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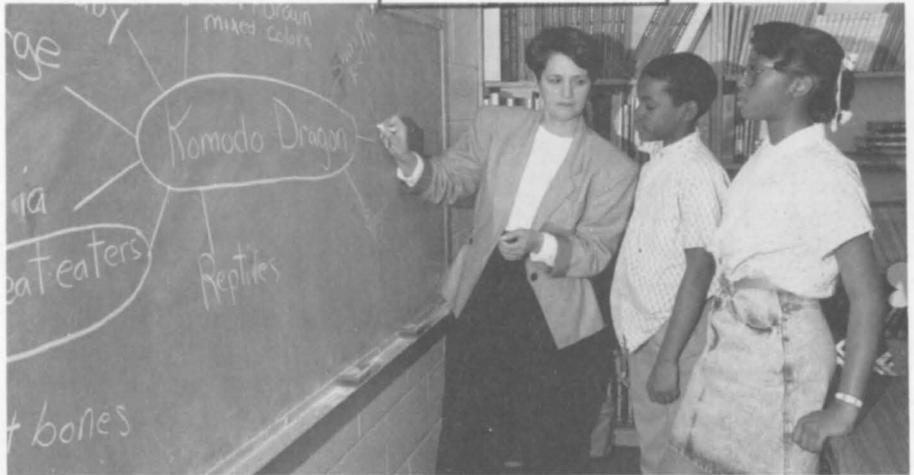
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This Week at GSU

- 24 "The New PC DOS Class" workshop, 9 a.m. to noon through April 28.
- 24 "Date Ease - Introduction" workshop, 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through May 22.
- 25 Open registration for Spring/Summer Trimester, 1 to 8 p.m. and continuing on Wednesday, Gymnasium.
- 25 "Appleworks" workshop, 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. through April 28.
- 26 "How to Buy a Computer System" workshop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Orland Park Place.
- 26 "Women in the Workplace" luncheon featuring Susan Anderson as guest speaker, 11:30 a.m., Harvey Holiday Inn.
- 26 Paul M. Green and Melvin G. Holli autographing copies of *Bashing Chicago Traditions: Harold Washington's Last Campaign*, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Kroch's & Brentano's, Water Tower Place.
- 27 Secretary's Day.
- 29 "Critical Care Nursing Review Class - Pulmonary" workshop, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

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Jo Bujan of Orland Park (left) encourages Park Forest school students Vincent Vaughn (center) and Chanel Galloway (right) to do some "brainstorming" with her as part of a reading methods class Bujan is taking at GSU. She was one of 15 teachers who worked with students to help improve their reading comprehension and retention skills.

CE students use skills to aid Talala students

Learning reading theories is good, but applying them is better.

So Governors State University developed a partnership with Crete-Monee School District 201-U that gives GSU students the chance to help themselves by helping elementary school students.

Under the direction of Dr. Lucy Dahlberg, a professor in the College of Education, each of the 15 graduate students spent the winter trimester

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Small Business Development Center issues annual report for 1988

A total of 623 clients were counseled by the Small Business Development Center at GSU during 1988, according to an annual report recently released by Chris Cochrane, director.

The report explains that GSU has entered a consortium to provide small business development services to the region of south Cook County, Will County and Kankakee County. Other centers connected with the consortium are located at Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College and Moraine Valley Community College.

A total of 1,296 clients were counseled by the entire consortium during 1988. "One measurement of economic development is the creation and retention of

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Positions Available

Faculty Positions - Accounting

Applications invited for two Accounting faculty positions. Teaching in baccalaureate and master's programs, on and off campus, research and service. Teaching excellence emphasized. Ph.D. in accounting preferred; other doctorates with certification and demonstrated competence in accounting teaching and research, and candidates with verified ABD, considered. Other applicants (master's and certification minimum) not normally considered without earlier temporary appointment in the division. Resume to College of Business and Public Administration, Accounting Search Committee, Governors State University, University Park, IL 60466.

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of April 24 to 28)

Monday - Closed. Vending machine service only.

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Full Service. Lima bean soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast turkey breast w/dressing; B.B.Q. beef sandwich; seasoned peas, candied sweet potatoes.

Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Full Service. Cream of celery soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast pork w/dressing and apple sauce, Swedish meatballs over rice, mixed vegetables, oven browned potatoes.

Thursday - 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Grill service only.

Friday - Closed. Vending machine service only.

Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.

*Cafeteria will resume full regular schedule on Monday, May 1.
(Menu subject to change)*

Employee of the Month

SPCE secretary's tasks cover a variety of needs

By Marilyn Thomas

Being the secretary to a GSU dean isn't an easy job, but if you like people the way Special Programs and Continuing Education's Vera Johnson does, the position is a rewarding one.

Vera was named April "Employee of the Month" for everything she does as part of her job description and otherwise. She has an appointed desk and designated title, but that hasn't stopped people from calling on her to put her talents to use in a variety of ways.

For example, when the secretary at the Orland Park office was out recently, Vera filled in. It wasn't the first time she'd accepted the duty. "The first time I was out there, when the office had just opened, I just turned my back for a minute and the next thing I knew there were children drawing with the pencils from my desk. It is different to be right out in front of the public."

If someone is out sick or needs an extra hand, Vera is the first to pitch in.

"The point I find commendable is the spirit in which she accepts the additional tasks required of her," Kimberly Sit said in her nomination. "Vera (is willing) to volunteer to perform services which are not required of her, such as advising students, directing incoming visitors/students to the appropriate personnel to meet their needs if she is unable to do so herself, and assisting co-workers when necessary."

"I just feel our business is the students, and we should be as accommodating as possible," Vera said, so giving a caller information on a class that may satisfy his job requirements, or reassuring a student of faculty approval for enrollment is all part of the job.

"I think one of the best parts of my job is working with people," Vera said. "My mother says that's interesting because being raised on a farm, I wasn't around people much, but I tell her I'm making up for lost time."

Vera also works closely to make certain her job, as secretary to Dr. Richard Venneri, SPCE dean, helps make the dean's job easier. There are some things she'll just automatically handle because she knows he'll ask her to handle them, "and it saves him time."

"Vera works hard to maintain a positive focus, even under what would most often be described as a stressful position. She hears from everyone!" Kim Sit noted. "Her skills are often-times volunteered by others to others."

"Being raised on a farm (near Ottawa), we always had an agenda. There was always a rotation to the planting season and a host of things that went along with that, so with all these things to do you had to learn to focus," Vera explained. "Maybe that's why I can organize and move quickly from one job to another."

Vera came to this area after her husband served in the Navy and accepted a teaching job at Crete-Monee High School. The family settled in Rich-ton Park, and Vera stayed home to raise the couple's two children. When they were in school full-time, Vera took classes at Prairie State College to earn her word processing certificate.

After her work at Prairie State, Vera applied for a job at GSU. She was hired three years ago in June to work as extra help in the Personnel Office. When the full-time position opened in SPCE, she moved there.

Vera is taking advantage of the free tuition plan and is hoping to complete a BOG degree. Her portfolio is crammed with courses, but none seem to fit together, she jokes. "When I first started

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Vera Johnson

The Grapevine

Several kept working when the lights went out!

When the lights went out, the majority of us got three days of unexpected vacation, but then there were others.

We should all express our appreciation to **Cathy Taffora**, telephone supervisor, and operators **Patsy Hoskin** and **Carla Harris** who answered hundreds of phone calls that Friday telling people the university was closed.

"Some people were pretty irate," Cathy remembers. "It was tough because we couldn't give them answers."

Cathy came back each day to change the answering machine tapes that told callers the status of the power outage.

Of course, **Dr. David Curtis**, as provost, also was on hand every day, providing direction to those others who were working on campus.

Roger Paris in the Office of Conferences and Workshops had his hands full trying to keep conferences scheduled for that weekend on line. His immediate Friday problem was feeding the people who attended a conference that day. Then he and **Virginia Bixby** worked to relocate three Saturday workshops to Bloom High School and arrange lunches for those participants.

"Another part of our problem was trying to contact the people because all the information for the participants was on the computer, but we couldn't access any of it because of the power outage," Paris said. Of the 54 persons signed up for the programs, 50 did participate that Saturday.

The Physical Plant Operations team was able to shift most of the repairs burden onto the outside contractor, but **Mike Foley**, PPO director, said he, Assistant Director **Mike Reilly**, Assistant Chief Engineer **Mike Hassett**, and electricians **Bill Gregory** and **Mike Knabjian** worked throughout the crisis.

Also, **Charles Barnett** of PPO was instrumental in moving and cancelling scheduled programs, such as the graduate music recital and the Illinois Association of Criminal Justice Educators (who met by the light of the Hall of Governors that Friday).

And **Ida Kline** of PPO took care of the purchase orders for the work, and ordered the diesel fuel (405 gallons per day) needed to run the generators for emergency lighting and Department of Public Safety equipment.

Dick Pride, **William Smith**, **Gladys Rogala** and **Dora Hubbard** of the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment, not ones to ever turn away a prospective student, were on the job meeting students at the door to advise them of the situation.

And let us not forget our friends in the Department of Public Safety who, although they would have normally worked, put up with extra burdens from impatient, and sometimes angry, students. Good going, **Larry Bonner**, **Debra Boyd**, **Earl Collins**, **Lee Collins**, **Karl Harrison**, **Frank Kanupke**, **Arthur Hill**, **Norman Love**, **Rose Moscolo**, **Carolyn Moore** and **Theodore Reid**.

Finally, University Relations staff members also were on campus every day, making sure that local media were provided with the latest information on the crisis.

Paul Green and Melvin Holli will autograph books

Dr. Paul Green of the College of Business and Public Administration and co-author **Dr. Melvin G. Holli** of the University of Illinois-Chicago will autograph copies of their new book, *Bashing Chicago Traditions: Harold Washington's Last Campaign*, at Kroch's & Brentano's Water Tower Place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on April 26.

The book has been described as a "marvelous combination of history and analysis" and "must reading for all of those interested in the nature of urban politics in late 20th century urban America."

SPCE secretary's tasks cover a variety of needs

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my degree at Illinois State, I was majoring in art and minoring in special education. Then when my husband was in the service, I took advertising courses at Old Dominion University, and that was followed by the computer work at Prairie State," so she decided a BOG degree would be the easiest solution.

Vera's "volunteer" and "pitch-in" attitude was fostered at a very young age. She volunteered at the Easter Seals office and as a junior in high school she was hired to establish their volunteer network.

When her children were growing up, she volunteered as a den mother for Boy Scouts for four years and then as a troop leader for Girl Scouts for five years.

Today, as her day is filled with work, school and family, Vera does her volunteering at the office by helping out whenever and whomever she can.

"Vera doesn't profess to be wonderful," Kim Sit told the nominating committee, "but many of her co-workers, family members and friends feel she is."

GSUings...

Dr. June O. Patton (CAS) having her story, "The Declining Access of Black Males to Higher Education in Metropolitan Atlanta," picked as the basis for an interview by **Patricia Hunter**, anchor and reporter for the Atlanta NBC affiliate...**Dr. Barbara Jenkins** (CE) serving as speaker for the March meeting of the Union of Palestinian American Women, Chicago Chapter on International Women's Day...**Dr. Robert Donaldson** (CBPA) receiving recognition from the Public Building Commission of Community College District 508 and being named 1989 Young Executives in Politics (YEP) Achievement Award Recipient in Education...**Phil Orawiec**, assistant police chief in DPS, being appointed instructor by the FBI for classes in the Certified Police Medic Program that he developed.

7 business leaders selected to serve on Foundation board

Seven business executives have been elected to serve on the Governors State University Foundation Board of Directors.

Each brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the board that will help the Foundation in its endeavors for GSU educational programs and regional service and research programs, according to Foundation President **Donald L. Pizza**.

Selected for one-year terms are **William Addy**, chairman of the Bank of Homewood, **Alan Kadet**, director of Rogers and Hollands Jewelers, **Larry Matson**, owner of Olympia Fields Ford, **Gilbert J. Rynberk Jr.**, president of First National Bank of Illinois, **Jeffrey J. Thrall**, president of Naz-Dar Co., **James F. Tapscott**, president of Wilkes-Besterfield and Co. Ltd., and **Pamela H. Woodward**, assistant vice president for Dean Witter Reynolds.

Pizza said the seven directors will work with 18 other members of the Foundation board "to make the GSU Foundation a vital player in the growth and development of the university.

"GSU's potential to serve this region is limited only by its resources," he said.

"Our job is to see that GSU President **Leo Goodman-Malamuth** and his staff have the private funds they need to supplement their state support which, as everyone knows, has been severely limited the past few years," Pizza said.

A major current initiative of the Foundation is a \$5 million capital campaign to build a Regional Center for the Performing Arts on the GSU campus.

Staff Directory Changes

Welcome to **Jon Carlson**, new university lecturer in the College of Education. He may be reached on extension 2305. • Also welcome to **Judith Hinga**, new counselor and university professor in Student Development and the College of Education. She may be reached by phoning extension 2281.

SBDC issues '88 annual report

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jobs," the report states. In support of this role, statistics are quoted which show that 686 new jobs were created and 418 existing positions were retained, all as a result of SBDC involvement.

The consortium also assisted with 95 new business start-ups, of which 62 came through assistance provided by the GSU center.

The Governors State SBDC also was responsible for securing 37 client loans in an amount of \$2,081,000. The entire consortium secured a total of 95 loans for a total of \$5,541,900. The average loan was in the amount of \$86,592.

Cochrane's report states that the GSU center received a total of \$68,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Illinois Department of

Commerce and Community Affairs for 1988. GSU provided matching funds of \$68,656 for a total budget of \$136,656.

"The Small Business Development Center will continue its program of providing assistance, free of charge, to small business owners and operators," the report states. It explains that workshops and seminars are provided at a nominal charge to the participants, and that counseling is provided by representatives of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), by GSU faculty members and in-house consultants, and by SBDC staff members.

Each of the centers in the consortium, including the one at GSU, offers such free services as loan packaging, procurement assistance, research, management assistance, technology transfer and export assistance.

CE students help Talala students learn

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helping two of 30 students at Talala School in Park Forest with their reading problems. In the end, the program also helped to improve the students' motivation.

"The idea was to have our students help these Talala students develop an interest in reading, improve their skills and help them find interests in reading materials and books other than school work," Dr. Dahlberg said.

The District 201-U board, in agreeing to have the program at its Park Forest school, allocated additional funding for teachers to stay with the children for the hour of time between the end of the school day and the start of the GSU teacher's class at 4:30 p.m.

Penny Shnay, a Talala teacher who stayed with the children, said her being there "was probably the only way three-quarters of these kids stayed until the GSU program." In the beginning, she said the Talala children were a little anxious about being selected "but then, over time, they were eager to stay. It helped them with their self-esteem as well as their reading skills."

GSU graduate student **Barbara**

Werling of South Holland, a teacher at a Chicago public school, said the teaching was different from what she does in her classroom. "The big impact is the child having one-on-one with a teacher, and it gave me, as a teacher, an opportunity to work on my skills," she said.

Jo Bujan of Orland Park is working as a substitute teacher while completing classes for her state reading certificate, "but I'd recommend this class for a regular classroom teacher," she said. "You don't have to be a reading specialist. It was a class that helped me sharpen my skills."

Bujan said the concept of two students and one teacher worked great "because the two kids fed off of each other, and neither had a chance to lay back -- they had to learn." As a teacher, Bujan said it gave her insights into "how their minds work. I tried to get them motivated by predicting and brainstorming and that made the kids active participants."

Sue Anderson of Lockport, a teacher at Minooka High School, said she worked with the elementary students but knows the concepts will be applicable to high school too.