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This Week at GSU

- 12 Connections Training, 2 to 4 p.m., D1702.
- 12 Betty Leving Retirement Party, 2 to 3 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 12 Civil Service Supervisory Workshop, 9:45 a.m. to noon, Hall of Honors.
- 13 Planning Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Hall of Honors.
- 13 UPI Meeting, noon to 1:30 p.m., D1702.
- 13 University Professionals of Illinois Meeting, noon to 1:30 p.m., D1702.
- 14 Connections Training, 2 to 4 p.m., D1702.
- 15 Civil Service Coffee Klatch, 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., D1702.
- 19 Connections Training, 2 to 4 p.m., D1702.
- 19 Evelyn Peques Retirement Party, 2 to 4 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 20 University Relations Holiday Party, 2 to 4 p.m., University Relations area, 3rd Floor.
- 21 Faculty Senate Meeting, 1 to 3 p.m., E-Lounge.
- 21 Connections Training, 2 to 4 p.m., D1702.
- 21 Civil Service Senate Meeting, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

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Local elementary school 'adopted' by GSU staff

If Governors State University were participating in an "adopt-a-school" program, the adoptee no doubt would be Hickory School of University Park, based on the involvement GSU staff members have had there over the past few weeks.

According to Melani Davis of the Office of University Relations, who has served as a liaison between GSU and Hickory for a couple of projects during the fall trimester, approximately 27 GSU persons have volunteered time to assist the elementary school's faculty in special programs for the students.

Of this group, nine staff members served as after-school tutors and six others participated in the annual "Read Aloud" program that was held Nov. 13 to 17. An additional 13 members of Dr. Sally Glenn's "Teaching Methods" class are providing tutoring until the holiday break.

Davis said GSU became involved with Hickory after a request from Principal Lorraine Powers. "She was making application for a grant that required a high level of community participation and asked if we were willing to lend assistance," she explained. "The school's success in obtaining the grant was based, in large part, on the level of support GSU offered."

Both President Leo Goodman-Malamuth and Provost David Cur-

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GSU Provost David Curtis was one of several administrators who participated in the Hickory 'Read Aloud' program earlier this month.

GSU forms med tech training partnership with Joliet medical center

Governors State University has entered into a medical technology practicum training partnership with St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

The first GSU student to complete a practicum at the hospital was Nancy Horras of Mokena. The senior-year student transferred to GSU after completing work at Joliet Junior College.

Horras worked four days a week in laboratory services. Her training at the Joliet hospital will include work in microbiology, chemistry and hematology.

GSU students also do practicums at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights and St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island, giving them insights into laboratory operations at several facilities.

Happy Holidays!

The staff of *F.Y.I.* extends best wishes to the Governors State University community for the 1989 holiday season. *F.Y.I.* will resume publication with the issue of Monday, Jan. 8, 1990.

Staff Directory Changes

On page 6 of the "Where to Find It Guide" add Homewood-Flossmoor Extension Center, 799-7379. On page 5, Foundation, **Dr. William Dodd's**, title changes from Vice President of Development and Public Affairs to Chief Executive Officer. • Change **Leora Pedric's** extension to 2127. • Delete **Tracy Ustinov** from the directory. • **Professor Jay Boersma's** primary extension is 2462. • **Dr. Brian Malec's** second extension is 2494. • **Dr. Walter Wentz's** extension is 2544. • Welcome to secretary III, transcribing, **Jeanne Murphy** in the Office of Academic Advising, extension 2241, and to offset pressman, cameraman and platemaker **Robert Sisk Jr.** in the University Print Shop, extensions 2191 or 2192.

Cafeteria Menu

(Weeks of December 11 to 15 and
December 18 to 22)

Monday through Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., grill service only, breakfast available.

Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., grill service only.

The cafeteria will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 25 to Wednesday, January 3, 1990.
(Menu subject to change)

Condolences

to **Lucille Kerr**, University Library, on the death of her grandson Nov. 28. The child died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Comings and Goings

Seven staff members retire, two promoted

By *Marilyn Thomas*

Two staff members have been promoted in the Personnel Office, seven retirements have been announced and one staff member has taken on new responsibilities working on a state-funded project.

Willette Jones, a 10-year staff member in the Personnel Office, is now a personnel officer II responsible for benefits programs. She will help staff members with questions on health, life and dental insurance claims, beneficiary designations, retirement benefits, SURS disability payments, workers' compensation and tax sheltered annuities.

She previously had worked as a personnel assistant, assisting **Lu Poroli** with these programs. After that position she'd worked as a benefits counselor.

Willette started at the university in March 1978, working in the library, and later transferred to the College of Environmental and Applied Sciences (now the College of Arts and Sciences). She transferred to the Personnel Office in January 1979.

Willette lives in Chicago Heights with her son, **Ronald**. **Sylvia Cifelli** has also been promoted to personnel officer II. She joined the Personnel Office staff in 1988 and has been doing testing and placement work. In the last six months, Sylvia has been working on training programs for staff, including



"Connections," a customer service training program.

In her new position Sylvia will be helping to establish training and development areas for staff members, as well as supervisory training programs. She also will be assisting Willette with benefits programs.

Sylvia and her husband, **John**, are expecting their first child this month. They live in Chicago Heights.

Betty Leving, administrative aide in the College of Education, and **Evelyn Pegues**, secretary in the College of Business and Public Administration, will retire Dec. 31.

Betty would have marked her 19th anniversary with GSU on Jan. 4. She started working in the Planning Building as a secretary III in the College of Human Learning and Development (now the College of Education). Betty's



boss was **Dr. Charles Wade**, the first dean of the college, and she worked with the directors of academic development (DADs) as the first faculty members were called.

During the last 19 years Betty has been promoted to secretary IV, administrative secretary and then administrative aide in 1981. She has worked for each of the deans and acting deans including **Dr. Bill Katz**, **Dr. Roy Cogdell**, **Dr. Tulsi Sural**, **Dr. Lawrence Freeman** and **Dr. Leon Zalewski**, the college's current acting dean.

Betty plans to do volunteer work after retirement. The Glenwood resident has two children and three grandchildren.

Evelyn Pegues would have marked
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The Grapevine

'Composers Concert' celebrated 20th anniversary

Two professors gave a special program to celebrate GSU's 20th anniversary. **Dr. Richard McCreary**, professor of composition and electronic music, and **Professor Paul Schranz**, professor of photography, performed a multi-media photo/electronic music work at this month's "Composers Concert."

Schranz photographed the pieces in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on campus and digitally enhanced them with the omega computer. His visual works will highlight the musical piece written by Dr. McCreary.

Tsolakides gathers research for upcoming book

Greece, Italy, Jordan, England. Each country has been on the itinerary of **Dr. Jordan Tsolakides**, professor of business administration, who is now on sabbatical. His time away from GSU has given him the opportunity to do research for his upcoming book on entrepreneurship. He's interviewed street vendors, restaurateurs, day-care operators, winery owners, olive oil production owners and pastry shop operators.

Director elected VP for professional association

Richard Pride, director of admissions and student recruitment, has been elected vice president for professional activities of the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He will serve a two-year term.

Pride recently completed a three-year term as secretary of the organization and was chairperson of the conference publications committee for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers national conference in Chicago.

Cooney wins 2nd award for book on sexual abuse

Congratulations to **Dr. Judith Cooney** of the Division of Psychology and Counseling on winning the Wendell S. Dysinger Professional Publication Award from the Illinois Association for Counseling and Development. The award was presented at the association's annual meeting earlier this month.

Dr. Cooney was selected for her book *Coping with Sexual Abuse*, guidance manuals on the subject of child sexual abuse and other publications on the subject.

This is the second award Dr. Cooney received for her book. The work was given the 1988 Best Book Award by the New York Public Library's Young Adult Division.

The award came as a complete surprise to Dr. Cooney, but not to colleagues **Dr. Diane Kjos** who nominated her and to **Dr. Judith Lewis**, **Dr. Jon Carlson** and **Dr. Addison Woodward** who wrote letters of support for the nomination.

Prof conducts largest personality-type study in U.S.

Why is it one year your child loves his teacher and the next year he has difficulties? The problem could involve a personality conflict says **Dr. David Blood** of the College of Education who is conducting the largest student personality-type study in the U.S.

Working with the Minooka schools Dr. Blood has found that some teachers and students have difficulties relating, and that affects a student's achievement scores. His research should give teachers insights into the different personalities of students and help teachers understand that all children don't process what is being presented in class the same way. The research can also help teachers develop extra instructional or extracurricular activities to improve students' scores.

Staff, students lend a hand at Hickory

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His wholeheartedly endorsed the GSU participation, Davis said. "They both felt the involvement was a proper follow-up on the university's commitment to community service."

The tutoring sessions are designed for latch-key kids and for others who have special needs, according to Powers. She assigned the GSU volunteers to students from grades one through six. Meanwhile, three of the GSU volunteers, **Jackie Trubac** of the Administration and Planning staff, **Bonnie Lundy** of the Office of Alumni Relations and **Yvonne Franklin** of the Registrar's Office provided special computer training sessions for the students.

Other staff members participating in the first phase of the tutoring project were Davis and **Katie Ball** of the Office of Alumni Relations, **Diane Cole** of the Registrar's Office, **Catherine Esquivel** of the Administration and Planning staff, **Virginia Eysenbach** of the Office of University Relations, **Gloria Murry** who is a student worker in the Office of University Relations, **Tracy Ustinov** of the Provost's Office and **Bural Wilkerson** of the Financial Aid staff.

Students from Dr. Glenn's class who are participating for the second phase are **Betty Bergmann**, **Karine Christakes**, **Liz Gomez**, **Julaine Greenwald**, **Chris Loo**, **Karrie Lubanowski**, **Sue Marlowe**, **Penny Nichols**, **Santina Picciola**, **Kelly Simpson**, **Dana Slivinskis**, **Amy Slocum** and **Kelly Tornga**.

The "Read Aloud" participants from GSU were Provost Curtis and **Dr. Esthel Allen**, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration; **Dr. William Dodd**, vice president of development and public affairs; **John Ostenburg**, director of university relations; **Dr. Virginio Piucci**, vice president of administration and planning; and **Dr. Peggy Williams**, professor of education in the College of Education.

Seven retire, two promoted to new positions

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her 18th anniversary with GSU in January. A former medical technologist and medical secretary, Evelyn was hired as a secretary for the College of Environmental and Applied Sciences working with the health professions programs.



After five years there, she became secretary to Dr. Melvyn Freed, vice president of administration. It was a position the Park Forest resident held for five years before transferring to the College of Business and Public Administration.

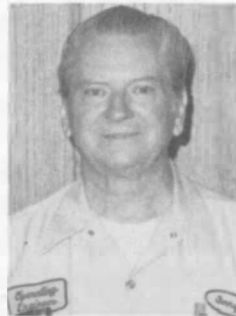
John Oliver, housekeeper for technical services, retired recently. John, who was called the godfather of the housekeeping department, had been at GSU for seven years. He is best remembered for his pleasantries and his concern for others.



Stan Ferry, refrigeration mechanic, recently retired. He started at GSU in 1972 in the Warehouse and over the past 17 years was

responsible for servicing and maintaining all heating, air conditioning and refrigeration associated with the Central Stores building, science labs, the cafeteria and the conference center.

Stan and his wife, Jenny, plan to do some traveling and spend time with their grandchildren.



Matt Poroli retired recently. Matt, an operating engineer in Physical Plant Operations, started at GSU in 1973. Over the years he worked on door and lock problems, pool-related maintenance, exhaust fan and boiler repairs, and the normal day-to-day operational problems.



After 18 years on staff Lu Poroli recently resigned. She started at GSU working with Dr. Richard Vorwerk who was then directing library serv-

ices. Lu did the accounting and requirements for the University Library, Instructional Communications Center, which was then part of the library, and the administration and research areas. About that time she met Matt Poroli whom she later married.

Lu then transferred to the Business Office where she was an accounting clerk, and 10 years ago she transferred to the Personnel Office working in the benefits area. Her last position was manager of benefits services.



Elected Crete Township supervisor in 1988, Lu spends much of her free time working at the township office.

Kim Sit has been named project director/research associate for the Department of Children and Family Services' "Family First Partners." This state-funded, one-year project is being directed by the Office of Conferences and Workshops. Kim previously worked in Special Programs and Continuing Education.

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