ALUMNI ASSOC. SEEKS CANDIDATES...The GSU Alumni Association is seeking candidates to fill five two-year terms on its board of directors. Full members of the Association are eligible to file petitions of candidacy. Candidates are sought from full members representing all four Colleges and the Board of Governors degree program. Deadline for returning petitions is February 18. For further info call ext. 2419.

ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP...A faculty workshop on Assessment of Experiential Learning will be held Thurs., March 17, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 363 Oakwood, Park Forest. Betty Stanley and Bob Press will discuss assessment techniques for the BOG, UMW and "5%" programs. All professional staff members are invited. If planning to attend please contact Betty Stanley, ext. 2515 by March 1.

ELECTED...Luc Morales has been elected as the CCS rep to the Student Services Advisory Committee. John Gardner Huff was elected as BPS rep by reason of non-opposition. No petitions were returned to the Election Commission for the HLD rep position, or the GSU student observer of the Faculty/BOG Collective Bargaining sessions. Elections were held January 24-29. EAS reps William Garfield and Sheila Harper will continue to serve until May 1977 elections.

The greatest happiness of life
is being loved for yourself...
or, more correctly,
being loved in spite of yourself.

Victor Hugo

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GSU CLASSIFIED... Vacant Civil Service Job Classifications as of February 9, 1977:
11/9 Admin. Secretary Steno VP/CS
11/14 Work Prog. Participant BO
11/8 Secretary IV Steno VP/CS
11/29 Accountant II BO
12/17 Secretary III Trans UR
1/26 Secretary III Trans CCS
2/7 Secretary IV Steno VP/CS
Applications and information available in Personnel/Testing, ext. 2310, 2320.

QA ON CS...Q. If I went to another university to test, could I get my service bonus points?
A. Service bonus points are only given at the place where the employee works on the date of the examination. (rule 5.2b)

POSITIONS OPEN... GSU is now accepting nominations and applications for the position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs. An earned doctorate is required for this position, as well as outstanding teaching, research and administrative experience in higher education. Deadline for application is March 1, 1977.
A teaching position in the Department of Accounting at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater is available for the academic year 1977-78. An ABD or Ph.D. in accounting is required. Application deadline is February 15, 1977. Both GSU and UW-Whitewater are equal opportunity employers with an affirmative action plan. For further info contact Placement, ext. 2163.

GSU AT "OLD CHICAGO"...A GSU Day at Old Chicago sponsored by Student Services has been planned for April 2, 1977. Tickets will be available at a discount price of $2.50 per person if a sufficient number of people are interested. Plan now for a fun-filled day and contact Student Services, ext. 2141 or the Information Office, ext. 2464 to make your reservations.

MENU-OF-THE-WEEK...
Mon. Veg/Bean Soup, Chopped Steak, Chkn. Chop Suey, Submarine Sand.
Tues. Split Pea Soup; Roast Sirloin.
Wed. Crm. of Chkn. Soup, Hawaiian Ham, Stuffed Franks, Pizza
Thurs. Puree of Mongole Soup (split pea & tom.) Bar-B-Que Spareribs, Beef Stew, Reuben
Fri. Clam Chowder, Pork Tenderloin, Salmon Patties, Mac & Cheese, Egg Salad Sand.

"He reminds me of the man who murdered both his parents, and then, when sentence was about to be pronounced, pleaded for mercy on the grounds that he was an orphan."
- Abraham Lincoln -

LECTURE SERIES... Alice Tate, professor of Alcoholism Sciences, will speak on "The Emerging Concept of Alcoholism" on Wed., February 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the WEECCC. The lecture is first in a series of University Seminar/Lecture Series designed to meet the faculty's concerns, needs and interests. For further info contact Tulsi Saral, ext. 2355.

ENERGY SEMINAR... A Chicago area energy seminar sponsored by the State Board of Education will be held at GSU Tues., February 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The free seminar for educators will be co-sponsored by the Illinois Science Teachers Association, Environmental Association of Illinois, Illinois Institute of Environmental Quality, Illinois Energy Resources Commission, and GSU. Future Energy seminars will be at Palatine, Macomb, Edwardsville, Mattoon, Carterville, Grayslake, Peru, and Freeport.

"OTHELLO" POSTPONED... "Othello" scheduled for presentation in March by the GSU theater has been postponed until August, due to bad weather conditions, the energy crisis, and illness in the cast. "The Sea Horse" will be presented in its place on March 18-19 and 25-27.

MORE ON THEATER... The GSU Children's theater will present an adventure in story theater Sat., Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at GSU. An African folk tale, an original fairy tale, and a series of puppet skits will be featured. For information or reservations call ext. 2119.

PUBLISHED... Alis Ellis (HLD), a freelance writer, wrote a story about "The GSU Woman: Diversity is Her Name; Breaking Out's Her Game" published in The Star, February 6, 1977.
Farouk Shaaban (BPS) co-authored eleven papers accepted for "Decision Sciences" journal of the American Institute for Decision Sciences.

THEOLOGY FOR LUNCH... "Promise of a Greater Tomorrow" will be discussed by David Burgest Wed. at noon in Room D1120.
On her fortieth birthday, Virginia Morton’s spirits sagged. “Forty, and where am I?” she thought. “Nowhere. My kids and husband don’t need me as much these days. I want to do something. I’d like to earn a college degree, but at my age, that’s probably crazy.”

Nevertheless, Virginia visited the admissions counsellor at a nearby college. “Am I too late?” she asked. “I’d like to get a degree in education. but isn’t unreal, at my age?”

“You may have had life experiences that can be evaluated for credit,” the counsellor told her.

Virginia shook her head. “Not me. I’m just a housewife. I’ve never done anything, or been anywhere.”

The counsellor reached for a folder labelled Life Experience Credentialing. Further discussion revealed that Virginia’s ‘never did anything’ past contained a number of experiences that could possibly merit college credits for her.

What experiences?
In working with her own child with learning disabilities, Virginia had learned all she could about the program. She had attended workshops, seminars, and lectures.

In addition, Virginia had served as a volunteer in a social agency set up to help other children with the same problem.

The counsellor advised Virginia to enroll in a class at the college in order to learn to prepare a portfolio of her life experiences. When completed, this portfolio was submitted for assessment toward college credits by faculty members. The results? The knowledge Virginia had acquired in her learning disability work and other experiences earned her a year and a half of college credits. Through life experience credentialing, Virginia had taken a giant step toward her degree.

Encouraged by Virginia’s success, her friend Donna checked with the college. An artist, Donna had taught children in her home and had arranged art shows. Donna was able to start college as a second-year art education major.

These experiences illustrate an important new trend in American higher education. Today, over 200 colleges and universities award credits for learning acquired through life experiences.

For example, one may have learned a second language, led a scout troop, taught Sunday School, directed a huge benefit, or edited a club newsletter. It is possible that college credits could be awarded for learning acquired through these experiences.

Further, one may have lived in a foreign country, worked as a bookkeeper, helped run a food co-op, or had on the job training. Or an individual may have done volunteer work in political, community, or social service organizations. Such activities would be included in a portfolio of learning experiences.

Dr. Betty Stanley, Ph. D., is coordinator for the Board of Governor’s Bachelor of Arts degree program at Governor’s State University, Park Forest South, Illinois. In this BOG/BA program, prior learning experiences can be evaluated as worthy of college credits.

Says Dr. Stanley, “The term ‘life experience credentialing’ is a misnomer. We’re not really giving credit for the experience — and most any institution would agree — we’re giving credit for the learning outcome resulting from that experience or series of experiences.” A person must actually have learned something from those experiences.

Putting together a portfolio of one’s life experiences is a self-assessment process. Says Dr. Stanley, “Many people feel the process itself is a valuable experience. They have a better sense of what they’ve done, where they’re going, what they want to accomplish. They learn to put themselves on the back —‘to sell’ themselves, which some people find hard to do.” A group orientation program is helpful because people learn from one another, Dr. Stanley feels.

Evaluation of the applicant’s portfolio is done by qualified faculty members. “This assessment must be as equitable as possible,” notes Dr. Stanley. “In fairness to the students. This fairness implies two things: that we don’t underrate the learning they have acquired through the previous experiences, and that we don’t overrate those learning. It’s not fair to put the students in situations where they can’t cope.”

Why do mature adults return to college? They may aspire to job advancement, job change, or self discovery. They may desire the satisfaction of the certification of a degree or aim to fulfill goals delayed by demands of a family or a career.

And those mature adults come from all backgrounds. Recent graduates — both men and women — who have benefited from life experience credentialing include writers, school nurses, artists, bankers, journalists... The list appears endless.

Anyone desiring information on life experience credentialing toward college degrees should contact:

1. The admissions counsellor at a nearby university or college, or
2. The state office that handles higher education matters. This could be called the Board of Higher Education, State Capitol, or
3. CAEL, which stands for Cooperative Assessment of Experiential Learning. CAEL is a joint project of Educational Testing Services, Princeton, New Jersey, and over 200 U. S. colleges and universities.

Through life experience credentialing, many adults are finding a college degree is closer than they ever thought possible.
SATURDAY, February 12
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, February 13

MONDAY, February 14
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 15
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, February 16
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 17
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, February 18
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, February 19
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, February 20

TESTING (A1102)

LRC Public Service Staff Meeting
Interview for Comm. Serv. Search for Research Assoc. (PCA)
ICC Production Meeting
Operations Committee (D1120)
Academic Wing (PCA)
R & I Staff Meeting

Energy Awareness Seminar (WEECCC)
Human Services (D1120)
Int. Meditation Society (WEECCC)

Civil Service Affairs Subcomm. (D1120)
Ill. Comm. Coll. Board (PCA)
Theology for Lunch "Promise of a Greater Tomorrow" (D1120)
Commencement Meeting (PCA)
Ill. Comm. Coll. Board (PCA)
CCS Assistant Deans
Univ. Lecture/Seminar Series (WEECCC)
CCS ISC Meeting

BOG Safety Committee Meeting (WEECCC)
EAS Administrative Council (A1102)
EAS Academic Affairs (A2117)
AFSCME Union Meeting (WEECCC)

Administrative Council (PCA)
Recruitment (HOG)

Discussion of BOG Program & Assess. Prog. (B1318)

DIAL "INFO LINE" 534-0033 FOR RECORDED UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS