representatives from 20 countries.

Bax, Middleton recipients of Community Service Awards

By Marilyn Thomas

The volunteer efforts of GSU Professor Pamela Bax and GSU student Ada Middleton of Park Forest were honored by the GSU Foundation which presented the pair with Community Service Awards.

Professor Bax, a counselor in the Student Development office, was nominated by Professor Peggy Woodard. She was cited for her work on behalf of Chicago’s inner-city youth. Her $500 award from the foundation was given to the South Side Help Center, a non-profit youth intervention organization.

About four years ago, Bax was working at Chicago State University and took students from Chicago’s Roseland neighborhood on a field trip to Motorola corporate headquarters.

Spending time with the teenagers was an eye-opener for Bax who, upon her return, decided to begin working with them. She volunteered with the South Side Help Center counseling the students.

Bax wrote a grant for an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention for Teens (ADAPT) project which she initiated at Carver High School using a $3,400 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Bax wrote and designed the workshop curriculum for the Carver project as part of its Peer Intervention Program.

“My greatest joys are that these kids had the courage to get themselves up for school each day and be there every Friday for ADAPT,” Bax explains,

GSU wins national honors for ‘Dealing with Diversity’ teleclass

Governors State University received second place honors from the National University Continuing Education Association (NUCEA) for its teleclass “Dealing with Diversity.”

NUCEA is the largest association for continuing education in the country. “Dealing with Diversity” was judged against entries from throughout the United States.

The NUCEA’s Division of Educational Telecommunications presented the 1994 Credit Certificate of Special Commendation at its meeting this spring in Atlanta. The award recognizes Governors State’s Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services work producing the program.

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Bradberry selected director of GSU University Library

Dr. Richard Bradberry has been named director of the University Library at GSU.

In accepting the position, Bradberry leaves his assignment as associate dean and director of library services at William Paterson College in Wayne, N.J. He is expected to begin his GSU duties July 15.

"Dr. Bradberry is a welcome addition to our staff and will share his many talents with our library staff, students and community patrons," GSU President Paula Wolff said. "His experiences, having worked at both large and small college and university libraries, enable him to bring a wealth of experiences and perspectives to his GSU position."

Dr. Bradberry received a bachelor's degree from Alabama State University, a master's degree in library science from Atlanta University, and a doctorate from the University of Michigan.

He served as humanities librarian at Auburn University in Alabama from 1974 to 1976, as director of libraries and chairperson/Department of Library Sciences at Langston University in Oklahoma from 1976 to 1983, and was assistant library director for the Center for Afro-American and African Studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor from 1981 to 1982 during a leave from Langston University.

Dr. Bradberry served as director of the Learning Resources Center at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, from 1983 to 1984, and was director of the Trecker Library at the University of Connecticut in West Hartford from 1984 to 1989. He served as director of college libraries and an adjunct associate professor at Delaware State University in Dover from 1989 until 1992 when he accepted the position at William Paterson College.

Among his honors is serving as a delegate in 1991 to the Delaware Pre-White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and being the recipient of the Minority Doctoral Student Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Gitenstein Foundation Scholarship, and the Education Professions Development Act Fellowship while at Atlanta University.

He is a member of the American Library Association and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Library Administration and Management Association, the Library and Information Technology Association, and the American Association for Higher Education.

Teleclass wins award

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The Division of Nursing at Governors State University has been awarded a $27,526 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, according to Dr. Annie Lawrence, division chairperson.

Dr. Bradberry

HHS awards nursing students grant

The Division of Nursing at Governors State University has been awarded a $27,526 grant to help underwrite the expenses of graduate nursing students.

The award, given after a competitive application process, was presented to the Division of Nursing by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, according to Dr. Annie Lawrence, division chairperson.

This is the fourth year GSU has received the grant.

The grant enables GSU to assist students in the clinical nurse specialist or nurse education functional role areas for the coming academic year, so that these students continue and complete the master's degrees and join the ranks of professional nurses.
GSU Foundation recognizes two for caring efforts

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"and also that I could be a role model for them and develop a rapport with them as I try to prevent alcohol and drug abuse, and teen pregnancy."

This is a second volunteer recognition award for Bax. She received the 1994 Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Unwed Mothers of Illinois organization for her work in teen pregnancy prevention.

Middleton, who learned volunteerism from her mother who cared for the needy, began seeing that need herself when, in her early 20s, a car accident left her with a shattered pelvis. She was left immobilized for months. "That accident made me recognize my mortality," she reflects.

After marrying, having two sons and working to help put her husband through college, Middleton's marriage dissolved. In her 30s, the single mother suffered numerous health setbacks that had her in the hospital months at a time. She was forced to go on welfare and food stamps.

"My self-esteem took a real dip," she recalls. "I read something about reaching out to heal yourself, and that's when I started volunteering with the Red Cross. It really was part of my healing process. I came to realize that there were some people who were much worse off than me. And it made me realize there's so much more to life, and I am a person of value."

That philosophy, that every person is entitled to his or her dignity and basic courtesy, is what Middleton spreads, whether it's when she distributes food to the needy through the Chicago Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church project she helped organize, her prison ministry, Red Cross volunteer work or as an elderly advocate.

At GSU, the undergraduate serves on a variety of organizations, including the GSU Student Senate, the Advisory Committee for Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action, and as president of the Multicultural Enhancement Committee. She helped organize a recent celebration of Chinese culture on campus. She has also begun instructing teenagers on HIV/AIDS as a certified Red Cross AIDS instructor.

She was nominated for the award by Registrar Dora Hubbard, her mentor.

Middleton donated her $500 award to Family Rescue, a service agency providing care for women and children in the South Chicago neighborhood.

The GSU Foundation presented honorable mentions to Dr. Robert Donaldson (CBPA) and Dr. J.P. Davé (CE). Others nominated for the award were Dr. Peter Gunther (CAS), Dr. Larry Levinson (CAS), Dr. Michael Lewis (CE), Dr. Dale Max (CBPA), Dr. Suzanne Prescott (CE), Professor Paul Schranz (CAS), and Dr. Jordan Tsolakides (CBPA).

Dr. Leon Zalewski (CE), Charles Barnett (PPO), Janet Rohdenberg (UL), Robert Woodard (UPS) and student Diane Haynes.

GSU computer equipment assists police

Governors State University has donated four computers and five modems to south suburban police departments as part of a gang prevention program organized by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA).

The computers will help link Dixmoor, Ford Heights, Phoenix and Robbins Police Departments into a network of 40 south suburban police agencies sharing information on gangs, gang members and their offenses, according to Barbara Jackson, public safety program coordinator for SSMMA.

Computer on-line information for the Gang Relational Information Program (GRIP) is offered through the Cook County Sheriff Police in Maywood.

The GSU equipment was outdated for university use, but will prove valuable to the police departments, according to Chuck Nebes, coordinator of Information Systems.

Muchnik in Russia

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leaders in St. Petersburg, Russia; Minsk, Belarus; Tallin, Estonia; and Odessa, Ukraine.

These invitations follow work Dr. Muchnik did with Sheffield University in England in an experimental link between the U.S. and England in August 1993. The test project involved the use of digital video using telephone fiber-optic cables from end to end.

These international links are seen as a way of expanding the breadth and depth of GSU's curriculum. "It is envisioned that GSU faculty and students will become involved in electronic and personal exchanges with other countries, that curricula will be affected and that students and faculty will gain direct experiences in an increasingly interdependent world," Dr. Muchnik explained.

Governors State University has been on 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.
Community leaders join ranks of GSU Foundation board

The Governors State University Foundation Board recently elected 14 new members to three-year terms.

Joining the board are Arlene Avery Burke of Olympia Fields, a K-12 marketing representative for IBM/Quest; Sterling M. Burke of Olympia Fields, manager of human capital development for IBM working on the company’s Midwest area efforts on literacy and human capital development; David Carvalho of Flossmoor, special assistant to Cook County Board President Richard Phelan.

Doreen Crewe of Palos Park, a staff member with the Illinois Board of Education; Judge Henry X. Dietch of Park Forest, retired judge of the Cook County Circuit Court; Peter Flemister of Richton Park, a corporate attorney with Allied Tube & Conduit Corp. in Harvey; Diane Keller Kessler of Flossmoor, a former elementary school teacher known in the area for her volunteer efforts.

Stanley S. Lukas of Mokena, chief executive officer and board member for the Bank of Matteson and first vice president and director of Family Service Centers; Patrick J. Ormsby of Olympia Fields, president of BIMBA Manufacturing Co. of Monee.

Kathleen Field Orr of Flossmoor, an attorney specializing in municipal law and tax exempt financing matters; Billie J. Paige of Crete, a partner with Shea, Paige & Rogal, Inc., a lobbying and regulatory consultation group; Robert L. Solomon of Chicago, vice president of marketing and business development for Silliker Laboratories Group, Inc., in Chicago Heights.

Lester G. Sons of Homewood, executive editor and vice president of Star Newspapers based in Chicago Heights; and Dr. Churl-Soo Suk of Flossmoor, an orthopedic surgeon practicing at St. James Hospital Medical Center, South Suburban Hospital, Ingalls Hospital and St. Margaret-Mercy Medical Center.

The new members are sharing their expertise and interests with Foundation Board President Robert L. Wolf of Olympia Fields, Vice President of Operations Pamela Woodward of Frankfort, Vice President of Planning David R. Barr of Matteson, Secretary Ronald Bean of Olympia Fields, and Treasurer Gilbert J. Rynberk Jr. of Lansing and the 14 other board members.

“The directors and officers of the Governors State University Foundation are pleased to announce the election of these 14 new board members,” said Wolf. “They will bring important new perspectives to our deliberations, and will prove to be an enormous source of added energy for our many philanthropic activities.

“We are especially grateful to Dr. Paula Wolff, the university’s president, for her generous leadership and assistance in recruiting our new directors,” Wolf added.

German broadcaster visits TV studios

A German broadcaster was given a first-hand look at GSU’s television studios during a recent visit hosted by GSU Foundation Board member Patrick Rea. In his official capacity as vice president for public funds at 1st National Bank of Chicago, Rea was serving as Armand Humpel’s host in Chicago, but upon learning of Humpel’s background, he decided the visitor should learn about GSU’s programming and distance education techniques.

While on campus, Humpel was one of several foreign visitors on campus this spring.
Congratulations to our GSU staff graduates who were among the 1,123 students receiving degrees at the completion of the 1993-94 academic year.

Students Life Director Tom Dascenzo received a second GSU master's degree. This one was in political science. Beverly Hicks, who services us at the book store, received a bachelor's degree in psychology and is now in the master's program. Professor Nancy Shlaes of the University Library staff received a second master's in environmental biology.

Alice Cabriales in Financial Aid received a master's degree in communication studies. Rita Mannion in the Business Office and Marjorie Godowic in Enrollment Services received bachelor's degrees through the Board of Governors degree program.

Professor Lydia Morrow in the University Library and Paulette Stark of the College of Business and Public Administration staff received master of business administration (MBA) degrees. Job locator Joanne Sandberg received a master's in communication studies, and Tanja Murphy, a research associate in the College of Arts and Sciences dean's office, received a master's in sociology.

GSU's Dr. Isaac chairs BGU Council of Faculties

Dr. Akkanad Isaac (CBPA) was named the new chairperson of the Board of Governors Universities Council of Faculties. He will serve a one-year term working with professors from the five BGU institutions. The council meets once each month offering faculty input on issues before BGU trustees.

Also serving with him from GSU are Dr. Gene Wilson (CE) and Dr. Zam Malik (CBPA).

Burt Collins moves to the College of Education

The College of Education's Division of Psychology and Counseling is welcoming Burt Collins to its faculty. Collins, who was acting dean of Student Affairs and Services moves to his new job July 1. He is completing a doctorate at Loyola University of Chicago.

Legislature earmarks funds for early retirement

Governors State University will not be saddled with the full cost of early retirement. In a supplemental funding bill, the Illinois legislature agreed to provide GSU with $291,300 to help underwrite the $481,653 cost of retirement for six staff members. Western Illinois University and the BGU Cooperative Computer Center also received retirement aid. The funding was recommended by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Gov. Jim Edgar approved the measure.

In other business, the legislature is considering a recommended 4.2 percent increase for BGU universities.
Employee of the Month

Roberts' suggestion helps improve student access, employee workload

by Marilyn Thomas

"Why not allow students to use the latest technologies?" thought Jacqueline Roberts, an admissions and records officer.

Today her bright idea has assisted dozens of Governors State University students, and Roberts' colleagues in the Registrar's Office and the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment.

Roberts, the June "Employee of the Month," suggested students withdrawing from classes be allowed to mail or fax their withdrawal request forms to the Registrar's Office. Students had been required to come to campus, and sometimes Roberts said they were taking off work or making a special trip to campus to sign the withdrawal form.

"My suggestion was to make it easier for students," she said. "We like to marry the new technology to the students' benefit, just as we'd done with phone-in registration. What we were looking for was the (students') signature to release them from the course. The fax allows for that."

The project was tested in fall 1993, and the new policy was announced in the winter schedule. It got an immediate response from students who received advanced copies of the winter schedule and used the form for fall drops, Dottie Legge, Registrar's Office staff member, explained to the nominating committee.

"This is a major step forward in our continuing effort to make procedures easier for students to follow in their enrollment activities here at GSU," Legge explained.

"As supervisor of student credential evaluation for applicants for admission to GSU, Jackie puts service to students at the top of her priority list," she added.

Roberts came to GSU in January 1989 with a wealth of experience. She had been working in admissions offices since her college days at Northern Illinois University. She later moved to Ithaca, N.Y., and worked in the arts and sciences building at Cornell University. Her next move was to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was in the admissions office.

She returned to the Chicago area when her father died, and shortly afterward accepted a GSU position in the admissions office reviewing general education requirements. Since then, she has done credential evaluations, and foreign student applications. Roberts has acquired a wealth of knowledge which she readily shares with students and fellow staff members.

For now, the favorite part of her job is the international student admissions.

"Many of the foreign students have incredible stories. And they are excellent students who care about their course work," she said. Those applications I usually get to follow from their first letters of introduction until they are admitted and arrive on campus. I like having that kind of one-to-one contact with the students."

Roberts looks forward to the day when the university develops on-campus housing, especially for GSU's international students.

Roberts is a commuter to GSU. You may spot her walking along the prairie path from the Metra train station. The Chicago resident finds the commuting time very relaxing, and it is giving her the mother of three a chance to study as she works to complete her Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts degree.
GSUings

Dr. Paul Green (IPPA), speaking at a conference sponsored by the Institute for East-West Christian Studies at Wheaton College April 23 on “Economic and Political Realities in the New Russia and guest speaking for the 14th annual Landmarks Preservation Council conference in DeKalb...President Paula Wolff, serving as guest speaker for the League of Women Voters of Homewood-Flossmoor in April...Also being invited to be the guest speaker for Zahava-Deborah Hadassah in April...Dr. Harriet Gross (CAS), guest speaking on April 30 for the Chicago Area Friends of Families in Adoption and serving as a panelist in April for a meeting of the Illinois Volunteer Institute for East-West Christian Studies...Also being invited to be the guest speaker for Zahava-Deborah Hadassah in April...Dr. Donna Slemro (CAS), evaluating biology, chemistry and physics teacher education programs at Elmhurst College as part of a five-year accreditation review by the Illinois State Board of Education in April...Dick Burd and Larry Lewis, both of CELCS, attending the University Photographers Association Symposium June 7 through 9 at Blackhawk College in Moline...Dr. George Garrett (CE), serving as president of the Illinois Council of Professors of Education Administration for a one-year term and attending a spring meeting in May held in Springfield...Thomas Sauch (CELCS), attending a two-day workshop in May on new technologies available for networking...Professor Barbara Conant and Dr. Shannon Troy, both of UL, attending the Illinois State Library sponsored Cooperative Collection Management retreat on May 9 and 10 at Pere Marquette State Park...Professor Jane Andringa and Dr. Maribeth Kasik, both of CE, presenting to the Illinois teachers and officers from the Illinois Education Association on the topic “Higher Education and Special Education Co-Planning and Teaching” in April in Springfield...Dr. David Matteson (CE), conducting a one-day preconvention workshop on “Counseling Gay Teens” at the American Counseling Association convention in January 1995.

Garbage sort points to need for recycling efforts

On a day when the humidity was around 97 percent, and the temperature was nearing the same number, a hearty group of GSU staff and student volunteers were out on the loading dock sorting garbage.

The disgusting task was necessary as the university prepares for the year 2000 when it must reduce its waste stream by 40 percent. Wearing rubber gloves and covering their mouths and noses with masks, the volunteers spent nearly three hours picking through about 300 pounds of garbage collected from various areas in the university.

The decaying food was separated from the plates, the paper was segregated into white, colored, newspaper and computer stock, and the rest, well it fell into one of 24 categories according to Jeanne Becker of Becker Associates, the consulting firm working with the GSU recycling committee on the task of reducing GSU wastes.

Becker said GSU didn’t do badly this first go-round. Some waste isn’t recyclable, although she did notice that staff still is throwing away a considerable volume of computer and white paper, which is recyclable.

The university will soon institute an aluminum and glass recycling plan, which will reduce the volume of soda cans and juice and water bottles in garbage bins, according to Ila Gallagher, GSU Waste Management Committee chairperson.

A second garbage sort is planned for September, and the information from the two sorts will be used to help the GSU Waste Management Committee develop a waste generation report and proposed plan to be submitted to the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources (DENV) by

Volunteers spent hours sorting through 300 pounds of garbage to determine what can be recycled.

GSU received a $1,500 grant from DEIR to pay for the professional assistance and plan development. It also will begin an education and information program to increase the understanding of, promote support for, and encourage participation in the GSU recycling efforts.

The GSU Waste Management Committee was organized two years ago. Its first initiative was recycling white and recyclable paper, according to Dr. Karen D’Arcy, its first chairperson who continues to serve on the committee. Other committee members are Peggy Schiesher, supervisor of building service workers, Demetrious Woods, director of purchasing, and Tim Arr, director of the Business Office. Dr. James Alexander, vice president of administration and planning, oversees the committee.

Schiesher has ordered additional paper recycling bins. If you would like one for your office or a second one for your area, call her at extension 6361.
Mini-grants helping underwrite research

The work of 10 GSU professors is being underwritten with GSU mini-grant funding.

In selecting these projects, the review committee said they represented the diverse research interests of the faculty. Funding covers a period from July 1, 1994 through May 30, 1995. The faculty will submit a paper for publication and/or seek external funding for their projects at the end of the funding cycle. They also will present their research to the university community during a faculty forum.

Recipients are:

Dr. Paul Green (CBPA), for a pilot project that will replicate Profiles II for communities in the Northwest Municipal Conference.

Dr. Diane Kjos (CE) for a study on the implications of childhood incest on adult development in women.

Dr. Shelly Kumar (CAS) for his work on the isolation of oxidized fullerenes.

GSU officer follows, apprehends suspect

GSU Police Officer Karl Harrison has been commended for his work in assisting in the arrest of an alleged child abductor.

Harrison, leaving his stop at Wagner House May 15, heard a call from the Illinois State Police of a suspected car used in an abduction. Harrison spotted the car headed eastbound on Stukenel Road and followed the car through Richton Park and Park Forest.

Unfortunately, Harrison's radio failed, and he was forced to continue his efforts by relaying information through the GSU police dispatcher and telephone coordination. Park Forest police eventually assisted Harrison in making the stop and arrest.

"Due to (Harrison's) patience, careful planning and coordination of the best tactical scenario possible, the stop was quickly and professionally executed, with no violence or harm to either the child hostage or suspect," Department of Public Safety Chief Phil Orawiec explained.

Get Well Wishes

To Jackie Trubac (IS) who is recuperating from surgery. Cards can be sent to her at 460 Springfield St., Park Forest, IL 60466.

To Kathy Miller (IS) who is recuperating from surgery. Cards can be sent to her at 14828 San Francisco, Posen, IL 60469.

To Dr. Paul Green (CBPA) who is recuperating from surgery. Cards can be sent to him at 711 Bruce, Flossmoor, IL 60422.

Dr. Judith Lewis (CHP) for research on the culturally-competent addictions counselor; planning for a training manual.

Dr. David Matteson (CE) for his ongoing work on Asian-Americans at risk for AIDS.

Dr. Cheryl Mehta (CHP) for promotion of healthy parent-child relations with women in treatment for substance abuse.

Dr. Mel Muchnik (CAS) for a planning grant on utilizing technology to foster university internationalization.

Dr. Suzanne Prescott (CE) for work on a multicultural telecommunications network at O.T. Bright Elementary School in Chicago.

Dr. Yun-Yau Steve Shih (CAS) with Russell Schleyer doing work on a runtime recovery system.

Dr. Mary Washington (CBPA) for an examination of predictors of success potential in an introductory financial accounting course; the telecourse versus the traditional course.

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Minneapolis April 23...Dean Roger K. Oden (CAS), attending the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago April 15 and serving as discussant and panelist for two sessions...Dr. Annie Lawrence (CHP), guest speaking recently for a Chicago Public Health nurses' reception at the Palmer House... Peg Donohue (PROV) and Ann Bragg of the IBHE, speaking on "Statewide Articulation Initiatives" at the Holiday Inn in Matteson for a dinner meeting of the South Suburban Area Community College Trustees Association...Dr. Mary Howes (CBPA) attending a May board meeting for the New Cities Development Corp.

Published

Dr. Ginger Kosmoski (CE), a description of the "Beginning Administrators Project" in the Chief School Business Administrators Newsletter...Dr. Deborah Holdstein (CAS), "The Institutional Agenda, Collaboration, and Writing Assessment," published in Writing with New Directions in Collaborative Teaching, Research, and Learning, edited by Sally Barr Reagan, Thomas Fox and David Bleich, published by SUNY Albany Press...Dr. Shelly Kumar (CAS), a research paper, "Ozonolysis of Fullerenes," which he coauthored and presented at the Material Research Society meeting in Boston in Fall of 1993...Dr. Hugh Rank (CAS), an article on cliches originally published in English Journal and being reprinted in the American Journalism Review and the Quarterly Journal of Doublespeak...Professor Patricia Koutouzos (CAS), contributing to the article "English in Many Voices" in Inflections, the newsletter of the International Consortium of the National Council of Teachers of English, May, 1994.