Happenings at GSU

Nov. 6 Registration for the Winter 1996 Trimester opens. Continues through Jan. 22.
Nov. 9 “Festival of Lights” Indian Diwali celebration, noon to 8 p.m., Hall of Governors.
Nov. 10 “Developing and Implementing a Telecommunications Policy” workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on campus.
Nov. 17 “Creative Responses to Managed Care,” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on campus.
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving holiday break.
Nov. 24 GSU enrollment jumps eighth consecutive time

Student enrollment at Governors State University set an all-time high with a 6.4 percent increase this fall trimester over fall 1994 enrollments, and an 18.3 percent increase since the fall 1992 trimester. Enrollment is now 6,073 students, up from 5,708 students in the Fall 1994 Trimester. This is the eighth consecutive trimester GSU has registered enrollment increases.

Students at GSU will earn 38,255 credit hours this fall trimester compared with 36,674 credits in fall 1994, a 4.3 percent increase reflecting a new all-time high in the number of credit hours taken by students in a single term.

On average, undergraduate students are taking eight credit hours, and graduates five credit hours.

New board of trustees will set GSU course for 21st century

The new board of trustees for Governors State University will be asked to chart the institution's future into the 21st century.

The appointments were announced Oct. 23, by Governor Jim Edgar. They are effective Jan. 1, 1996.

The newly appointed trustees are Maria D'Amezcua, 51, of Chicago, a broker with D'Amezcua & Associates; Kristi DeLaurentiis, 36, of Homewood, community leader and director of special projects for the Cook County Republican Central Committee and GSU alumna; Bruce Friefield, 47, of Mokena, executive counsel and chief assistant for administration and policy for Will County;
GSU training services help DCFS

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with family members, but due to federal funding regulations, found that relatives also need training. After completing the course, and meeting all additional licensing requirements, the relative care giver is licensed.

Paris is organizing an average of eight training sessions a month for approximately 65 people per class, with a few classes of between 90 and 150 participants. To date, 120 sessions have been scheduled.

DCFS also asked GSU staff to organize a “Child Endangerment Risk Assessment Protocol Training” project. Illinois law now requires certification training for all DCFS and private agency subcontractor staff who do safety risk assessments of children.

GSU expects 5,000 people to go through these sessions which include not only written materials but a video presentation by experts sent via satellite to 15 sites across the state from the GSU television studios.

After staff is trained, they must take a certification test. The 5,000 tests are scanned at the Cooperative Computer Center (CCC) at GSU. Tom Parillo assisted in writing the CCC test scanning computer program.

To date, eight video trainings of between 100 and 200 caseworkers per site have been added to the project.

DCFS came to GSU because of the university’s outstanding reputation for teleconferencing, and its continued ranking by state employees as a premier institution to work with on special projects, Paris explained.

GSU’s Communication Services assisted with satellite presentations from its studios, and videotaped programs as back-up in the event the teleconferencing equipment at locations across Illinois failed.

Phone lines were added to keep up with the 10,000 weekly calls; additional computer equipment became critical. Even the electrical wiring had to be altered to meet the demand for power.

And then there’s the Xeroxing by the University Print Shop staff of 6.15 tons of training manuals and reports which, of course, had to be boxed and mailed. Each of the 259 training sites across the state received two 40-pound boxes of training materials.

The business office processed 13,000 travel reimbursements, 8,000 child care vouchers and thousands of hotel contracts.

Paris also is reminded of the letter stuffing and other miscellaneous work that is involved in the process.

“If the final report were only to include participant lists and attendance data, it would exceed 400 pages,” he said. “The final bill will weigh more than 80 pounds based on the travel voucher documentation alone.

“This was the biggest training undertaking in such a short period of time,” he noted, “and it wouldn’t have gotten done without these wonderful people. I not only applaud my staff, but the other units that stepped in to help us,” Paris added. “Being able to complete this project holds up GSU’s reputation as ‘the best’.”

GSU insert Nov. 12

A special eight-page tabloid in the Nov. 12 edition of The Star and Daily Southtown Newspapers will give 120,000 readers a chance to get acquainted with Governors State University.

The section will be full of information on the work of the GSU Foundation in the 1994-95 academic year, and offer facts and data on the university, its students and its successes.

‘Festival of Lights’ celebration Nov. 9

“Diwali,” the Indian “Festival of Lights,” will be celebrated Nov. 9 at Governors State University.

The Indian community celebrates Diwali with lamps, lights, fireworks and sweets. The celebration marks the triumph of good over evil, and a move from darkness into light.

The GSU celebration begins at noon in the Hall of Governors with the presentation of Indian culture and traditions videos.

At 4:30 p.m., a symposium on “Different Lamps, One Light,” will highlight India’s many religions — Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism. Representatives of each religion will explain their philosophies and practices and how they relate to the mainstream culture.

From 6 to 7 p.m., participants will feast at a “Taste of India” buffet. Availability is limited.

The “Festival of Lights” celebration begins at 7:30 p.m. with lamp lighting ceremonies, chanting, folk and traditional music and dance.

This free program is co-sponsored by the GSU Student Life Division and the India Community Center of Park Forest.

Enrollment record

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long-standing tradition of serving part-time students, now 5,054 students, or 83.2 percent. Female outpaces male enrollment 68.2 percent to 31.8 percent.

The graduate student population, at 52.1 percent, surpasses the undergraduate population of 47.9 percent.

GSU has a minority population of 28.4 percent. The average student age is 34. GSU’s highest enrollment is 4,430 Cook County residents, followed by 936 from Will County, 322 from Kankakee County and 87 from DuPage County.
GSU staff selects Alton James ‘Employee of Year’

Alton James of Chicago Heights has been named the 1995 “Employee of the Year” at Governors State University.

James, who works security detail with the Department of Public Safety on campus, was selected for this honor by his co-workers and students on campus. James was one of 12 persons nominated for the award. He received a $500 cash prize and tickets for a sporting event.

Dozens of staff members wrote to the selection committee with words of praise for James recognizing his positive attitude, concern and friendliness.

“Alton James is the most friendly, helpful, caring and pleasant person you ever want to meet. He goes beyond and some to help anybody he can. Alton makes sure the GSU population feels safe, which is greatly appreciated,” said co-worker Rose O’Neal in his nomination.

“His constant and ever-increasing services are continually performed with vigor and true concern under all types of adverse conditions,” administrator Phil Orawiec related. “His assistance and service is many times ‘above and beyond’ that normally expected and encountered.”

“As a disabled student, Alton will pick me up at the doors by security and he will drive me to my truck and make sure that I am safely on my way before he leaves. For me, this is a lot because at 10:30 at night, as as slow as I am, this leaves me vulnerable,” student Vanessa Cervantes explained.

James has been a full-time GSU staff member the past 18 months. His main function is managing the escort service and parking lot detail. Before accepting the job in the Department of Public Safety, James worked part-time with the GSU grounds crew.

Seven selected for new GSU board

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Fran Grossman, 55, of Chicago, vice president of Bank of America; Sally Jackson, 44, of Chicago, president and chief executive officer of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce; Bill McGee, 68, of Chicago Heights, superintendent of Chicago Heights District 170; and Barbara “Bobbie” Peterson, 61, of Beecher, retired president of Peterson Heating and Plumbing.

“We know each of our new GSU board members will be dedicated to GSU’s mission of quality education and teaching and its strong commitment to its diverse adult and mature students, to lifelong learning, to advanced use of technology to expand access to higher education, and to service to our south metropolitan region,” said GSU President Paula Wolff.

The board of trustees for Governors State University was one of seven new boards appointed by the governor after the Illinois Legislature agreed to dissolve current governing boards and place the power of governance back at the campus level.

Governors State University is one of five institutions which has been governed by the Board of Governors Universities trustees the past 31 years.

“We at Governors State University look forward to working with our newly appointed trustees. The university will definitely benefit from having people of such stature and dedication to work with us to develop GSU’s visibility throughout the state,” President Wolff noted.

“The governor has selected distinguished and talented people for this board,” she added. “In addition, he has appointed a board whose characteristics reflect with great precision the composition of our student body — 70 percent female and about 30 percent minority. The trustees’ cumulative age is 51; our students’ average age is 34. We appreciate the sagacity that comes with age.”

Beverly Bank underwrites first season

Beverly Bank Chairman Charles Ofenloch (left) and Tony Pasquinieli (right) of Beverly Bank’s board of directors present a $50,000 check to help fund the opening season of The Center for Arts and Technology at Governors State University. Happily accepting are Karen Reid (second from left), The Center advisory board chairman, and GSU President Paula Wolff (second from right).
GSU art student paints on open community canvas

By Michael J. Heinzel

For some artists, the rewards of their efforts are displayed for the public in museums and art galleries. Sergio Gomez, an art student at Governors State University, knows that side of success, and another that everyone can see. His most visual pieces are open for public viewing at all times.

Gomez left his imprint on Joliet in 1994 when he helped paint a mural on the walls of the Joliet railroad station. The scene, stretching 285 feet and standing 20 feet high, depicts life in Joliet in the 1800s. The mural contains the faces of the seven artists that worked on the project, as well as the prominent people in Joliet area at that time.

Before artists brought life to the wall, artists Kathleen Farrell and Kathleen Scarboro drew a small scale sketch that they developed into a detailed color rendering.

Beginning with the background, the mural was sketched on the wall to proper scale. Foreground detail of Joliet residents waiting by the train platform was the last to be added.

Funding for the Joliet murals is made possible by the Joliet City Council. It awarded $50,000 for the completion of seven murals, including this particular mural and a mural project along Jefferson Street expected to be completed sometime this month.

He studied at Joliet Junior College and transferred to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Most instructors at the Art Institute have their own studios and outside commitments which limit their time with students, Gomez said.

He wanted personal interaction from his professors, so he transferred to Governors State "where the one-on-one approach that the art instructors utilize helps make learning a much more pleasant experience," he stressed.

Gomez credits GSU professor Dr. Joyce Morishita with helping him further develop his drawing and painting skills.

Some of the art student's works are displayed on the walls of places where he learned his skills. Two pieces are in the permanent collection at Joliet Junior College, and two are displayed in the Dean of Student Affairs and Services Office at GSU.

After completing a bachelor's degree in April 1996, Gomez has plans to enroll in an art program in Paris or Milan.
GSU will work through conundrum of differences, oneness

The spirit of diversity coupled with Governors State University’s drive to create a better community through like goals was the theme for the 1995 convocation Oct. 25.

President Paula Wolff, in her presentation “The Conundrum of Personal and Institutional Values in an Institution Which Values Values,” reminded colleagues that each of us recognizes the differences we bring to GSU each day — by upbringing, beliefs, actions and job title. We also must recognize that those differences can help develop strong values for the institution which brings us together working on similar goals. We can learn from each other, she said, and by so doing, can work together to improve GSU as a community and a place of learning.

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"And third," she added, "we should respect that quintessential design, rooted in respect for values. And, overall, for the values of Governors State University and its dramatic and extraordinary mission — to value learning and nurturing us all, especially our students, in the love of learning and the stupefying elucidating of values which that brings."

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Employee of the Month

Inman's energy, abilities helping LIBA Division meet its challenges

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Susan Inman doesn't have time to stop and think about her workload — a never-ending race with schedules and deadlines, student and faculty requests, reports, order forms and more.

But it is Inman's competency with it all that has won her the October "Employee of the Month" award. Inman is secretary to the newly organized Division of Liberal Arts (LIBA) which includes art, music, communications, human performance and training, criminal justice, social science, English and liberal arts programs. Since its creation a year ago, Inman's workload has tripled.

Today her abilities are being called upon each day, LIBA Division Chairperson Sonny Goldenstein said in his nomination. After 12 years at Governors State, she knows most everyone on campus, Inman can work through the system easily.

"Susan is the energy that makes our Liberal Arts Division run," Goldenstein said. "She is energetic and willing to take on any tasks and additional responsibilities without asking — she simply volunteers in an effort to make our division, college and university be the best we can be."

She has superb organizational skills that have benefited not only those in the Liberal Arts Division but also those at GSU off-campus sites at the Cook County Center at 31st Street in Chicago and at Triton College where the division is offering classes.

"That has been a wonderful experience for me. I've met people I never would have come in contact with otherwise," Inman said, "and I've learned from them as much as I've helped them learn about GSU."

"It is not unusual to see Susan here at 7 a.m. and still working on a special project at 6 p.m. She brings a sense of professionalism to her job that everyone appreciates," Goldenstein added.

While Inman admits she is spending long hours at GSU, she says she has help from student workers and other division secretaries Rose O'Neal, Virginia Lenart and Kim Hesser who work to keep their areas running smoothly.

Inman, who calls herself "a farm girl from Weldon, Ill.,” received her degree in secretarial education and library science from Illinois State University. She worked as a school librarian for six years and a public librarian for five years. When she and her husband, John, became the proud parents of Michael (now a sophomore at Northwestern University), Inman became a stay-at-home mom.

When she started at GSU in 1983, she worked in University Relations and transferred to the Division of Fine and Performing Arts in 1985 working for then division chairperson Dr. Arthur Bourgeois.

While Inman admits it's a long time in one place, she has never been bored. There are always new ideas and changes that bring challenges, "and best of all, I like the faculty I'm working for. I have real respect for what they're doing, and I love helping people."

CBPA auction set

The seventh annual silent auction hosted by the College of Business and Public Administration will be Nov. 28.

The event, which raises money for the college's endowed scholarship fund, will be conducted between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Cafeteria menu

BY GOLDIE MORGAN

NOVEMBER 3, 1995

Daily — Pizza, baked potato bar.

(Week of Nov. 6-10)

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; 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; mostaccoli, 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; 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 with vegetable, roll.

(Week of Nov. 13-17)

Monday — Sausage and egg, biscuit. Chicken vegetable soup, chili; tuna melt, fries or soup; beef Stroganoff over noodles, vegetable, roll; fresh pasta.

Tuesday — Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Tortellini soup, chili; Italian beef sandwich, fries or soup; BBQ chicken, potato and vegetable, roll; wokery.

Wednesday — Egg, ham and cheese on English muffin. Cream of vegetable soup, chili; chili dog, fries or soup; pork roast, potato and vegetable, roll; grilled chicken Caesar salad, breadstick.

Thursday — Egg, bacon and cheese on croissant; potato and egg muffin, vegetable; stuffed potato, bacon, egg and cheese on croissant. Tomato and rice soup, chili; grilled cheese sandwich, fries or soup; fish dinner, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, roll.
Professor Paul Schranz (CAS), offering workshops Oct. 14 on "Thinking Abstractly" at the Illinois State Museum in Lockport...Sheryl Szot Gallaher (OEE), addressing the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce Sept. 22, and attending the meeting of the Dallas National Council on Economic Education and National Association of Economic Educators Conference Sept. 28, and participating in the taping of a cable television program for MetroMedia Cablevision in Oak Lawn Oct. 10, and qualifying for the Boston Marathon after finishing the Chicago Marathon in 3:53...Dr. Jane Andringa (CE), attending the Special Education Directors Conference Aug. 1 and 2, and presenting and facilitating a training program to teacher aides for Homewood District 153 Aug. 24, and presenting an in-service training program for teachers in District 149 on "How to Collaboratively Co-Plan and Co-Teach When Students Are Included or Mainstreamed," and serving as a panel member at the Illinois Branch of The Orton Dyslexia Society Oct. 6-7 on "How to Plan Collaboratively a Student Individual Education Plan"...Dean Lee Zaborowski (CELCS), attending the National University Continuing Education Association Region V meeting at Copper Mountain, Colo., Sept. 27-30, and with Gary Fisk (CS) and Provost Wayne Hamilton attending the Wisconsin Educational Technology Conference Oct. 18 and 19 at Stevens Point, Wis...Dean Cecilia Rokusek (CS) and Provost Lee Zaborowski attending the annual meeting of the Illinois Hospital and HealthSystems Conference on Small, Rural and Public Hospitals Aug. 16-18 in St. Charles, Ill...Barbara Ronspies (BOG), serving a six-year term as the first female appointed to the New Lenox Plan Commission...Dean Roger K. Oden (CAS), attending the North American School-To-Work Summit Conference in Chicago Aug. 11, 12...Dr. David Matteson (CE), presenting a paper on "Bisexual and Homosexual Behavior and HIV Risk Among Chinese American, Filipino American and Korean-American Men" at the American Psychological Association national meeting in New York City Aug. 11, and co-leading a workshop on "Counseling Persons with HIV/AIDS and Their Families" Sept. 15 for the GSU Counseling Club, and co-leading the workshop with GSU alumnus Gary Fisk. Dr. Judy Lewis (CHP), being elected president-elect of the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors...Dr. Mary Smith Arnold (CE), being elected to the board of the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors...

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And the 1995 Phonathon winners are...

The GSU Alumni Association is pleased to announce the Division of Student Affairs and Services (SAS) is the top winner in the 1995 Phonathon drive receiving not only a $1,500 check for SAS activities, but also the GSU piggy bank.

Second place was the College of Education receiving a $1,000 award, and third place was the College of Arts and Sciences receiving a $500 award.

The winners were selected based on the contribution totals collected by their representatives on the unit's specific days of solicitation.

The phone calls their staffs made helped make the 1995 Phonathon one of the most successful fundraising drives. The Alumni Association has surpassed the $100,000 goal. To date, donations and matching gifts have tallied more than $114,000.

Ginny Burghardt, director of Alumni Relations, offers congratulations to (from her left) Deans Leon Zalewski, Pat Carter and Roger Oden, on their successes at the 1995 Phonathon.

Ginny Burghardt, director of Alumni Relations, said the 1996 Phonathon will be March 10 through April 3, and several units have already selected their solicitation dates. Units can set their plans with Burghardt at extension 5094.
Human Resources shares staff changes

We welcome you to Governors State University!

These Civil Service employees have joined the staff since summer: Kathleen Scheuerman, secretary, Dawn Leader, sales director, and Melissa Vickery-Barford, theater manager, The Center for Arts and Technology; Shawn Jones, maintenance/laborer; Michael Garver, painter; Dirk Ellick, housekeeping; Alvin Weathers and Larry Means, building service workers; Ada Middleton, research associate in CELCS; Christine "Tina" Alvarado, job locator; Adlin Torres, new director of Project HOPE, and Jorge Nevarez, academic and career counselor with Project HOPE; Brent Jones, Registrar’s Office; Lynn Larsen, secretary in CHP; Andrea Canter, secretary in the Division of Psychology and Counseling; Martha Hellman, secretary in CAS; Sylvia Chavez and James Ferguson, technicians in Information Systems.

Transferred:
Donna Viramontes transferred from Financial Aid to the Division of Communication Disorders.

Goodbye to:
Ed Farmer, housekeeping, retired, and Professor Dale Velkovitz (CBPA), Professor Gail Hoover (CBPA), Dr. Catherine Balthazar (CHP), Professor Donna Nieckula (CHP), Tomas Rodriguez (DPS), Dr. Judith Sage (CBPA), Dr. Gary Fernandez (CBPA), Carl Cross (UL), and Marva Kelly (REG), who resigned their positions.

GSUings

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Dr. Sang-O Rhee (CHP), being appointed to the Suburban Heights Medical Center Advisory Board...

Dr. Harriet Gross (CAS), giving an in-service workshop to faculty at South Suburban College in August on “Gender and the Family”...Dr. Annie Lawrence (CHP), serving as parliamentarian for the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., Convention Sept. 8-13 in Chicago...Dean Leon Zalewski (CE), presenting a program on Reading Recovery, Professor Robert Press (CE) and Dr. Karen Peterson (CE), presenting a program on GSU’s teacher/mentor program at the “Collaboration: New Teacher Induction” meeting Oct. 6 at Northern Illinois University...Judy Gustawson (CBPA), attending the National Academic Advising Association Conference in Nashville Oct. 5-11, and serving as the association’s national secretary...Dr. Hugh Rank (CAS), granting permission for use of his “Persuasion Analysis” materials in the “Newspapers in Education” program for analysis of the 1996 election campaign, and for the upcoming book “The Persuasion Society” for advertising analysis published by McGraw Hill...Dean Leon Zalewski serving as a recantant for three papers presented at the Midwest Education Research Association meetings Oct. 11-14 at Chicago also presenting with Dr. Karen Peterson the program “Frame Theory Analysis of the Cultures of Three Outstanding Teacher Induction Programs,” and Dr. David Suddick (CE) who presented research on “Computer Assisted Drafting vs. Traditional Drafting in an Educational Setting,” and Dr. Ben Lowe (CE), attending the meeting...Dean Zalewski presenting on GSU’s collaborative Reading Recovery efforts, and Dr. Peterson and Professor Bob Press presenting on “The Power of Collaborative Mentoring Programs” at the “Collaboration for Success: New Teacher Induction” program at Northern Illinois University Oct. 6.

Published

Dr. Deborah Holdstein (CAS), the article “Technology, Utility and Amnesia” in College English, a publication by the National Council of Teachers of English, Vol. 57, No. 5.

PEP Intern

Vince Donahue has been selected the PEP intern this year. He is interning as an assistant to Sally Petrilli, director of media-based instruction. The internship continues through June 1996.

Staff support service offered

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is there to help you cope with marital and family programs, job stress, financial problems, legal difficulties, alcohol and drug dependencies and other needs. All discussions remain confidential. For assistance call (708) 605-9980. EAP has a 24-hour answering service for emergencies.

Get well wishes

To Professor Burton Collins (CE) who is recuperating from surgery. Cards can be sent to him at 244 Farragut St., Park Forest, IL 60466.

To Dr. Ken Wieg (CE) who is recuperating from surgery. Cards can be sent to him at 1312 Price St., Calumet City, IL 60409.

Staff invited to PEP workshops

The Human Resources Department has scheduled a series of workshops it hopes will make a difference for staff through the Professional Enrichment Program workshop series. The next two workshops will be “Web Page Design” on Nov. 17, and “How to Endure Change Without Increasing Stress” on Dec. 5.

In 1996, Human Resources will continue the series with five additional workshops.

For additional information, or to register, call Kim Sharp at extension 5308.