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Happenings at GSU

12/2 Gala grand opening of The Center for Arts and Technology featuring a 7:30 p.m. show with comedian Rich Little.
12/8 "Managing Diversity in the Workplace" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on campus.
12/8 "Presentation Skills," a workshop on ways to sell yourself, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on campus.
12/10 GSU University-Community Chorale and Orchestra performs "Messiah" in a free concert, 4 p.m., The Center for Arts and Technology.
12/16 Judy Collins Christmas Show, 8 p.m., The Center.

Legislators open to region call-in

Eight regional legislators will be taking calls from constituents during "A Region Calls Its Legislators" program Nov. 27 at Governors State University.

The program, from the GSU television studios, will be aired on Jones Cable 29 and on WYIN-TV, Channel 56 in northwest Indiana.

Residents are invited to call (708) 534-4125 from 5 to 6 p.m. to ask questions of Illinois Representatives Harold Murphy (R-Oak Lawn), Phil Novak (D-Kankakee), Flora Ciarlo (R-Steger), John Doody (R-Homewood), and Larry Wennlund (R-New Lenox), and Senators Aldo DeAngelis (R-Olympia Fields), and Patrick O'Malley (R-Alsip).

Grants help GSU design LINCOLN for south metropolitan info network

Governors State University, in conjunction with the Regional Action Project/2000+, is working to design an electronic information network for the south metropolitan region.

The $801,000 project is funded with a $389,000 grant from the United States Department of Commerce, and $412,000 in matching funds.

The links through computers, audioconferencing and two-way video/audio capabilities will be commonly called The Learning In Community On-Line Network (LINCOLN). This network, to be housed at GSU, will be a local link in the national information infrastructure offering residents access to not only the Internet and its thousands of national and international information sources but...
GSU recognizes nine faculty with ‘Excellence Awards’

The outstanding teaching, service and research of nine Governors State University faculty members were recognized when they were awarded Faculty Excellence Awards during the 1995 Convocation ceremonies.

In the College of Education:

Dr. Joanne Anania, professor of reading and language arts, was recognized for her outstanding work in preparing education majors for their roles as classroom teachers. She has won much praise from students and from teachers and principals in local schools whom she interacts with on a regular basis.

She has kept current in her field on literacy development in children and has published numerous articles and given presentations at various professional conferences.

Dr. Jeffrey Kaiser, professor of educational administration, was recognized not only for his teaching but also his publications and research. He is the author of a textbook and accompanying CD-ROM on the role of the principal, and has written articles on the subject.


Dr. David Prasse, professor of school psychology and director of GSU’s School Psychology Program, is recognized for his commitment to the program and his achievements in service and research. His involvement and influence on standards has enabled the GSU School Psychology program to become a recognized program in the Chicago area.

Dr. Prasse has published extensively on the legal and ethical issues in school psychology and has authored three book chapters and other scholarly papers which he’s presented at local and national professional associations.

Dr. David Suddick, professor of education, is recognized for his outstanding teaching and service to the university. He is coordinator of curriculum and instruction in the Division of Education, is responsible for the educational research courses and has proved to be a prolific writer and presenter in areas of educational research.

In the College of Business and Public Administration:

Dr. Lowell Culver, professor of public administration, was recognized not only for his teaching but his efforts at cementing a long-standing relationship between GSU and Oldenburg University in Germany following his term there as a Fulbright Senior Professor. He also worked with a visiting professor from Egypt.

Dr. Richard Finkley, a professor of business law, was cited for his production of the Irwin "Legal Studies in Business" video series and his consistent and significantly high evaluations by students for his teaching abilities.

In the College of Arts and Sciences:

Dr. Shailendra "Shelly" Kumar, professor of organic chemistry, is recognized for his outstanding teaching and incorporating computer programs into courses. This new and unique approach, presenting three dimensional organic molecules, has not only been incorporated into chemistry instruction at GSU but also at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Kumar also has developed an interactive computer program that allows students to test their chemistry knowledge. He has given numerous presentations at colleges and universities on his Buckminsterfullerine research, and this past summer was a guest researcher at Northwestern University.

In Communication Services:

Professor Tony Labriola, coordinator of instructional development in television, supervises GSU’s teleclasses, telecourses and special interviews. Through his efforts, GSU has won numerous awards for these productions, including the National University’s Teleconferencing Network’s "Most Watched" and "Most Distinguished" awards. Labriola also has worked on telecon-

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LINCOLN establishes info network

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also to the dozens of sources of regional information on everything from the Regional Action Project's efforts to attain its goals to community news about schools and upcoming events.

People will be able to access the LINCOLN Network either via a computer modem or telephone.

"We see this as the developing technological fabric that will permeate the region," said Dr. Leon Zaborowski, GSU dean of the Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services, who is heading up the initial work on the LINCOLN project. "Just as the Internet is an evolving information source, we envision LINCOLN will prove to be the same for the south metropolitan region.

"The LINCOLN network eventually will be available to as many groups and individuals in the region as possible, and we will be training people on how they can include and update their information on LINCOLN," he explained. "This will be an all-inclusive network for information sharing or real-time programming. If you don't have access to a computer, you will still be able to get information by using a touch-tone telephone or fax machine, or through videoconferencing."

The grant will enable Governors State University to purchase an audioconferencing system and an additional information server and network capacity for the existing Internet hook-ups available to the university, its students, staff and alumni. Funding also provides for staff to establish and operate LINCOLN on a 24-hour basis, and train those who will input the information.

LINCOLN will be an outreach tool of the Regional Action Project/2000+, an on-going project involving residents in identifying and researching critical social, economic and policy issues facing the region.

Once it's activated, LINCOLN will be crucial to filling those needs, Dr. Zaborowski said. "We see LINCOLN as an innovative means of providing access, information and resource sharing. It also will allow for establishing distance education networks that will empower RAP participants, and the general public, to input, access and use information."

McClellan directs regional project

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the region bounded by 87th Street in Chicago on the north, the Illinois-Indiana State Line on the east, the Kankakee area on the south, and Joliet on the west.

As a sense of identity and need was brought forth during RAP/2000+ meetings, it became apparent that work initiated by RAP Director Ron Bean and all the volunteers involved in the process needed to be housed at a central place with staff to organize implementation. Dr. McClellan has agreed to take on that work in partnership with GSU as the institutional home.

"For the last year of RAP, residents told me of their desire for the university to provide a strong role in concerns of the region," said Governors State University President Paula Wolff. "The university takes that need seriously. We initiated the first step with the Regional Action Project/2000+. We move into new phases now with the development of the leadership center and the formation of LINCOLN."

The Learning In Community On-Line Network (LINCOLN), housed at Governors State, will be a local link in the national information infrastructure offering residents access to not only the Internet but also to the dozens of sources of regional information that will be collected by RAP and the leadership center.

"GSU's strong partnership is essential to the center's successes. I know that together — academic, business and community leaders — we can make a difference for our region and ultimately for ourselves," Dr. McClellan said.

Faculty honored

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ferencing projects with Russia, and locally through the Regional Action Project/2000+ teleconference.

In October, Labriola was presented with his third Emmy Award for his commercial television work in Chicago. In his free time, Labriola directs and acts in community theater.

In the College of Health Professions: Dr. Cheryl Mejta, professor of alcoholism sciences, is recognized for her tireless efforts in establishing the Illinois Addiction Training Center. She secured a $2.7 million federal grant and, working with counterparts in private and public agencies, has made GSU the center for developing and delivering curricula in addictions for students and professionals in the health and human services fields.

GSU president wins state recognition for public policy work

Illinois Issues magazine has recognized Dr. Paula Wolff for her contributions to public policy during the past decade.

The president of Governors State University was one of the top 10 officials receiving the 1995 honors that recognized individuals for "significant contribution to public policy in Illinois."

Dr. Wolff was cited for her career in state government. She spent 14 years as director of policy and planning in the administration of Gov. James Thompson. She left state government in 1990, and was appointed president of Governors State University in 1992.

She was one of more than 100 nominees for the Illinois Issues award. The honors are part of the magazine's 20th anniversary celebration and were bestowed upon Dr. Wolff at a gala banquet Nov. 6 in Chicago.
Rich Little show opens The Center, Judy Collins begins the holiday season

Internationally recognized comedian Rich Little will “make a big impression” when he entertains guests for the gala Saturday, Dec. 2, grand opening of The Center for Arts and Technology at Governors State University.

His 7:30 p.m. performance will be the first of 18 attractions during the premiere season of The Center which is being sponsored with a generous donation from Beverly Bank. The holiday season officially opens when Judy Collins brings her Christmas show to The Center at 8 p.m. Dec. 16.

“Little’s performance will set the tone,” said Richard Kardos, The Center’s executive director. “We want our guests — at all our shows — to be delighted by the performance and the service. Little’s upbeat comedy is a perfect act for the rest of the season to follow.

“Judy Collins has been charming audiences for years, and we know she’ll do the same for The Center’s guests. Her voice will enchant all of those in the audience who will get a special appreciation for The Center’s acoustics with this show,” he added.

A master of voices, Little has been recognized around the world for his comic genius as he presents characters from politics and entertainment. Mimicry is what’s made Little famous, and he doesn’t stop short of spoofing even the best of company, from American presidents to British royalty.

His impressions run the gamut. Little estimates he has approximately 200 voices in his repertoire. He has a special talent for developing characters from his own imagination.

Little made his debut on the U.S. entertainment circuit in 1964. He has done everything from stand-up comedy to appearances on soap operas. He’s hosted his own television show and been invited to entertain at the White House. He has won top prizes at the Montreux Festival in Switzerland and an Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his work “Rich Little’s Christmas Carol” for HBO.

Tickets are available in two price ranges. Patrons interested in being a part of the black tie gala activities for the evening will be invited to a champagne and hors d’oeuvre reception before Little’s performance, and a formal dinner with live music afterward. Those tickets are $250. Guests planning to attend only the performance can purchase $35 tickets.

From her earliest performances in coffee houses to today’s performances before audiences in concert hall, Judy Collins hasn’t lost her appeal. She is still a singer who can touch the heartstrings, whether she’s singing “Amazing Grace,” “Send in the Clowns” or her newest work “I Dream of Peace” written after a 1994 trip to the besieged city of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Whether she’s singing a capella in solo performances or surrounded by an orchestra, each phrase is clear, impressive, memorable.

Joining Collins on stage will be the Homewood-Flossmoor High School Viking Choir.

Tickets for Judy Collins are $35 for all seats.

To purchase tickets for either of these shows, call The Center box office at (708) 235-2222.
ATC work brings Puerto Rican to GSU for studies and training

The reputation of the Addiction Training Center of Illinois (ATC) at Governors State has brought a Puerto Rican social worker to GSU for studies.

Maria Garcia has been attending classes in the Addictions Studies master’s curriculum this past semester. She is taking a full load of classes in order to prepare herself for her future role as a trainer of persons in the helping professions.

Despite the beauty of the Caribbean island, there is an underside. Puerto Rico has the same problems as anywhere else in America, including 50 percent of its intravenous drug abusers testing positive with the HIV virus.

There are few treatment facilities for substance abusers, and those that are open are run by religious organizations.

Garcia and her colleagues on the island hope to change that. They want to prepare counselors, social workers, those in the medical professions and others in addictions studies so they can work with abusers, their families and communities. Together they are working with ATC and others across the United States to establish two college-level programs in addictions training.

A Latino Achievement Scholarship recipient, Garcia said the opportunity to sit and read and study has been “like a dream for me.” She is especially grateful to the library staff for their patience and many kindesses. She will complete her degree in the next year and share her knowledge with others back home in Puerto Rico.

“Before I left the Universidad Central del Canbe de Bayom6n in Puerto Rico for Governors State, I spent my time doing research on risk behaviors for HIV among IV drug users,” Garcia explained. The past year, Garcia has been focusing on continuing education for substance abuse counselors.

Garcia and her colleagues were linked to Governors State through special meetings conducted by the 10 higher education institutions offering addictions studies programs. GSU Professors Cheryl Mejta and Judith Lewis spent time at the Puerto Rican university as advisors giving input on curriculum development, student outcomes and partnerships with other agencies. The Universidad Central del Canbe de Bayom6n hopes to offer a post-baccalaureate certificate program, and a master’s degree following Governors State’s curriculum.

Celebrate the holiday season at three parties

The Governors State University holiday season will be joyously celebrated at three parties on campus.

Dr. Paul Green, director of The Institute for Public Policy and Administration, invites all on campus to The Institute’s 17th annual Irish Coffee Holiday Party from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in the Hall of Honors. A “grand marshal” will be announced, and all will enjoy the Irish coffee and soda bread.

Student Life invites the GSU community to its annual holiday gathering around the tree in the Hall of Governors. The program begins at 3 p.m. Dec. 13. Please bring new toys, scarves, gloves and mittens, hard holiday candy and canned meats for the needy.

The Governors State University holiday reception, hosted by President Paula Wolff, will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Hall of Governors. Special guests will be the newly appointed GSU Board of Trustees. Donations of adult and children’s coats, scarves, boots, mittens and/or school supplies will be accepted.

Art auction set

The 14th annual silent auction of art works by GSU students, faculty and alumni will be conducted Dec. 4 through 15 in the Art Gallery.

Prints, photographs and other works will be on exhibit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bid slips will be available. The closing reception and announcement of bidding results will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.
Employee of the Month

Kelly's carpentry handiwork helps dress up GSU's buildings, spaces

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Create, restore, build, tear down, remodel, replace. These carpentry specialties are Bill Kelly's forte here at Governors State University.

From the minute to the grand, Kelly, a carpenter with Physical Plant Operations, has probably had a hand in their design, creation and construction. The November "Employee of the Month," whose been on the GSU staff for 12 years, was on the team that remodeled Wagner House, the Conference Center, the restrooms, the Student Life area, the Art Gallery, built the Hall of Honors, the library's circulation counter, the banisters for the main entrance stair-well, display cabinets, desks and more.

And then there are the walls — too numerous to mention — that Kelly and his partner Cliff Sullivan have constructed over the years. The pair now is working on constructing dressing rooms for The Center for Arts and Technology entertainers.

"That's the thing about this job," says Kelly, "there are so many different aspects that it's interesting."

Kelly saved the day for Marie Turak, administrative assistant in the University Library, who got a new desk delivered in pieces without instructions and with damaged parts.

"I do remember the picture she showed me wasn't what the desk eventually looked like. I just worked at putting it together," much as one would a jigsaw puzzle, Kelly admits.

Turak remembers when Kelly performed his carpentry miracle he also stepped in to rectify the problems of the delivery by conferring with the Purchasing Office and a manufacturer's representative to make certain all the broken pieces were replaced.

"Bill did all of this on his own and out of the kindness of his heart," Turak said. "I wish we could clone him to have many people of his calibre at GSU."

Kelly shys away from the limelight saying it's just part of his job. He routinely works with purchasing staff to make certain the current materials for a job are ordered.

After a stint in the U.S. Army, Kelly was given the opportunity to participate in "Project Transition," the Army's retraining program. He picked carpentry, and after his discharge, he went to Washburn Trade School.

He spent nine years building custom homes, then went to work on the carpentry team at Chicago's Merchandise Mart and later for a private company working on major construction jobs in the Chicago area, including hotels and offices. His last major project was working on the Northwestern University Law School building in Chicago's Near North neighborhood.

The Homewood resident said the past dozen years working here at GSU have been just as interesting as the other years. Projects are constantly on the drawing boards, and "there are so many good people here that I work with."

In his spare time, Kelly has been a Little League coach and done volunteer carpentry work for his parish. His time outside of work is shared with his wife, Eileen, and their five children. Their eldest daughter, Katie, is now a freshman majoring in aeronautical engineering at St. Louis University. He has two children, Carissa, and Sean, at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, and his youngest are Angelina, 3, and Billy, 2.

Cafeteria menu

Daily — Pizza, baked potato bar.

(Week of Nov. 27-Dec.1)

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

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, yogurt, 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 Dec.4-8)

Monday — Ham and cheese on croissant with hash browns. Chicken confetti soup; Philly steak with fries or soup; roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll; chicken teriyaki over rice, roll.

Tuesday — Eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast. Split pea soup; bacon cheeseburger with fries or soup; chicken breast, rice pilaf, vegetable; wokery.

Wednesday — Pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage. Old Fashioned chicken noodle soup, chili; cold turkey on French roll, fries or soup; mostaccoli, vegetable, roll; vegetable lasagna, Caesar salad, breadstick.

Thursday — Pancakes, bacon or sausage. Cream of spinach soup, chili; BLT sandwich, fries or soup; beef burgundy over baked potato; 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.