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This Week at GSU

- 17 Workshop: "Topics in Special Education—Vision and Learning," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 18 Mutual Benefit Life disability insurance meeting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 18 Faculty Senate meeting, 1 to 3 p.m., D1702.
- 18 Breast Cancer Awareness Table, Ingalls Hospital, 2 to 5:30 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 18 UPI Legislative Forum, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 18 Chemistry Colloquium, Division of Science, 7 p.m., F2331.
- 20 Workshop: "The Chicago Political Tradition," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hall of Honors.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

Final pledge closes Foundation campaign

The GSU Foundation officially closed its \$1.6 million philanthropic campaign for the Regional Center for the Performing Arts when Mrs. Virginia Pizza pledged \$100,000.

Her gift was presented to Dr. William Dodd, the foundation's CEO, at Tuesday's performing arts center celebration.

The foundation has raised \$1.6 million from businesses, industry, community members and GSU faculty, staff and alumni.

The State of Illinois pledged an additional \$3.8 million in grants for construction of the center through legislation sponsored by Ill. Sen. Aldo DeAngelis (R-Olympia Fields).

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GSU Foundation honors Sen. DeAngelis

Illinois Sen. Aldo DeAngelis was the honored guest Tuesday when the GSU Foundation closed its capital campaign for the Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

The foundation presented DeAngelis with its "Distinguished Service Award" for his work in securing \$3.8 million for the center and for his continued support of Chicago Southland.

DeAngelis said celebrations such as the one at GSU last week, are one of the reasons he serves in government.

"It is for occasions (like these) we do serve and these occasions are why government is so important," he told the crowd of 150 donors and guests.

DeAngelis, a former GSU student, said the education the university provides and future performances at the center are "the marriage of the community to GSU."

"It is I who should say 'thank you.' You are indeed a light in the area and now you'll be bringing a first class facility to this area," DeAngelis added.

During the ceremony Dr. William Dodd, chief executive officer of the foundation, accepted a \$100,000 gift from Virginia Pizza which completed the \$1.6 million philanthropic campaign to fund the performing arts center.

Mrs. Pizza's son, Donald, has been leading the campaign as president of the GSU Foundation.



Illinois Sen. Aldo DeAngelis (center) proudly displays his "Distinguished Service" award to (from left) Donald Pizza, President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, BOG Chancellor Thomas Layzell and D. Ray Wilson, BOG board member.

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Faculty union negotiates salary agreement with BOG

Faculty members at Governors State are awaiting ratification of the 1990/91 salary agreement by their union, the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI), and the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.

The agreement would provide a two percent across-the-board salary increase and a 1.3 percent salary equity pool providing increments for promotion, professional advancement increase, degree completion and excellence/merit awards.

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of October 15 to 19)

Monday - Turkey rice soup. Entrees: veal cutlet parmesan with spaghetti, red sauce, garlic bread; Oriental chicken over rice. Hot sandwich: Philly cheese steak.

Tuesday - Beef barley soup. Entrees: turkey breast divan platter; sweet tamale pie with vegetable. Hot sandwich: mushroom Swiss burger.

Wednesday - Cream of broccoli soup. Entrees: carved honey ham platter; beefstroganoffoverbutterednoodles. Hot sandwich: turkey fillet sandwich.

Thursday - Chicken noodle soup. Entrees: grilled salisbury steak platter; stir fried chicken over rice. Hot sandwich: footlong hot dogs.

Friday - Manhattan clam chowder soup. Entrees: whole fried catfish with fries and cole slaw; broccoli noodle bake casserole. Hot sandwich: grilled cheese with tomato.

(Menu subject to change)

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Employee of the Month

Photographer records GSU metamorphosis

Jacob Liao has been recording the metamorphosis of Governors State University for nearly 20 years.

The people, the programs and the construction of the buildings have all been captured on film by the Instructional Communications Center's photographer and the October "Employee of the Month."

Jacob's efforts have also helped in the university's publicrelations efforts, Marilyn Thomas of the University Relations staff said in her nomination, calling him a "friendly, diligent employee."

"Jacob is a team player. Most of us don't want to work past 5 p.m. We have other things planned or we want to be home with our families. Jacob enjoys life's pleasures, too, but that doesn't mean he won't make himself available to photograph every evening or weekend banquet, event or special visitor's party. He also photographs commencement. That's motivation!" she said.

"Jacob can enlarge the proofs, so he can see when someone has his eyes closed or a less than flattering smile. He takes these things into consideration when he makes a suggestion for a print," she noted. "I appreciate that. It saves time; it saves the persons in the picture from embarrassment, and it makes the whole process more efficient.

"Jacob takes a variety of shots so that I have a good selection to choose from, and he usually has pictures for me the next day. That's wonderful in a business where timing is everything," Marilyn noted.

Growing up in China's southern region near Hunan in the 1940s, Jacob

had aspirations of becoming a doctor. His father was a professor and he encouraged his son's studies.

But when the Japanese invaded China, Jacob joined the military. He continued his military service as an officer in Chiang Kai-shek's army trying to overthrow the Maoist communist faction. For six years, he was a captain of an artillery unit.

"Many times my life was over," he said of those years. "I killed many communists, and many times they thought I was dead."

The communist system has ruined China, Jacob believes, because it has taken away any initiative people would have to better themselves. "You are given a job. You cannot change it. You are given a house, you cannot repair it. Everything belongs to the state, not to you."

In 1950, Jacob fled to Hong Kong where he was befriended by a Lutheran minister. He received a college scholarship and earned a master's degree in theology. He worked for the Lutheran Church in Hong Kong for 19 years making audio-visual film strips.

Fearing an eventual takeover of Hong Kong by the communist Chinese, Jacob emigrated to the United States in 1969. It was his first introduction to the Western world and to English.

When his job with a Lutheran agency didn't come through, Jacob was offered a position in the visuals department at the University of Chicago. He worked there for three years before coming to GSU.

"I enjoy my job, and I am willing to help anybody," he said. For Jacob, his early years in China were another life. Here in the United States he lives peacefully. "I just want a happy life," he says.

Jacob lives in University Park with his wife, Ellen, and his daughter, Phoebe.



Jacob Liao

The Grapevine

Colloquia series begins with Middle East crisis

GSU's Colloquia series for the fall trimester begins at noon Tuesday, Oct. 16, in E-Lounge with "The Middle East Situation." Leading the discussion will be **Dr. Cynthia Watson**, political science professor at Loyola University, who will bring us up-to-date on the Middle East crisis and give her insights on the situation.

BOG Chancellor's Office moves into new quarters

Please make a note of this: The Board of Governors Chancellor's Office moved into new quarters Oct. 1. The new address is Board of Governors Universities, 200 Hilton Plaza, 700 E. Adams, Springfield, IL 62701. The phone number remains the same.

Green to serve on panel for candidates forum

Dr. Paul Green, director of The Institute for Public Policy and Administration, will be a panel member for the 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25 candidates forum at the Anita M. Stone Jewish Community Center in Flossmoor featuring **U.S. Rep. George Sangmeister** (D-Ill.), Republican Congressional candidate **Manny Hoffman** and **Ill. Sen. Aldo DeAngelis**, Republican candidate for president of the Cook County Board. The public is invited.

Orientation held on disability insurance coverage

The Personnel Office is hosting an orientation session for open enrollment in the disability insurance plan. Meetings will be at 10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Hall of Honors.

Employees are now covered for a 50 percent of salary benefit through the retirement system. The Board of Governors has agreed to allow Mutual Benefits Life to offer additional coverage for a premium. The plan will be outlined during the meetings.

For more information contact **Willette Jones** in the Personnel Office on extension 2194, or Mutual Benefits Life representatives **Lois** and **Raymond Wieger** at (312) 781-7272.

ECN helps prof keep in touch with GSU from India

When a postcard just won't do, try sending an international message to GSU via BIT-NET, a telecommunications service offered by the Educational Computing Network. **Dr. David Matteson**, professor of psychology and counseling, who is on sabbatical in India, wanted to keep in touch with faculty members and his graduate assistant. **Adalma Stevens** of the ECN staff helped Dr. Matteson find a network center in India using BIT-NET services. His electronic mail messages are being sent from India through Europe to the United States.

Science division begins chemistry colloquia series

The Division of Science is starting a chemistry colloquia this academic year. **William Dean Wulff** of the University of Chicago will be the first lecturer, speaking at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the science division conference room. His topic will be "Transition Metal Carbene Complexes in Organic Synthesis." All are invited.

Dr. Ed Cehelnik, chairperson of the division of science, will welcome guests. This program is being underwritten by the GSU Alumni Association and the GSU Foundation. **Dr. Shelly Kumar**, professor of chemistry, is coordinating the program.

Pizza pledge brings campaign to a close

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Joining Mrs. Pizza at the ceremonies were her sons, **Richard** and **Donald**. As president of the GSU Foundation, Donald has been leading the fundraising efforts.

Mrs. Pizza and her late husband, **Anthony**, earlier had pledged \$5,000 to the capital campaign. The foundation will dedicate one of the center's patron logos to the memory of **Anthony J. Pizza**.

Anthony J. Pizza, a 40-year resident of Calumet City, made his fortune as one of the founders of the frozen pizza industry. He introduced "John's Original" frozen pizza in 1949 using technologies he helped develop as an engineer designing frozen foods for Frigid-aire during World War II.

Mr. Pizza started his pizza business in Calumet City, and in the 1960s expanded the operations to a site in Chicago Heights where he employed approximately 250 persons.

From 1949 to 1979, **Anthony J. Pizza** and **Food Products Co.** grew to a \$30-million-a-year nationwide business. It was especially successful in the Chicago area. At one time it had a 50 percent share of the Chicago market.

When Mr. Pizza retired in 1979, the company was sold to **Valores Industries of Mexico**, the producers of **Carta Blanca** and **Tecate** beers. "John's Original" brand is now a subsidiary of **Pillsbury Co.**

Two GSU grads serving on Chicago Board of Ed

Two of the 15 members of the newly-appointed Chicago Board of Education are graduates of Governors State University.

Sandra Bishop received a bachelor's degree in psychology/personal growth from GSU in 1974. She is serving as director of the Parent Community Council Project of the Education Reform Summit. **Bishop**, a graduate of Chicago public schools, was appointed to a three-year term on the board.

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"Gifts both large and small from business, industry and individuals have made this capital campaign for a performing arts center a success," GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II said.

"We thank all who have shared in our excitement for this project. We now know our dream for a performing arts center will come to fruition. The center will be a place for all in the southern suburbs to enjoy," he added.

The \$5.4 million Regional Center for the Performing Arts was the dream of President Goodman-Malamuth who in 1985 proposed a showcase theatre for performing artists in the southern suburbs.

The GSU Foundation agreed to sponsor the project and began its fundraising effort with the first pledge of \$50,000 from Heritage/Olympia Bank. Several months later, Sen. DeAngelis sponsored legislation giving GSU a \$2.2 million

state matching grant for the project.

Sen. DeAngelis continued his support for the performing arts center with his sponsorship of a second piece of legislation increasing the state's commitment to \$3.8 million. The increase covered additional construction costs and a redesign of the theatre that increased seating capacity.

The Regional Center for the Performing Arts, originally planned as a 900-seat theatre will now seat 1,200.

BOG/faculty reach agreement

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The contract covers 152 faculty members at GSU. The total salary package would increase base salaries an average of 3.3 percent.

"Both sides were aware of the fiscal constraints placed on negotiations because of the low state appropriations this year," Elisabeth Murray, chief negotiator for the BOG, said. "We all worked extremely hard to reach an agreement that is fair."

This year's negotiations were for salary only. UPI is in the last year of a three-year contract. Contract talks began in April and concluded Sept. 26.

"Real progress in faculty salaries will not be achieved until the state realizes that it must fund our public universities at a higher level," Mitch Vogel, president of UPI, said.

"Over the years, UPI has argued

consistently that our members' many years of service often were slighted when new faculty were hired at salaries almost equal to BOG veterans," Vogel added. "The contract established a salary equity study, and the board has agreed to negotiate new equity procedures in order to begin the eradication of salary inequities after our joint salary study is completed."

"The overriding priority in the Board of Governors system is undergraduate instruction, and recruiting and retaining top level faculty is key to its success," BOG Chancellor Thomas Layzell said. "However, this agreement reflects the lean budget year the entire state is experiencing."

The legislature allocated only a 1.7 percent pay hike. The contract proposal offers faculty 3.3 percent.

GSU grads appointed to Chicago Board of Ed

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Dr. Clinton Bristow received a master's degree in business administration from GSU in 1984. Dr. Bristow, who was elected president pro tem of the board, was appointed to a two-year term. Dr. Bristow is dean of business and administration at Chicago State University.

Bristow has said publicly that he sees the board's major responsibility as "listening to the community," and he has appointed a six-member planning community to address policy issues.

Bishop has been quoted as saying, "It's clear to everybody who's been involved in reform that...the law that was passed is not the final word. There's much work to be done in order to have the effects of reform take place in the classroom."

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