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## Happenings at GSU

- 26 NUTN meeting and teleconference, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., University Theatre.
- 27 New Student Orientation, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 31 Civil Service Senate Forum, 10 a.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 31 Child Care Center graduation and awards ceremony, 10 a.m., Engbretson Hall.

## Connolly awarded \$20,000 scholarship

A Governors State University professor has been awarded a \$20,000 scholarship for her doctoral dissertation work.

Dr. Maria Connolly, professor of nursing, received the scholarship from the John L. and Helen R. Kellogg Foundation as a student of Rush University. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from GSU. She joined the faculty in 1987.

Selection was based on her perfect grade point average in doctoral coursework, her community involvement and ongoing research. Dr. Connolly is active with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, the American Heart Association of South Cook County and the Chicago Lung Association. She has published several of her findings on ventilator patients in medical journals.

This is the latest monetary academic award for the professor. In 1989, Dr. Connolly received a \$6,000 Nursing Assembly Scholarship from the Chicago Lung Association to help her continue her research into the communication problems of patients on ventilators. She

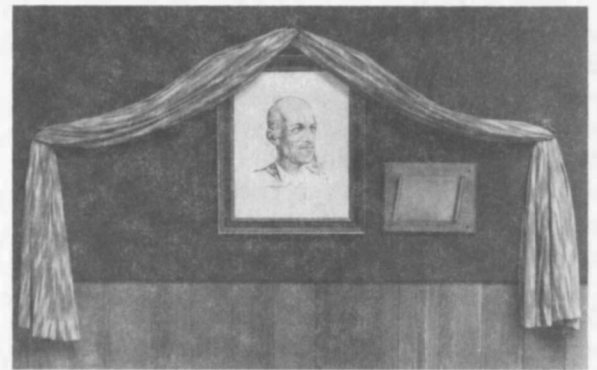
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## Memorial drawing is GSU's tribute to humanitarian

In the Hall of Governors, among the reliefs of Illinois' former chief executives and photos of Board of Governors Universities trustees, is a pencil sketch of a distinguished looking gentleman. It is there as a tribute to a now-deceased humanitarian of the GSU region.

The drawing, draped with red, white and blue bunting, is a memorial to Dr. Charles Gavin, who also honored posthumously with an honorary degree at GSU's August 1976 commencement.

Dr. Gavin was only 44 when he died, but in those years he touched many in his Chicago Heights community and in the south suburbs. His emphasis was not on a person's color or income but rather on love and respect. He gave hope to many and was an inspiration to all. Often he gave medical care to those who were indigent.



This portrait and plaque honor south suburban humanitarian Dr. Charles Gavin.

The second of six children in the Robert Gavin family, "Buddy" — as he was nicknamed — became familiar with many Chicago Heights residents while working in his parents' dry cleaning business.

His family knew he was serious about a medical career when he began studying physiology as a hobby in junior high school.

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## GSU to host national higher education teleconference meeting

Governors State University will be host to more than 100 guests from across the country attending the National University Teleconference Network (NUTN) summer meeting on campus and in Chicago July 24 through 27.

NUTN is a 250-member consortium of two- and four-year colleges and universities serving teleconferencing needs of higher education.

Topics for the meeting include case studies of successful teleconferences, program proposals and production aspects.

Program presenters include Sally Petrilli of the Instructional Communications Center (ICC) who will deliver a paper on the instructional design process,

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## Cafeteria Menu

(Week of July 22 to 26)

**Monday**—Chicken vegetable soup. Veal cutlet Antonio platter; spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread; B.B.Q. pork sandwich.

**Tuesday**—Lima bean soup. Roast turkey breast platter; macaroni, beef, tomato casserole; pizza burger.

**Wednesday**—Turkey noodle soup. London broil platter; linguini with clam sauce; Chicago-style hot dog.

**Thursday**—Cabbage soup. Baked chicken Maryland platter; rotini and ham au gratin casserole; Sloppy Joe.

**Friday**—New England clam chowder. Stir fried shrimp over rice; broccoli and cheese quiche; Italian beef.

(Week of July 29 to August 2)

**Monday**—Turkey vegetable soup. Baked chicken breast cordon bleu platter; fresh beef fajitas; grilled ham and cheese.

**Tuesday**—Beef rice soup. Baked stuffed pork chop platter; beef chop suey over rice; bacon cheeseburger.

**Wednesday**—French onion soup. Veal cutlet Provencale platter; chicken Tetrazzini; grilled Reuben sandwich.

**Thursday**—Cream of chicken soup. Smoked sausage with vegetable saute; beef lasagna with parmesan toast; Monte Cristo sandwich.

**Friday**—Cream of vegetable soup. Fried shrimp platter; tuna noodle casserole; grilled patty melt.

(Menu subject to change)

## Employee of the Month

# Cashier approaches job with 'much enthusiasm'

By Marilyn Thomas

Money, money money! Whether it's greenbacks, coins, checks or vouchers, it all comes under Cynthia Mitchell's realm as a cashier.

As a GSU employee, you've probably had the July "Employee of the Month" hand you your paycheck or sell you a book of stamps. Those are the easy, friendly jobs for Cynthia.

"Working with the public can be quite a task," Shelina Hurd of the Business Office said in her nomination, "but Cynthia has a way about her that puts one's thoughts into a better perspective. She's always cheerful, smiles a lot and does her job with much enthusiasm."

There are tasks that are less enjoyable, she admits, but they're all part of the job. "The people who tend to complain the most are the students who are dropped for non-payment," she said. "They get angry. And after they've paid, they say 'Let me in (my class) now.' I have to tell them I can't. They have to wait for the add/drop period."

Then they're really angry, but Cynthia says she can handle it. She admits there are days when the negative comments bother her, but she tries to shrug them off.

"I have seen her expedite matters in a timely fashion and with great professionalism," Shelina told the committee. "My desk is across from the cashier's office, and I have often heard the conversations of the parties at the cashier's window. I have witnessed people yelling at Cynthia for matters that are usually their own fault. Cynthia has always handled these

people with the utmost respect. She is always courteous, friendly and very helpful."

"People forget that we just disperse the checks and collect the money. We don't make the rules," Cynthia said.

Generally, people are friendly, she said, although she's getting tired of jokes about money. When people want checks cashed and Cynthia tries to accommodate them with bills they would prefer, she asks "Is there anything special I can give you?" Without fail, someone will ask for a couple of hundreds. "That's the oldest joke around, but I'm still getting it," she said.

Cynthia's never worked at a bank, although her two sisters have. After graduating from Bloom Trail High School, she attended a fashion design school and worked part-time in the cashier's office of Marshall Field's on State Street. She also worked at the Water Tower and River Oaks stores.

The Hazel Crest resident didn't mind giving up her employee discount to come to work at GSU in 1989. Her job offers her a regular schedule and variety and besides, she says she always was good at accounting.

When Cynthia's not at the window serving a customer, she's busy with paperwork for university reimbursements filed by the financial aid office for scholarship funding, or checking on deposits made by the various clubs and organizations at GSU, such as the alumni association, the GSU Foundation and the Campus Community Center.

Registration periods are always busy because students must either pay for classes at the time of registration or ask for deferred payment. Although there is an additional \$20 fee for deferred payment, most students have been opting for it. "We've been seeing more requests for deferred payments lately," she said.



Cynthia Mitchell

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## ***The Grapevine***

### **Annual Civil Service picnic scheduled for Aug. 17**

Civil service employees are reminded to mark their calendars for the annual Civil Service/GSU Community picnic on Aug. 17. This year the picnic will be at Oakwood Park in Matteson. Details are being worked out.

The Civil Service Senate is asking staff members to save small items for a summer rummage sale. Books, crafts, toys and other items are needed for this sale being organized by Diane Cole in the Registrar's Office.

### **Provost goes to Japan as North Central evaluator**

GSU Provost David Curtis spent a week in Japan as chairperson of an North Central Association of Colleges and Schools evaluation team.

Lakeland College in Wisconsin has entered into a joint agreement with the Nippon Educational Center of Japan for a joint partnership English as a Second Language (ESL) and associate of arts degree program.

Lakeland College is asking North Central for accreditation of its proposed Japanese campus and course offerings. Dr. Curtis and Dr. Adelaide H. Parsons, ESL coordinator in the English department at Southeast Missouri State University, traveled to Japan to review the joint agreement, the facilities available to Japanese students and the curriculum offerings to make a recommendation on accreditation.

### **State Civil Service System will do personnel audit**

Barbara Clark, director of personnel, has been notified that the State Universities Civil Service System audit team will conduct an operational personnel management audit beginning Aug. 28. The audit will focus on compliance with statutes, rules and procedures affecting all aspects of the employment of civil service staff and on compliance and monitoring of the Principal Administrative Appointment Program.

### **Student Life arranges second annual golf outing**

Get ready for a "swinging" time at the 2nd Annual GSU Student Life Golf Outing Aug. 9. Foursome registrations are being accepted through Friday, July 26, for the afternoon of golf at Urban Hills Country Club. Tee times can be scheduled between noon and 2 p.m. Golfers can play nine holes for \$16 or 18 holes for \$25. For more information, call the Office of Student Life on extension 2123.

### **Piucci will address employee concerns at July forum**

The Civil Service Senate is hosting a forum on state employee concerns at 10 a.m. July 31 in the Sherman Music Recital Hall. Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president of administration and planning who oversees civil service employees, will address questions from the audience.

### **Three staffers recognized for BGU marketing work**

Three members of the Governors State University staff were recognized recently for their contributions to the current marketing program being undertaken by the Board of Governors Universities.

Speaking at the June BGU board meeting, James Gardner, board member and chairperson for the BGU Strategic Marketing Committee, cited Melani Davis and John Ostenburg of the Office of University Relations, and Richard Pride of the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment, for their contributions.

Davis was recognized for her work in helping to develop stylebooks for the BGU Chancellor's Office and for the five BGU campuses, Ostenburg for work on president's newsletters and alumni news publications on the campuses, and Pride for work on a BGU common applications form and for arranging a BGU exhibit at the 1992 Black Expo.

## **GSU hosts meeting**

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and Dr. Dominic Candeloro of the Office of Conferences and Workshops who is a presenter on GSU experiences with "wrap-around" sessions.

When the guests visit GSU Friday, July 26, their meetings will include the one hour videoconference "Videoconference Proposal Design and Review." Tony Labriola of ICC is the producer/director for the program.

Dr. Mel Muchnik, special assistant to GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, and Dr. Mark Tisone of Old Dominion University in Virginia are co-chairing the planning committee. Dr. Candeloro and Labriola also are serving on the committee.

Members of the GSU planning committee are Mark Burda, graduate student in the media communications program, Dr. Candeloro, Professor Maria Connolly (CHP), Peg Donohue (PROV), Gary Fisk (ICC), Dr. Sally Glenn (CE), Dr. Mary Howes (CPBA), Dr. Shelly Kumar (CAS), Cheryl Lambert, Labriola and Petrilli (ICC) and Dr. Michael Stelnicki (CAS).

Keynote speaker for the conference is Charles Benton, chairman of Films Inc. and Public Media Inc. He also is chairman of the Benton Foundation and has served as an appointee on a White House task force on information resources.

Dr. Donald Sutton, executive director of Mind Extension University, is a special guest speaker. Mind Extension University, a division of Jones Intercable Inc., is cable television's fastest growing educational channel with a potential audience of 20 million. Several GSU-produced teleclasses are seen in other states on the Jones Intercable channel.

Governors State received the Distinguished Program Award, NUTN's highest programming honor, for its 1990 videoconference "Corporate America and the Environment" hosted by Bill Kurtis, WBBM-TV's news anchor. Because GSU has the capability to send and receive programming via satellite, the videoconference involved guests not only on the GSU campus but also in Washington, D.C., and in San Francisco.

# WIU prof gains 1991 title as BGU's top instructor

A professor of biological sciences at Western Illinois University has received the second annual award designed to publicly recognize excellence in teaching within the Board of Governors Universities system.

Dr. Paul Nollen was selected from contenders representing each BGU institution, including Dr. Judith Lewis of Governors State University. The other contenders were Dr. Kenneth Johnson of Chicago State, Dr. Edward Moll of Eastern Illinois and Dr. Durward Hofler of Northeastern Illinois universities.

A committee of faculty and administrators from Illinois universities outside the BGU system made the selection. The award was presented during the board's regular June meeting in Springfield.

Dr. Nollen has been a member of the WIU faculty since 1967. He has an established record of demonstrated excellence in teaching, research and public service.

A specialist in physiology and behavior of parasites, he has received a number of honors for teaching, scholarly activity and service. Among them are the WIU Presidential Merit Award for 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1981 and a WIU Faculty Excellence Award on three occasions.

## Personnel may facilitate processing for retirees

Are you planning on retiring from your GSU job soon? Barbara Clark, director of personnel, asks that anyone planning on leaving a position notify her office as soon as possible. There is a procedure to be followed for processing out of employment, she explained, and the Personnel Office can facilitate the procedure by having the necessary paperwork prepared in advance.

Details can be obtained by calling Clark on extension 2194.

He received a bachelor's degree from Carroll University in 1956, a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1957 and a doctorate from Purdue University in 1967.

"It is fitting for a university system that places a top priority on undergraduate education to honor excellence in teaching," said James Althoff, BGU Chairperson of McHenry. "Dr. Nollen typifies the best in the profession."

Excellence in teaching was the major factor in the selection process, Althoff said. Research and community service also were critical, he added.

As the winner, Dr. Nollen receives a stipend of \$2,500 and will have his salary base for 1991-92 increased by \$2,500. He also will receive 50 percent release time during the year in order to make presentations on a selected topic at the five BGU universities and at public appearances on behalf of the board.

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## GSUings...

...Dr. Jane Andringa, professor of special education, presenting the workshop, "Are the Consultation Skills Taught to Special Education Teachers Being Used on the Job in Illinois?" and the workshop "Evaluating Prereferral Programs in School Districts" with Art Keller, director of special services in District 140, at the Council for Exceptional Children Conference in Atlanta April 1 and 5.

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## Published

Dr. Jon Carlson of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, his fifteenth book, *Marriage Therapy* written with Dr. Len Sperry.

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Dr. Gavin excelled in sports as a member of the football team at Bloom High School, and in academics. He was the first black to be inducted into the National Honor Society there. After serving in the Army during World War II, he enrolled at the University of Illinois, earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

Dr. Gavin then pursued a master's degree in inorganic chemistry at the University of Chicago. After earning an M.S. he enrolled in medical school at the University of Illinois. He interned at Cook County Hospital.

Dr. Gavin was one of the first black certified orthopedic surgeons in the Chicago area. He was chief orthopedic surgeon at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights and served on the staffs of Louise Burg, Presbyterian-St. Luke's and Provident hospitals in Chicago.

In his memory, a Dr. Charles E. Gavin Memorial Foundation was established to perpetuate and further his humanitarian ideals and goals. Also, District 170 in Chicago Heights named a school in his honor.

## Prof wins scholarship

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also received a grant from the Illinois Nurses Association and from the American Legion Auxiliary.

Her dissertation topic is "Motor Vehicle Accident Patients Who Are Ventilator Dependent and Their Methods of Communication." Dr. Connolly is studying two approaches to the communication problem—aided and unaided. She hopes to distinguish patterns and set a framework for communicating that nurses can study and put into place.

"This award makes all my hours of study worthwhile," she said. "I am just elated."

Her monetary awards have allowed her to purchase a computer printer and software packages, cover transcription expenses and hire graduate assistants who will videotape ventilator patients and nurses' efforts to communicate.

## Patton to take leave for National Endowment work

On Sept. 1, Dr. June Patton will begin a one-year leave from GSU to work for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Dr. Patton, professor of history and policy analysis in the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, will work as a humanities administrator in the Division of Research Programs at the endowment's national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

She will be responsible for processing applications, selecting programs for grants and monitoring current grant projects that support and strengthen humanities research in the United States.



Dr. June Patton

An NEH appointment, such as the one extended to Dr. Patton, is given by invitation only. Dr. Patton has been involved as a consultant and mentor on several projects that previously were submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities for consideration. She also has developed a national reputation for her research on African-American history.

In accepting the NEH appointment,

Dr. Patton declined a Carter G. Woodson Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence appointment at the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History in Washington, D.C. She also was forced to decline a 1991-92 appointment as GSU's Board of Governors Universities Minority Fellow.

Dr. Patton has been a member of the faculty since August 1973. She received tenure in April 1980. She completed her doctorate at the University of Chicago in June 1980, becoming the first black woman in the history of the university to receive a doctoral degree in history of education.

Dr. Patton received bachelor's and master's degrees from Roosevelt University, and a master's degree from the University of Chicago.

During her years as a faculty member, Dr. Patton has received excellent comments from students who commend her for her thorough knowledge of her subject.

She recently returned to the University of Chicago for work in public policy and became a research associate on the Metropolitan Opportunity Project. The 1988 study focused on five major U.S. cities in terms of educational and employment opportunities for minorities. As an outgrowth of her research, Dr. Patton published her find-

ings on admissions applications to 14 public and private colleges and universities in Atlanta which showed a decline in the number of applications from young black men.

Her research topics are varied. They include "Miscegenation during the Antebellum Period," "The Black Mammy Monument Movement," "Third World Women: The Struggle Continues" and "Education and Freedom."

She has been working as a consultant to the Illinois Humanities Council on its project on Chicago's West Side black neighborhoods, and has been asked to write chapters for the Fisk University collection *Notable Black American Women*, for *American National Biography*, a 20-volume collection of American biographies for Oxford University Press, and for *Biographies of Black Women* to be published in October by Carlson Publishing Inc.

Dr. Patton also has agreed to serve as a committee member of the 1993 Black Women's History Project sponsored by The Ohio State University.

In 1990, Dr. Patton chaired the 75th annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History which brought authors Alex Haley, Carlos Moore, Vincent Harding and other leaders in African-American history and scholarship to Chicago.

## Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations to the following GSU employees who celebrate their anniversaries of employment in July:

1970	Ginni Burghardt (AR)	Josephine Wiater (UL)
1971	Ronald Brubaker (CAS)	1978 Douglas McNutt (FA)
	Virginio Piucci (A&P)	1980 Catherine Swatek (BO)
1972	Hugh Rank (CAS)	1981 Ellen Zalewski (BO)
1973	Barbara Clark (PERS)	Jean Cox (UL)
1974	William Dodd (DPA)	1982 David Curtis (PROV)
	Richard McCreary (CAS)	1985 Barbara Conant (UL)
	John Payne (CAS)	Jean Johnson (ADVIS)
	Bethany Harms (BO)	1986 Stanley Hetmanski (CS)
1976	Thomas Stepke (BO)	Raymond Gayton (CE)

## Get Well Wishes

To former A&P staff member David Jenkins who is recuperating from a serious car accident. Cards can be sent to him at his home at 11 Princess, Crete, IL 60417.

## Staff Directory Changes

Please delete Grace Lefebvre, Beverly Wilson, Dr. Joseph Correa and Professor Kathleen Lukcso from your staff directory.

## 'Payless payday' strikes for GSU employees

A "payless payday" struck at Governors State University Tuesday as 458 employees were unable to collect paychecks for work performed from July 1 to 15.

The GSU employees were among thousands of workers statewide to be effected by the pay dilemma.

The generosity of a local bank has made the loss more palatable at GSU, however.

Speaking to faculty and staff late Friday, **President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II** explained that the Heritage Olympia Bank of Chicago Heights was prepared to advance employees 90 percent of the net pay on a no-interest basis.

The bank holds a contract as the university's depository for locally-held funds as a result of competitive bidding. It also has been a major donor to the GSU Foundation.

"We are delighted by the cooperation of the bank's president, **Charles Gaskill**, in arranging this," Dr. Goodman-Malamuth said.

The Heritage Olympia checks were scheduled to be issued by Friday if state payments were not forthcoming by that time.

Employees will be required to sign a statement authorizing the bank to be paid for the loan by payroll deduction at the next pay period, according to **Tim Arr**, director of business operations.

Meanwhile, approximately 300 other GSU employees, those paid by local funds or on delayed payment for work performed during the last two weeks of Fiscal Year 1991, received checks on July 16 as originally scheduled.

The pay crisis was the result of the failure by **Gov. Jim Edgar** and the Illinois General Assembly to reach an agreement on an Illinois budget for Fiscal Year 1992.

Though Illinois law dictates that a budget accord be reached by June 30 each year, the governor and legislators were unable to reach an agreement by that date and already had spent two weeks of "overtime" negotiating prior to the state's first payday on July 15.

Though the possibility of a "payless payday" for state employees had been discussed for several days, it became a reality at noon on July 11, the time set by Illinois State **Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch** as the deadline for her office to receive authorization from the legislature to process paychecks.

Despite attempts to force the release of state paychecks by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31, and other unions representing state workers, both Sangamon County and

state appellate courts refused to order **Netsch** to pay state employees without a state budget in place for FY92.

The delay in passing a budget has resulted of an impasse between **Edgar** and Democratic leaders in both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate on two major issues.

**House Speaker Michael J. Madigan**, D-Chicago, and **Senate President Philip J. Rock**, D-Oak Park, have opposed **Edgar's** demand for a cap on property taxes for suburban Cook County and for the "collar" counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will.

At the same time, they have incurred **Edgar's** opposition by their demand that the state income tax surcharge of 1989 be extended for a two-year period rather than being made permanent.

A potential compromise was in the offing early this week as Democrats accepted the tax cap for the collar counties only and agreed to a one year freeze on property tax increases for suburban Cook.

A similar pull-back by **Edgar** on the income tax issue could result in settlement of the budget crisis by week's end, a Democratic spokesperson said at mid-week.

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