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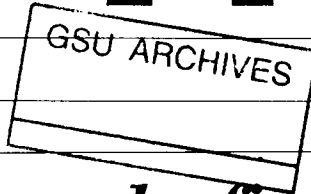
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**Happenings
 at GSU**

- 28 How to Buy a Computer System, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., D2115.
- 28 Add/Drop and Late Registration, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Main Entrance.
- 28 Accounting for Health Care Professionals, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., E1601.
- 29 Add/Drop and Late Registration, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Main Entrance.
- 30 Add/Drop and Late Registration, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Main Entrance.
- 30 Fall Convocation, 10 a.m., Theatre.
- 31 Add/Drop and Late Registration, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Main Entrance.
- 1 Add/Drop and Late Registration, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Main Entrance.
- 2 Add/Drop and Late Registration, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Main Entrance.
- 4 Labor Day. No classes.
- 5 GSU Community Band Practice, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Theatre.
- 6 University Singers, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 7 Women's Fair Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Hall of Honors.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

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Orland site marks first year

On a hot, muggy day in mid-August 1988, Peg Donohue was working with a construction crew to get GSU "in lights" on the Orland Park Place marquee.

Things were moving at a frantic pace. The center had to be operational by the start of the 1988 fall trimester.

As special assistant to the provost, Peg was responsible for planning and implementing an off-campus facility in the southwest suburban area. When she declared, "We're opening in a shopping mall," there were those who doubted the viability of the concept. But it worked.



"People thought it was a unique idea," she said, "but they wondered how we'd be able to attract students and convince them that serious education was taking place.

"Well, the proof was in the pudding. The first night one of the MBA (master in business administration) students walked in the door, turned to me and said, 'What a great idea! I just came from work. I stopped in the food court for dinner. Then I stopped at (Montgomery) Ward's for a birthday gift and now I'm here for my Monday night class. Talk about convenience...' I couldn't have scripted that if I tried," Peg said.

One year later, GSU at Orland Park Place, 153rd Street and LaGrange
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**Student Life to manage new
 'Campus Community Center'**

The Office of Student Life is reorganizing its space and programs into a "Campus Community Center."

Student life is able to develop additional programs because it is taking over the management of GSU athletic facilities formerly operated by the South Suburban YMCA.

The community will be welcome, but student life will limit membership to persons 18 and older.

"We recognize this does not meet every community need, but we believe it is most consistent with the overall mission of the university and with available

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of August 28 to September 1)

Monday - Chicken noodle soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: liver and onions; spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, garlic toast; seasoned peas and carrots; whipped potatoes.

Tuesday - Split pea soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: veal cutlet parmesan; oriental chop suey over rice; roll and butter; seasoned spinach; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Garden vegetable soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Roast beef aujus; five fried wing dings w/fries and cole slaw; corn O'Brien; whipped potatoes.

Thursday - Beef barley soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Potted luncheon steak jardiniere; Italian sausage, tomato sauce, peppers on French bread; seasoned cut broccoli; whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials posted in cafeteria.

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(Week of September 4 to September 8)

Monday - LABOR DAY -- CLOSED

Tuesday - Old fashioned bean soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: baked meatloaf; sloppy Joe on bun; stewed tomatoes and zucchini; whipped potatoes.

Wednesday - Cream of spinach soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: vegetable lasagna; French dip beef on roll; medley vegetables; whipped potatoes.

Thursday - Minestrone soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: breaded pork cutlet; popcorn shrimp; peas and carrots; whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials posted in cafeteria.

Steam table closing at 3 p.m.
(Menu subject to change)

Comings and Goings

Dr. Correa heads list of new employees; others retire

By Marilyn Thomas

Governors State University's work in accessible extended learning has put it on the cutting edge of higher education.

Improving the learning our students get from these extension programs will be the work of **Dr. Joseph Correa**, the new director of extended learning in the Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education.



Dr. Joseph Correa

Dr. Correa comes to GSU with a varied background. A former teacher, administrator, business executive and consultant, Dr. Correa says he sees great possibilities for improving and marketing extended learning.

Businesses today are spending thousands of dollars to give their employees and executives training, and Dr. Correa believes the business market offers wonderful possibilities for extended learning.

"Professional people are continually learning," he said. "I think the quality and the product (of job training) could be much better if the university was involved. I have a feeling we have better know-how (than training seminar operators)."

The other area Dr. Correa wants to improve is the presentation of extended learning classes. Too often, colleges and universities that offer off-campus work do so with something of an apology attached. "Continuing education should be delivering knowledge with pride," he said.

Should students be allowed to earn degrees by taking only teleclasses and telecourses? Some universities offer degrees through such programs. Dr. Correa isn't certain it's the best approach for everyone.

"For some people television learning is an empty experience," he noted, but a study he did of institutions allowing extended learning in New York State showed enrollment increases of 30 percent.

Dr. Correa, who joined the GSU staff June 1, said it is rare for extended learning programs to be evaluated by students. Consequently, any feedback is welcome, and he hopes to meet with campus critics and supporters of the GSU extended learning program to get input and suggestions.

Dr. Correa's family will be moving from suburban Seattle, Wash., to their new home in Matteson. He and his wife have a 21-year-old son and a 19-year-old daughter. They also have a college-age niece from India living with them.

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Two staff members, **Virginia Bixby**, chief clerk in the Office of Conferences and Workshops, and **Shirley Ramirez**, secretary to the provost retired recently.

Virginia came to GSU in May 1977 as an extra-help clerk in the Office of Admissions and Records. From there she worked part-time in the Office of University Relations and then in the Office of Admissions and Records. In February 1978 she was hired as a library clerk. After that stint she worked in the College of Education and in October 1984, as the Office of Conferences and Workshops was being organized, she joined that staff.



Virginia Bixby

"Dedication and service are two words that quickly come to mind when thinking of Virginia's tenure at the university," co-worker **Roger Paris**

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The Grapevine

Parking decals on sale now in Cashier's Office

It's time to purchase your new parking decal. Stickers are on sale in the Cashier's Office. The fees are \$30 for an annual sticker, or \$11 per trimester. Should you have a second car, you can purchase an additional decal for \$1. New stickers should be displayed starting Aug. 28.

Three gain temporary posts as department chairs

Dr. Michael Purdy, chairperson of the Division of Communications, is on leave through December conducting research on a new book on listening, and doing a variety of writing projects. He will be on campus on occasion, but he's relinquished his office to **Dr. Joyce Kennedy** who will serve as chair in his absence.

Dr. Jay Lubinsky, chairperson of the Division of Communication Disorders, is on sabbatical through December. He is doing research at Northwestern University. **Dr. William Yacullo** is heading up the division in his absence.

Dr. Brian Malec, a faculty member since 1974, has been appointed acting chairperson of the Division of Health Administration. He's going to finish up his editing work for several health administration publications and teach this fall term, but he and his colleagues are already beginning their work on the division's review for accreditation.

CBPA prof shares local planning theories in Poland

Professor William Toner of the College of Business and Public Administration spent 10 days in Poland as a guest speaker at the "Search for Environmental Planning Methods" meeting at Lodz University. The invitation was extended to Toner because of his extensive writing and knowledge in local planning.

Toner's topic was the consequences of local government making its own decisions. Toner said he had a difficult time adapting his theories to the Polish communist-government system where government dominates not only local and national operations but also business and industry decisions.

Green receives Hooker award for policy analysis

Dr. Paul M. Green, director of The Institute for Public Policy and Administration, has been awarded the City Club of Chicago's George Ellsworth Hooker Board of Governor's award for his outstanding contribution to distinguished public policy analysis.

The award, named for the club's first full-time secretary and internationally renowned city planner, is given annually to the member who makes the greatest contribution to the City Club of Chicago in the civic tradition of Mr. Hooker.

GSU prof recognizes need for national health plan

When you buy a new car, \$700 of the cost pays for health care benefits for the car manufacturer's employees, dependents and retirees.

That staggering cost is one of the reasons even Chrysler chairman **Lee Iacocca** has begun to advocate a national health insurance plan, **Professor Irwin Miller** of the Division of Health Administration said.

Our resident expert on HMOs (before coming to GSU, Miller helped Blue Cross/Blue Shield establish its national HMO network) said the cost of health care, the fact that today 37 million Americans are without health insurance and the need for continued care for persons with chronic illnesses are reasons many in government and industry recognize the need for a national health plan. Miller predicts such a plan will be put into effect "soon after we elect a Democrat to the White House."

Student Life offers games for lunchtime recreation

Bocce anyone? Maybe croquet is your forte?

The Office of Student Life is offering staff and students the chance to "catch some rays" in a non-strenuous fashion through these fun games of skill being offered from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays (weather permitting) from Sept. 5 through 28.

Our beautifully manicured south lawn adjacent to the student life office and swimming pool will serve as the recreation grounds for these games of hand-eye coordination and visual distance judgment.

Each game can accommodate multiple players so bring your team, or come and join one. Two sets of equipment for each game are available. The equipment can also be checked out for weekend play at home.

For information on these newest "GSU sports" contact **Rita Nagy** on extension 2123.

Talent search underway

The Office of Student Life and the College of Business and Public Administration are looking for GSU students, faculty or staff to perform for the CBPA Get Acquainted Week Lunch Time Talent Show(s).

If you or someone you know would be interested, contact **Rita Nagy**, extension 2123 by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1.

Staff Directory Changes

Welcome **Margaret (Peg) Donohue** to the Provost's Office where she is the new director of community college relations and assistant to the provost. Peg may be reached on extension 2550. • Also welcome to new employee **Jill Cahill**, a secretary III, transcriber in the College of Education. Her extension is 2365. • Delete the following names from your directory: **Shirley Ramirez**, **William Smith**, **Virginia Bixby** and **Richard Fries**. • Secretary IV, transcriber, **Ellen Kahn** now works in the Provost's Office. Her new extension is 2343.

'Campus Community Center' ready to open

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resources," **Tommy Dascenzo**, director of student life, said.

"The new center will continue to provide access to the existing pool, gymnasium, racquetball court and a newly-created exercise room," Dascenzo explained. "Members of the center will be able to utilize meeting rooms, a recreation room, television lounge, cafe and study areas."

Student life will keep the facilities open seven days a week: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 5 to 9 p.m. Sundays.

The fee for faculty and staff will be \$75 a year or \$62 for six months, and their spouses will pay \$25 a year or \$34 for six months. GSU students who pay an activity fee at the time of class registration will pay no additional fees. Their spouses will pay \$25 a year or \$34 for six months. Students who do not pay a fee at class registration will pay \$75 a year or \$62 for six months.

Special introductory rates are available through September. For further information on programs or to sign up for a membership, contact the Office of Student Life at extension 2123.

Condolences

To **Dr. Carolyn Conrad**, associate vice president for academic affairs, on the death of her mother, Earnestine Conrad, July 10.

To **Dr. Joyce Kennedy**, acting division chair of the Division of Communications in the College of Arts and Sciences on the death of her mother, Frances Kennedy, on July 5.

To **Dr. Samuel Enyia**, professor in the Division of Communications, on the death of his mother, Jenny, June 3 in Nigeria.

To **Janice Schultz**, assistant to the president, on the death of her mother, Irma Schluntz, on August 1.

Employee of the Month

17-year employee described as positive PR force for GSU

By Marilyn Thomas

"Support staff" is an understated title for **Dixie Butz**, secretary in the College of Arts and Sciences.

She's more than a secretary to those in the Division of Communications. She's also their friend, their colleague and their special helper.

This 17-year employee is "one of the best public relations forces for GSU," **Dr. Michael Purdy**, chairperson of the Division of Communications, said in his nomination of the July "Employee of the Month."

"Dixie is always pleasant, helpful and courteous. She goes out of her way to help students with problems," he told the nominating committee. "She'll interrupt her own work to attend to students and staff who stop in for information, and she's willing to stay over lunch or after 5 p.m., if need be, to finish projects for the division."

Dixie doesn't pretend to be a "counselor" but she admits to giving advice to students on deadlines, professors' schedules and special projects. More than once she's befriended a student who needed a paper typed, and sometimes she's a shoulder to cry on.

"As a division chairperson's secretary you have to be in the middle of everything," she said. "I guess it's just that I like people, and I believe that if I do a good deed for someone, there will be a time when someone will do one for me."

Dixie transferred to her secretarial position about 2 1/2-years ago, and she admits, "I came up here scared, not knowing anyone." But in no time she was right at home.



Dixie Butz

"I get complements galore from the students and that's great for my ego," she jokes, "but it makes me feel like one of the gang."

Working for the chairperson, eight professors and the division's adjuncts can be taxing, but Dixie says it's all made easier "because the people I work for and with are very nice, down to earth people, and they respect my judgment. They know I can handle responsibilities and special projects even when I might think I can't."

She remembers having to ask how to get to GSU after learning about a job opening. "I started in August 1972, out in the warehouse (GSU's rented facility in the Park Forest South industrial park). I worked in the library's cataloging department."

She was in the library when the staff moved into this permanent facility, and she remembers having all the books moved into place only to have sandblasters come and clean the area and spread dust all through the stacks.

After her time in the library, Dixie tested for a secretary's position and took a job in the College of Environmental and Applied Sciences. "I think I got hired because I said I loved to type, which I really did and I still do."

After a time Dixie tested into a higher position and then took a job as secretary to **Peter Fenner**, the associate dean of the college. When GSU's programs were reorganized, Dixie went to work in the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences where she worked for chairperson **Bob Jesson** and then for **Larry McClellan**. From that position she moved into her current job.

Dixie has been a real gem to her co-workers. A member of the Civil Service Senate for many years, she has helped entertain us at the Civil Service Day programs as choreographer and costume maker. And the word is out on her sewing abilities. In the last two years

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said. "Hergentle, unassuming tenacity was key to solving problems for students and co-workers alike."

Her retirement May 31 caught everyone off-guard.

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Shirley Ramirez, who came to GSU 18 years ago, was another employee who wanted no fanfare on her retirement.

The Monee resident left the Bank of Park Forest to start as a secretary I/steno in 1971 with building and plant operations on the warehouse campus.

Shirley was promoted to secretary II/steno in the business and public services area in 1972; secretary II-transcriber in 1974; and secretary IV/steno in 1975 when she transferred to the Provost's Office.

"I will miss Shirley tremendously. Her quiet competence, easy-going manner, helpful attitude and ability to read my writing made her a critical part of the office," **Dr. David Curtis**, provost, said.

Ellen Kahn from the business office staff is filling Shirley's position.

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Dr. Norman Love, director of public safety, is on a six-month leave and will be retiring Jan. 1, 1990.

Dr. Love has been at GSU since September 1976, coming from Chicago State University where he'd been assistant director of security and transportation.

The Kankakee native started his career as a policeman in 1957 in Kankakee where he was the first black officer. He left that position



Dr. Norman Love

in 1968 for the CSU job. While there he earned a bachelor's degree and received a master's degree from GSU in 1976. He was awarded a doctorate from Union Graduate School in 1980.

Dr. Love remembers learning about

GSU during a BOG safety directors meeting in Springfield where the director laid out blueprints of the building. That was when he decided to apply for the GSU job, he remembers.

Dr. Love is looking forward to leaving the stresses behind. His daughter is expecting her first child this summer, "so I know I'll be baby-sitting some," he said. He is also in his second year as a Kankakee housing commissioner.

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Bob Woodard is the new superintendent of the University Print Shop. Bob has been on staff since 1980 and has 21 years of experience in the printing profession.

As a pressman at GSU, his expertise has been put to the test with the hundreds of multicolored brochures, posters and fliers we've sent to the print shop. He's also spent countless hours working in the darkroom to achieve standards of visual excellence on the thousands of pictures that were used in GSU printing jobs.



Bob Woodard

Bob's abilities and talents won him a promotion to assistant superintendent in 1988. He was promoted to superintendent following **Pat Fares'** retirement.

Bob's plans for the print shop include bringing the staff back up to full complement following the resignations of several staff members. He promises to continue providing excellent services and will work to expand print shop services.

In his free time, Bob is assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 148 and is past president of the Midwest Commodore User's Group Computer Club. He and his wife, **Cindy**, and their son, **Chris**, are residents of Park Forest.

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Dr. Richard Fries, a chemistry professor, has left GSU to work for Quan-

tum Chemical Co. in Bradley, Ill. He joined the staff in 1987. Besides his teaching load, Dr. Fries had been a faculty member on the Stauffer Chemical Co. retraining project.

He also received a GSU mini-grant to do research on the intricacies of nature's makeup by studying the chlorophyll processes.

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Michael Blackburn has joined the staff in the Office of Student Life. His responsibilities include coordination of the Campus Center and student leadership programs.

Mike is no stranger to GSU. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from GSU, is a former student government president and former GSU student representative to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.

After receiving his master's degree, Mike began work on his doctorate at Iowa State University in Ames.



Michael Blackburn

He has completed his coursework and is beginning work on his dissertation on adult education.

Mike and his wife, **Mary Jo**, are residents of Crete.

GSUings...

Dr. John Lowe III, dean of the College of Health Professions, hosting a reception in June in honor of College of Health Professions students who were on the dean's list as of the Winter 1989 trimester. **Professor Jay Boersma** of the Division of Fine and Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences participating in the six-week exhibit "Hysterics of Photography" at the San Francisco Camera Gallery. **Lu Poroli**, benefits counselor in the Personnel Office recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Township Supervisors of Illinois.

Civil Service

**Meet Beverly Kyser,
CS senate member**

Beverly Kyser, a member of the Civil Service Senate for the last five years, said she wants to continue working for greater visibility for the senate.

She also wants to develop some joint activities among the Civil Service, Faculty and Student Senates.

Beverly has been a GSU employee for nearly eight years. During that time she has worked for the Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education.

She's been the Civil Service Senate's representative to the GSU Safety Committee and a union steward for Teamsters Local 743.

Beverly and her husband have two children. Outside of the office she spends her time with her family and enjoys sewing, cake decorating, reading and traveling.



Beverly Kyser

Stuenkel Road closing

Stuenkel Road at Governors Highway will be closed to through traffic Aug. 29, 30 and 31 as the Illinois Central Railroad removes one of the four sets of tracks at its crossing. The work is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Aug. 29 and be completed by 4 p.m. Aug. 31.

Orland Park site thriving after one year

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Road, is a thriving center that has attracted nearly 1,000 students. It has become a center for academic and computer courses, student advising, business and professional development programs, and telecourse and teleclass tape distribution.

Grace Lefebvre is the site coordinator at Orland Park Place. She's working with Monica Johnson, coordinator for academic computing; Lorraine Weber, secretary; Dan Moliter, a graduate assistant who helps students and Orland Park Place staff with their computer needs; Linda Budding, student-worker who's pursuing a master's degree in counseling at GSU, and Louise Germann, a part-time secretary.

Since the facility opened on Aug. 29, 1988, faculty have offered 47 academic courses serving 600 students. The computer lab has had 283 students in 53 microcomputer workshops.

The center has also been the site for specially contracted business and educational workshops and training programs.

For those wanting to return to college, Gladys Rogala from the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment has held numerous advising sessions to

tell prospective students what courses are available both at the Orland Park site and on the GSU campus, and the criteria for being admitted. A representative from the Board of Governors Degree Program has also conducted a seminar on program requirements.

Students in the master's in business administration and the master's in public administration programs can complete their third-year work in classes offered at Orland Park Place.

Long-range plans for GSU call for satellite facilities in Joliet, Kankakee and Calumet City. With a prototype like Orland Park Place, great things are bound to happen.

17-year employee a 'gem'

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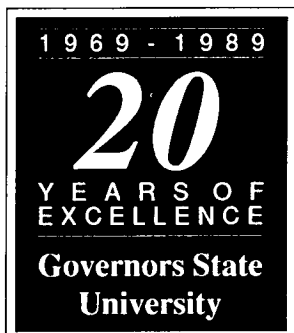
much of Dixie's free time has been spent sewing costumes, party dresses and bridesmaid gowns.

One of the things Dixie is most proud of is her time spent earning her BOG degree. "I really had no intention of earning a college degree, but I got encouragement from a faculty member to put my portfolio together. It was a lot of work, but it also helps you put your life in perspective," she said.

Dixie and her husband live in Peotone. They have five children and seven grandchildren.

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