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Happenings at GSU

GSU ARCHIVES

8/2, 4 Topics in Education: “Portfolio Assessment” workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at GSU.

8/4, 5, “Power Communication for Personal Effectiveness” workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at GSU.

Business programs win accreditation

The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) has granted full accreditation to all business programs offered through the College of Business and Public Administration at Governors State University.

GSU joins with 175 other institutions having programs sanctioned by the association. At GSU, the bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration, the bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting, and the bachelor's degree in business and technology have been recognized for their high standards.

Accreditation extends through 2002.

The voluntary efforts for accreditation on the part of Governors State included reviews by representatives of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs reviewing 26 standards, including the college's teaching by faculty, student learning assessment, student advising, activities related to faculty study, consulting and research, and the improvements for

GSU Alumni Association marks 20 years of making a difference

BY MARILYN THOMAS

The Governors State University Alumni Association is celebrating its 20th year by calling attention to its accomplishments and special services.

Organized as an association to serve the graduates and support the university, the GSU Alumni Association has assisted students through scholarships, supported faculty development, provided money for Child Care Center and University Library purchases, funded teaching materials, and underwritten numerous awards and special recognitions.

And the list goes on and on with special benefits for alumni association members as well, including a direct link to the Internet, reduced rates for the GSU Community Center, GSU-sponsored workshops and conferences, and library material loans.

“We say we're a helping association because we truly believe that's our mission,” explains GSU Alumni Association Board President Roger Addison. “We work for the betterment of all on campus through the contributions and efforts of those who have come before.”

The first major project the GSU Alumni Association undertook was what today is called Alumni Way, the well-used path that cuts through the campus prairie grass stretching from Stuenkel Road (University Parkway) around to the Child Care Center and storage barn.

Five students preparing for learning exchange in Mexico

Five Governors State University students will be studying in Mexico as part of the Illinois International Fellows program funded by the National Security Education Program.

Stacey Campbell of Harvey, Yvette J.Hill of Hazel Crest, Linda Garrett of Country Club Hills and Linda Rivera-Krabbe of South Chicago Heights, all business majors, and Sonya Jones of Park Forest, an education major, have been selected for this federally funded initiative.

The program gives minority and low-income students majoring in business and education, two disciplines traditionally underrepresented in international programs, opportunities to study abroad. The GSU students have selected a

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Three professors granted tenure by BGU board

Professor Lydia Morrow of Park Forest, Professor Nancy Chipman Shlaes of Homewood, and Dr. Kong-Cheng "K.C." Wong of Richton Park were granted tenure at the Board of Governors Universities May meeting.

Tenure is based on the professor's teaching, student evaluations, service to the university and/or community, education and research.

Professor Morrow is a serials librarian in the University Library at GSU where she is responsible for department monitoring and planning, managing an estimated 1,800 active periodical titles, acts as the library liaison for the marketing faculty, reviews CD-ROM and on-line database searches, and assists staff in the Cataloging and Technical Services departments.

She joined the staff in April 1989 after having served as serials supervisor at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, and a field experience with S.C. Johnson & Son Inc. in Racine, Wis. where she did technical and business information center work.

Professor Morrow has a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, a master's in library science from Rosary College in River Forest, and a master of science in environmental biology from Governors State University.

Professor Shlaes received a bachelor's degree in physiology from the University of Illinois-Urbana, a master of arts in library and information science from Rosary College in River Forest, and a master of science in chemical literature and instructs groups and individuals on library use.

The librarian has been on staff since 1989. She previously had been a medical librarian for the Alumni Memorial Library at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Chicago, and a reference librarian at the Learning Resource Center of Oakton Community College.

Professor Shlaes is a professor of library science in the University Library. She provides reference services to faculty, students, staff and community members, coordinates on-line and CD-ROM services, coordinates collection development for teaching faculty in communication disorders, nursing and sciences, and teaches course material in chemical literature and instructs groups and individuals on library use.

The association sanctions programs offered primarily by colleges and universities other than research institutions, he said.

"We are delighted to be included among this prestigious group," said Dr. Esthel Allen, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at GSU. "We are confident of the high standards we set for ourselves and our students. We are honored that this prominent international association also recognizes the work we are doing."
Dr. Mejta named to state women's treatment panel

Dr. Cheryl Mejta has been appointed to the Committee on Women's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment, a newly organized committee of the Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency.

Dr. Mejta is a professor of alcoholism sciences, and project director for the Illinois Addiction Training Center (ATC) based at Governors State University.

"I'm sure that your experience and expertise will be of great value to the Women's Committee, the Advisory Council and the Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA)," said Judge Michael B. Getty, of the Cook County Circuit Court and chairperson of the Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency.

The Illinois Addiction Training Center is an umbrella program based at Governors State. GSU is working in partnership with DASA, Cook County Hospital and three private Chicago-based agencies — Interventions, Inc., Treatment Alternatives for Special Clients and the Center for Family Health — to develop and deliver degree programs, professional development sequences and continuing education courses in addictions.

The project is underwritten with a five-year $2.13 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Mejta has been a professor at GSU since 1985. Before coming to GSU, she was director of Interventions/Crossroads, a research associate with the Drug Abuse Rehabilitation Program of the University of Chicago, and an assistant psychologist for Goodwill Rehabilitation Center.

Elzer wins Army Spirit of Nursing Award

Governors State University graduate Ruth Elzer received the Spirit of Nursing Award from the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

It is the most prestigious award given to a nursing student, according to Sergeant First Class David Ryan, Army Nurse Corps recruiter.

Elzer, who received a bachelor's degree in nursing from GSU in December 1994, was selected by the nursing faculty for her academic abilities, leadership and community service.

The Manhattan resident is on staff in the cardiovascular surgery unit at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

Alumni make a difference at GSU

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"That walk cut 1.2 miles off the trip from the Metra train station to campus," Ginni Burghardt, director of the GSU Alumni Association, points out.

Over the years, the alumni association has continued to leave its mark on the campus. In the mid-1970s, it donated $20,000 from its first major fund drive for trees and shrubs in a campus beautification effort.

With each annual fund, greater resources have allowed the association to undertake ambitious projects such as purchasing the satellite uplink to enable telecommunication to originate from campus, buying equipment for the academic computer lab, underwriting the GSU-Community Chorale concerts, purchasing materials for the library, and on and on. The number of scholarships awarded has more than tripled in the last 20 years.

"The alumni association has made a real difference for us," said Geri Dalton, director of the Child Care Center. "They have worked with us year after year. Without the alumni association we wouldn't have the outdoor play equipment, the playhouse, and more. This year we got more than $1,900 for curriculum materials."

And the alumni association also assists the colleges with special needs. For example, the past several years, the alumni association has helped underwrite the College of Education's Reading Recovery Project, a training program that prepares teachers to work with at-risk first grade readers to bring their reading levels up. Its dollars have helped underwrite the "Student Teacher of the Year" awards banquet.

The alumni association is providing start-up money for the College of Education's Academy for Development and Learning, and faculty are grateful for awards covering travel expenses to national meetings where they present their research and learn from colleagues across the country.

"Without the support of the GSU Alumni Association, we wouldn't be able to accomplish many of the special projects we want to do as faculty and as a college," said Dr. Leon Zalewski, dean of the College of Education. "We thank all alumni for their donations. They've made a difference for all of us."
Teachers turn golfers to plot new math, science courses

by Marilyn Thomas

Golf pro Greg Norman may not think about calculus when he's out on the green, but teachers in the Summer Math/Science Institute at Governors State University have been plotting more than a way to stay out of the golf course sand traps this summer.

In a special unit designed for practical applications of mathematics and science used in golfing, Crete-Monee High School teachers Lynda Barrara and Geoffrey J. Lewis, both of Flossmoor, Kathleen Hickey of Chicago Heights and James Schreiner of Peotone developed strategies in geometry, trigonometry, calculus and physics that will give students an opportunity to apply math and science to a situation that is relevant to the real-world experience.

The teachers incorporated measurement, conversion, predicting and estimating, Newton’s law of motion, recording and analyzing data, and the use of angles, velocity and distance on the driving range, and later for a theoretical game of golf using a graphing calculator.

“The purpose of this lesson is to provide an experience for the student, using the basic skills of golf, including what clubs you use for distance, velocity and height, and how to plot the distance,” explained Hickey.

For example, a student may hit with any club but they will learn that a ball hit with a club with a large face angle will travel higher but not as far as a club with a smaller angle.

The lesson also allows students to design on a calculator their own golf course, giving them the chance to set distances from the tee to the hole, the par score and course hazards.

Other institute participants were Judy Minarich of Shorewood and Suzanne McCarthy of Minooka, teachers at Channahon Junior High, Sheila Bowen and Lynette Bivens both of Park Forest and teachers at Brooks Junior High School in Harvey; Archie Boyce of Orland Hills and Anita Cantwell of Frankfort, teachers at Huth Middle School in Matteson; Judy Gillespie of Dwight and Leslie H. Gingrich of Herscher, teachers at Herscher High.

Donna Nagel and Nadine Spear, both of Orland Park, Patricia Stuart of Oak Lawn and Sharon White of Tinley Park, teachers at Grissom Junior High in Tinley Park, and Betsy Mailhiot of Country Club Hills and Edward Silagyi of Blue Island, teachers at Rickover Junior High in Sauk Village.
Grapevine

Special Olympics Torch Run surpasses $50,000 goal

Special thanks to all who contributed to the annual Torch Run Special Olympics Law Enforcement run. According to Officer Debra Boyd (DPS), contributors for Leg 9 helped raise $50,000-plus for the annual Special Olympics competitions for mentally handicapped children. This is the fourth year in a row Leg 9 was the top fundraiser of 16 legs in the state. Leg 9 covers police departments from the south suburbs from the State Line to Orland Park, and from Riverdale to Kankakee, and representatives from the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the FBI, Oak Forest Hospital, South Suburban College and GSU police. Boyd helped reshape Leg 9’s routes, itinerary and mailing list as an internship project for her master’s degree in communication studies. She interviewed officers from 38 police departments, developed fundraising techniques and changed the routes for the relay that passes the Olympic flame torch between departments. In two days, officers and volunteers cover 140 miles.

Dr. Wilkinson assists with “Books for the Bloc” drive

Dr. William Wilkinson in the College of Business and Public Administration joined forces with other business and professional leaders for a book drive for Poland.

The drive, sponsored by Chicago’s American Marketing Association, netted more than 4,000 marketing and business books and established the first business library in Poland. The collection is at the University of Warsaw and will be available to business people, faculty and students.

Dr. Wilkinson was among the faculty members who worked on the 24-month “Books for the Bloc” in the Chicago area. Other American Marketing Association chapters are helping establish similar libraries in Prague, Bratislava, St. Petersburg, Bucharest, Budapest, Moscow, Kiev, Sophia and Belgrade.

‘Employee of the Month’ nominations sought

Do you know someone special at GSU who deserves recognition for his/her efforts? Nominate that Civil Service worker for the “Employee of the Month” award. Besides the special recognition, the employee also receives a $100 cash award underwritten by the GSU Alumni Association, and the use of a parking space at the C-entrance. The Employees of the Month also are the nominees for the “Employee of the Year” award.

Nomination forms are available throughout the GSU building, or by calling Willette Shambley in the Human Resources Office at extension 4108.

UPI-BGU agree to 4.3 percent salary increases

The University Professionals of Illinois and Board of Governors Universities trustees approved a 4.3 percent salary increase. Faculty are expected to begin receiving the increase in September. The agreement includes 3.3 percent basic salary increases and an additional 1 percent for campus specific negotiations. UPI has already agreed to commit .2 percent of that 1 percent increase to minimum promotion/faculty development/faculty excellence increases. The remaining .8 percent spending is being negotiated.

Pairs get new perspective from job exchanges

The Office of Human Resources is working on its second set of job exchanges after a successful first round of the Job Exchange Program this spring, according to Kimberly Sharp, training and development coordinator.

The program is designed to give civil service staff and administrators the chance to “walk in each others shoes” and develop an appreciation and understanding of the other’s job, Sharp explained.

In the first exchanges, Brenda Chapman (CAS), word processor, spent the day with Peggy Woodard, director of Student Development, and Vince Donahue Jr. (IS), telecommunications manager, worked alongside Fran Lindsay, director of human resources.

Feedback has been positive, Sharp noted. Participants suggested to Sharp that the program be implemented university-wide.

Correction

The Pay for Performance story in the June issue of F.Y.I. did not specify that non-exempt Civil Service employees not covered by a union contract also will be part of the pay for performance program.

Also, should employees not get a 1 to 7 percent merit increase but rather time off in recognition of their service, the days due will be classified “meritorious service days” and not counted as vacation time.

Condolences

To Professor Jay Boersma (CAS) on the death of his father, John, June 28 in Ft. Meyers, Fla.
Employee of the Month

Phone, voice mail functions ring up kudos for Donahue

by Marilyn Thomas

“My job is on everyone’s desk,” says Vince Donahue Jr. pointing to the telephone.

He’s not only the person responsible for phone operations, but some mornings he is the first person you listen to on your phone as he repeats the “GSU News” announcements.

While many address Donahue as “the phone guy,” the July “Employee of the Month’s” work title at Governors State is telecommunications manager. His primary responsibilities focus on the voice phone system, including the 1,000 extensions on campus and the 600 telephones.

We take the phone system for granted these days. But even when the phones are working, Donahue’s duties aren’t light. He often finds himself working to correct phone problems, switch extensions, change software programming and more.

For example, when staff moves to the new front entrance, Donahue will be coordinating efforts between GSU’s electricians and the Fujitsu Phone Systems representative. “Sometimes it gets tricky when you move phone locations because the software data has to be changed to program extensions to new offices and new set-ups,” Donahue explains.

“His dedication and understanding are an essential part of our relationship. In my current dealings, his input has been fantastic,” Scott Goodloe, field engineer for Fujitsu, told the nominating committee.

“What I do is I provide the switch service (PBX and voice mail) and deal with getting things hooked up,” Goodloe said. At that point, Donahue represents GSU as Goodloe’s customer.

“He has an excellent handle on his job. The thing that I like about working with him as a customer is he is a person that has consummate knowledge where I can explain things and he understands it, and he’s easy to work with,” he noted.

“I typically don’t run in to people willing to learn how to have the systems better work for them,” Goodloe said, “and Vince does take that time. He takes a more active stance for that, and so when I get information from him to troubleshoot, he researches and knows the problem, and that helps me get through my work better.”

Donahue brings a wealth of experience to the job, which makes it easier. He has been working phones for years now after being a computer programmer. He got into the business of phones when he was telecommunications project manager at Trans Union Credit Information Co. in Chicago. He went through a training program and then was put in charge of various telecommunications projects for the 16 credit unions under the company’s umbrella.

Donahue’s been setting up and maintaining phone systems ever since. He was a senior telecommunications analyst for Waste Management of Oak Brook, a projects consultant for Benton, Schneider and Associates Consultants in Lisle, a telecommunications projects manager for the State of Illinois’ Central Management Services where he helped set up the phone system for the newly opened State of Illinois Building, and as a private consultant.

In 1991, when funding was approved to switch GSU’s rotary dial phones to today’s touch-tone system, Donahue worked under contract for Governors State coordinating with Fujitsu the data gathering and software program needs for the new phone system. When Donahue was hired as the telecommunications manager in March 1992, he immediately went to work assisting Fujitsu staff with their installation needs.

Donahue also is the supervisor for the four GSU operators and monitors their services and equipment, and he is part of a four-member on-site team for the South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium working on the distance education class-

Applications due for CS scholarship

The deadline is Aug. 15 for applications for the fall trimester Civil Service Scholarship.

The scholarship is given each trimester to an employee, employee’s child or spouse pursuing a college degree.

Applicants pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees must already be admitted for at least half-time study at an accredited college or university, and maintain a grade point average equivalent to a “C” or above.

Scholarship applications are available from the Human Resources Office, or from Marilyn Thomas, scholarship committee chairperson, on extension 6366.

Congratulations

To Chris (Tolbertt) O’Brien (BO) on her marriage to Robert O’Brien July 3.
Conference brings out best of student research projects

Topics from broadcast propaganda of the 1940s and 1950s to new computer software for chemistry were discussed at the 1st annual Governors State University Student Research Conference May 26.

Projects by 24 students were part of the daylong program that included short presentations by many of the students, as well as poster presentations. Guest speaker at the afternoon luncheon was Dr. J.D. Trout, associate professor of philosophy at Loyola University of Chicago.

"Research conferences are valuable vehicles for the exchange of ideas and information, and for the renewing excitement about being involved in research," said GSU President Paula Wolff. "This conference in particular provides an opportunity to students to come together and present their research work to an audience of faculty and peers. This event is a tribute to our students searching for excellence."

Dr. Shelly Kumar (CAS) organized the university-wide program as an outgrowth of Board of Governors Universities research conferences for science majors.

"It was designed to be like a professional conference, although these presentations were all by students," Dr. Kumar explained. "I heard afterward from several students who found the forum helpful because they had never presented at a public gathering before."

Student researchers and their topics included Mary Budzinski, health administration major, "Cost Comparison: Analysis of In-Patient vs. Home Health Care;" Rhonda Hart, English major, "The Sylllogism and its Applications;" Dana R. Shafer, analytical chemistry, with Dr. Kumar, "Simulated Qualitative Organic Analysis Software."


Justin Brand, English major, "Plato's Rhetorical Truth: Revising the Gorgias and the Phaedrus;" Shaogang B ian and Xiangyun Wang, computer science, "Image Data Compression;" George Kassal, art, "Alternate Perceptions."


The 1st annual GSU Research Conference was underwritten by the Provost's Office. Dr. Kumar worked on developing the program for more than three months with assistance from faculty sponsors Drs. Arthur Bourgeois (CAS), Michael Dimitroff (CE), Mercedes Graf (CE), Susanne Hildebrand (CHP), Mary Howes (CBPA), Akkanad Isaac (CBPA), Ed Miller (CAS), Gregory Moehring (CAS), Soon-Ok Park (CAS), Shengsheng Zhao (CAS) and Professors Donna Gellatly (CHP), Eli Segal (CAS) and Paul Schranz (CAS).

Conference moderators were Drs. Larry Levinson (CAS), Carolyn Fraser (CHP), Linda Buyer (CE) and Akkanad Isaac (CBPA).

Collaborative efforts will bring positive change to GSU

Changes are possible if all at Governors State University work together, Provost Wayne Hamilton concluded after a daylong discussion of chaotic organizations.

Guest speaker Dr. Barbara Mossberg, senior fellow of the American Council on Education, gave the audience various ideas of change through chaos during a morning presentation.

"Dynamic, diversity and change can be defining features of culture," she stressed. "To people looking from the outside at the United States, it looks completely like a hodge-podge, but to us they (America's groups, races, ideas) all belong."

The same is true in nature where "change can happen simultaneously in the same space, but at individual rates," she explained.

Dr. Mossberg asked participants to think about Governors State remembering that disorder moves to stability. Chaos does have structure, she explained. "We think chaos is unusual business. We have images of how things should be, but we learned that order — that things are in a predictable fashion — is moving into disorder. Disorder moves to stability and then becomes unstable again," she said.

At GSU, Dr. Mossberg asked staff to think about the organization and how each person collaborates, directly or indirectly with others.

While participants agreed that they were working with each other and for the students, many wondered how they could affect change. The bureaucracy often prohibits staff from bringing about change, rather than encouraging it, they told Dr. Hamilton.

Audience suggestions for team teaching, joint course offerings and university-wide retreats were brought to the floor as means of fostering a collaborative working environment. GSU, participants said, needs to work more in unison rather than separate parts.
Teens get workplace experience with print shop, central stores

Curtis Prince and Joel Mack have come to love their jobs at Governors State.
And their supervisors in the University Print Shop (UPS) and Central Stores (CS) are appreciating them as well.

Joel has been working with the print shop staff collating, stapling and sorting jobs. Curtis has been helping the Central Stores staff with deliveries on campus.

The two are working through the South Metropolitan Association (SMA) Transitional Employment Opportunities Developmental Program for special education students.

At Sisk’s suggestion, she worked through the GSU Business Office placing the two in the campus jobs. The results, she said, have been tremendous. “It really has worked out. Everyone loves them, and their self-esteem has increased. They feel like real people doing real work in lieu of sheltered workshops,” Brown noted.

“I applaud the people at Governors State,” Brown said. “Their efforts will improve the lives of these SMA students. We’re hoping for a continuous cycle of special education student placements on campus.”

Published

Professor Lydia Morrow (UL), an article on “The Duplicate Exchange Union: Is It Still Viable?” in Technical Services Quarterly, Vol 12(1) 1994...

Dr. Linda Buyer (CE), an article with D. Chris Anderson titled “Is Imagery a Functional Component of the ‘Bizarre Imagery’ Phenomenon?” in The American Journal of Psychology summer 1994 edition...


Cafeterteria menu

Daily — Pizza, baked potato bar.
(Week of July 31-Aug. 4)

Monday — Eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast. Beef noodle soup, chili; BBQ beef sandwich, fries or soup; baked chicken, potatoes, vegetable, roll; fresh pasta.

Tuesday — Ham and cheese omelet, toast. Chicken rice soup, chili; grilled Reuben sandwich, fries or soup; chicken teriyaki, rice, roll; grilled chicken, Caesar salad.

Wednesday — Ham, egg and cheese on croissant. Vegetable soup, chili; Hoagie steak and onions, fries or soup; Swiss steak, noodles, vegetable, roll; wokery.

Thursday — Pancakes, bacon or sausage. Cream of broccoli soup, chili; chicken patty, fries or soup; meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll; fruit plate, yoghurt, banana bread.

Friday — Cheese omelet, hash browns and toast. New England clam chowder soup, chili; beef or chicken tacos; fish dinner, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, roll.
(Week of Aug. 7-11)

Monday — Ham and cheese on croissant with hash browns. Vegetable soup; Philly steak with fries or soup; roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll; turkey cacciatore.

Tuesday — Eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast. Chicken confetti soup, chili; Italian submarine with fries or soup; chicken breast, rice pilaf, vegetable; wokery.

Wednesday — Pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage. Minestrone soup, chili; cold turkey on French roll, fries or soup; baked mostaccioli, vegetable, roll; grilled chicken, Caesar salad, breadstick.

Thursday — Pancakes, bacon or sausage. Cream of mushroom soup, chili; BLT sandwich, fries or soup; beef stew over biscuits; salads, taco salad.

Friday — Ham and cheese omelet with toast, hash browns. Crabby Swiss soup, chili; French dip sandwich, fries or soup; fish dinner, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, roll.