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"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake."

- Napoleon Bonaparte

Student Senate Blood Drive, November 11, 2 – 8 p.m., E-Lounge.

Nursing Programs Get a Solid Thumbs Up From Accreditation Team

A team from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) visited GSU from October 28-30 to review our nursing program. When the team left it said it would recommend full re-accreditation status for the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs for the maximum period of 8 years. The site team's list of program strengths included the commitment and support of the university administration to the nursing program, the commitment of the faculty to the students, and a well-organized curriculum. The recommendations of the site visit team will be presented to a review panel, and then to the accreditation commission which meets in February. We expect to receive a decision in March.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Education Center Slated for November 13

Governors State University and Joliet Junior College (JJC) have formed a partnership to establish a new education center at Lincoln-Way East High School, Frankfort, Ill. The center will offer 17 GSU courses and 15 JJC courses. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held November 13, 6 –9 p.m, to launch the education center. Scheduled speakers for the event are President Stuart Fagan, Dr. Lawrence Wyllie, superintendent, Lincoln-Way Community School District 210, and J.D. Ross, president, JJC.

And the Survey Says...

Century Housing Development of Dallas, Texas has released the results of a student housing survey to help determine if GSU should build campus housing. The survey includes responses from 1,198 GSU students. According to the survey, 59.1 percent of the respondents said they are interested in student housing on campus and 46 percent said they could pay \$400 per month or more for rent and utilities. The survey also found that 64.2 percent of the respondents traveled more than 21-30 minutes each way to get to campus.

Year Of the Grant: Alumni Association Grants Available

The GSU Alumni Association is accepting applications for professional development grants. All faculty, including division chairs, are invited to apply. The funds can be used for research and related activities or for professional development opportunities. Past award amounts have ranged from \$50 to \$1,000. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, December 20, 2002. For more information, contact Rosemary Hulett, director, Alumni Relations, on extension 7892. The winners of the grants will be announced by the end of January.

Year of the Grant: Bird Banding Project Is No Hitchcock Spin-off

John Yunger, professor of biology, and Rick Baisa, a biology teacher at Bloom High School, have used a grant received from the National Audubon Society to set up a bird-tracking project. Yunger and volunteers have placed flexible steel bands on the legs of 100 birds, from hawks to cardinals, as a means to track migratory and

survival patterns. Younger said banding will continue until temperatures are regularly below freezing. The Mapping Avian Productivity and Survivorship Program has licensed the university as a bird banding station, which makes it part of a national network of monitoring stations staffed by professional biologists and trained volunteers.

GSU ScholarSHIP Sails On

- Jon Carlson has had three books published in October. *Becoming An Effective Therapist* (Allyn and Bacon Publishers), *Bad Therapy* (Brunner Routledge Publishers), and *Time for a Better Marriage* (Impact Publishers). Dr. Carlson's book *Mummy at the Dining Room Table* (Wiley) is available at a 30% discount for advance copies on Amazon.com.
 - Three GSU students will present papers at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 13-16. The topics are “Domestic Violence Treatment Paradigms,” by Paula Van Beek, “Effects of Incarceration on Recidivism,” by Tahtia Smalling and “Models of Community Policing” by Charles Barth. Jagan Lingameni, professor of criminal justice, will also present a conference paper entitled “Elite Crime in Higher Education.”
 - Sylvia Wilson, procedures and systems analyst, Admissions, presented a paper on cross-cultural communications at the October 24 meeting of the Illinois Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers’ annual conference. Wilson’s presentation made the point that acceptance of cultural differences, respect, and openness, are the keys to effective cross-cultural communications.
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Centerpoint Women’s Network Receives Top Rating

The Small Business Development Center has won a program excellence award from the Illinois Small Business Development Association for the development of the Professional Women's Network. Hilary Burkinshaw, director of the Center, founded the network last year to help women develop their careers and enhance their businesses. Over 100 women are active in the organization -- entrepreneurs, executives, and legislators including State Senator Debbie Halvorson. The program excellence award was presented at the association’s annual meeting in Bloomington, Ill., on October 21.

What’s Up With Those Pennies?

Karen D’Arcy and Gary Lyon, who are both chemistry professors, have developed a project to teach local middle and high students how to conduct lab experiments using state-of-the art technology. On November 23, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., students will come to GSU to examine the chemical content of pennies using the atomic absorption spectroscopy, which was purchased by the university in 2000 with a \$99,700 grant from the National Science Foundation. D’Arcy is seeking to recruit volunteers to assist the youths. Contact her at extension 4526 if you, or someone you know, wants to volunteer.

Distinguished Lecture Series Features Renowned Anthropologist on November 6

The College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series continues on November 6 with a discussion of the role of technology in developing countries. Alan L. Kolata, chair, anthropology and social sciences, University of Chicago, will be the featured speaker. The lecture will be held at 6 p.m., Engbretson Hall.

Faculty Office Center Construction Update

The Faculty Office Center is more than 65 percent complete and is on schedule for completion in late Spring. Workers are installing plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical fixtures this month. Windows and elevator installation will be finished by mid-December.