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## Happenings at GSU

- 10/2 Faculty Exhibition Opening Reception, 5 to 7 p.m., E-Lounge Gallery.
- 10/2 Workshop: "Masters of the Comic Spirit Series: Geoffrey Chaucer," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., E1801.
- 10/2 Workshop: "Improving Customer Service," 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Faculty Reading Room.
- 10/3 Family Juggling Show and Workshop, 2 p.m., Student Center Gymnasium.

## Culver recognized as Fulbright Professor

Dr. Lowell Culver has been named a Fulbright Senior Professor. The professor of public administration will use his Fulbright grant for expenses he will incur as a guest professor at the University of Oldenburg in Germany during the Summer 1993 term.

He will team teach a course on special problems in public administration in the United States and Germany and a course on urban development in the United States and Germany, and he will be the instructor for a class on the United States federal government.

Dr. Culver is widely published in his field and has presented research on governing and managing urban America, the politics of urban distress and the settlement patterns of African-Americans. He also is studying the changes in Germany as the federal and state governments attempt to enmesh two cultures and two government systems into one working network.

This is the second time Dr. Culver

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## GSU grad says 'thanks' with major donation

By JOHN A. OSTENBURG

Joe Planera is an exceptional kind of guy, one who isn't afraid to tackle difficult tasks, and one who thinks saying "thanks" is important.

The former is, in part, why he's now a successful Chicago Heights attorney. The latter is the reason he's also a Columbus Fellow at Governors State University, having donated \$10,000 to the Columbus Carillon project at his alma mater.

Planera came to the U.S. from Italy when he was five, attended both Garfield School and Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights, and then went to DePaul University for one semester before deciding the Army offered a better career opportunity.

Three years later — married and the father of a daughter — he changed his mind again.

Working full-time in the Chicago Heights steel mills during the days, he became a night student at Prairie State College and completed an associate of arts degree in two years.

Still maintaining his full-time status as a daytime steelworker, he then entered Governors State and completed a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a master's degree one year later. During this period he also worked part-time in the GSU library.

When he decided to enter the Lewis University Law School in 1975, he



President Paula Wolff (left) and former President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II (right) pose with Columbus Fellow Joe Planera following groundbreaking for GSU's Columbus Carillon.

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## President calls on staff for commitment to GSU and students

President Paula Wolff believes Governors State University works because of its commitment to students, and she called on staff members to give that commitment to the institution as a whole and to each other.

At the annual fall convocation Sept. 15, Dr. Wolff told staff members students are "the heart of the institution," and she pledged to make GSU operate even more effectively for them.

"Let there be no mistake. That is why I am here. If there is anything we can and should do to make our place better, it is to make it better for the students. That will be the touchstone for me."

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## President committed to students

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Dr. Wolff lauded faculty saying she has recognized that "the absolutely overwhelming common tenet in this university is the commitment to teaching," adding, "virtually everyone I have spoken to has respect, almost reverence for what it means to teach at GSU, because that is defined by our students—their commitment, their capacity to put education in context, and their eagerness to explore learning."

But making Governors State work better, she said, means strengthening the partnership among all who walk through its doors. Dr. Wolff called on staff members to foster scholarship, and be willing to offer service not just to GSU students but also through partnerships with the community. She asked them to develop simple systems that will be considered the easiest and best methods toward achieving goals, and have all departments and their staff members work in concert with respect and trust for each other.

"The heterogeneity of our composition, of our ideas and of our values must be recognized and fostered," Dr. Wolff said. "We shall begin today the coming together to decide what our future will be for the next decade or more."

The president warned staff that many of the steps will not be easy. For example, the Illinois Board of Higher Education's review, commonly known

as "PQP" for priorities, quality and productivity, will mean GSU must give serious attention to its mission and character, the quality of education and GSU's "collective and individual productivity," as well as budget constraints.

Dr. Wolff intends to put the past academic year's negative headlines from program reviews behind her. "It is over. We will now decide together how to grow with strength and with grace; GSU will be the model for higher education in the 1990s," she said, "in what we do and how well we do it. It will be invigorating and fun."

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## GSUings...

...**Professor Jay Boersma** (CAS), participating in an exhibition titled "Repetition-Compulsion Again" at ARC Gallery in Chicago during the month of September...**Rita Nagy** (SL), being selected to serve on the 1992 Illiana Showcase Selection Committee for the National Association for Campus Activities-Illiana Region fall conference held in August at Notre Dame University...**Dr. Virginio L. Piucci** (A&P), being included in the *Who's Who Registry*, Platinum Edition, a leading and authoritative reference source of accomplished individuals and their career positions...**Dr. Joyce Morishita** (CAS), being included in the exhibition "Her Works," a national competition of women artists, sponsored by the Women's Caucus for Art and held in South Bend, Ind. in Sept...**Dr. Henry Lowenstein** (CBPA), speaking at the Sept. 10 meeting of the Midlothian Area Chamber of Commerce on "What If We Built an Airport and Nobody Came?" ...**Professor Jane Andringa** (CE), presenting at the 1992 Conference of the Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities at Rosary College in River Forest on "Collaborative Teaming" and at the Illinois State Board of Education Initiatives Training Conference in Rosemont on "Co-Teaching."

## Graduate says 'thank you' with major donation to Columbus Carillon

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still kept his full-time employment in the mills but started working nights. Driving 90 miles back and forth to Glen Ellyn five days a week, he nonetheless completed a law degree in only three years.

"A lot of people can't afford to go away to school," Planera said of the opportunity made available to him at GSU.

"Being able to stay home and continue with a job locally and still go to college gives a lot more opportunity to a lot more people."

His gratitude toward GSU comes from the education that the university afforded him. "It would have been very difficult," he said of his chances to complete a degree if Governors State had not been available.

Planera also is grateful to **Dr. Virginio L. Piucci**, retiring vice president for administration and planning at GSU, for encouraging him to enter law school.

"With the help of Dr. Piucci, when I was finishing my master's degree, I decided to go to law school," he explained. Today, in addition to his law practice, he owns a major office complex and has served as prosecutor for the City of Chicago Heights for eight years.

It was a natural for Planera to become involved with the Columbus Carillon project, since Dr. Piucci is the moving force behind the bell tower. Piucci sees the monument as a tribute to the diversity that is the U.S. nation 500 years after Columbus' voyage.

"I heard about it," Planera said, "and then Virge asked me to be on the committee. I thought about the pride of being Italian, wanting to give some kind of recognition to the Planera family, and decided to become a fellow."

"I'm happy to be part of this really noteworthy project," he said.

Still married to his high school sweetheart, Planera also is father of two daughters, **Christal** who is 24, and **Pamela** who is 8.

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## Piucci announces retirement after 18 years

Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president for administration and planning and an 18-year veteran of the GSU staff, has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31.

"This is not a sudden decision for me," Dr. Piucci said. "I had informed former President Leo Goodman-Malamuth of my intentions more than a year ago, and



Dr. Virginio Piucci

current President Paula Wolff also was aware from the time she was selected for her current post."

"Virge Piucci has been a loyal and dedicated leader of the GSU team," Dr. Piucci said. "His efforts and presence will be missed, but his legacy will continue to remind us all that good—and even great—things are possible as the result of dreams mixed with hard work. He is a superlative administrator and an extraordinary person.

"It is not only Governors State University, but the whole of higher education, that has benefitted as a result of his tireless labors."

Dr. Piucci was honored for his work on behalf of higher education when the American Association of University Administrators presented him with the 1992 Tosney Award.

Widely recognized as a "builder" on campus, Dr. Piucci has overseen a complete remodeling of GSU's main campus building, converting it from an open structure with movable walls to its current design with mostly permanent classroom spaces and offices.

Other projects completed under his guidance were the construction of a physical plant building and the remodeling of an existing farmhouse into the Percy and Elizabeth Wagner House which houses GSU's public affairs, development and alumni activities.

The current construction of two facilities, a computer center that will perform services for GSU and a number of other state universities and the Columbus Carillon which will recognize the cultural diversity of the American na-

tion, also are the result of Dr. Piucci's planning and direction.

GSU's elaborate planning process, recognized as a model for planning among public institutions, also was the result of Dr. Piucci's work. He has used the GSU plan as the basis for a number of national and international conferences and consulting projects.

Dr. Piucci also has personally planned and supervised the annual commencement ceremonies.

Prior to joining the GSU staff in 1971, Dr. Piucci served as director of education at the State University of New York at Oswego from 1962 to 1965. He later was the dean of educational studies at Rhode Island College from 1965 to 1971.

He originally served as GSU's vice president for research and innovation and was promoted to his present post in 1977.

He received the bachelor of education degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz, the master of arts degree from Columbia University and the doctorate in education from the University of Florida.

## Kjos joins elite group as certified career counselor

Dr. Diane Kjos, professor of psychology and counseling, has joined an elite group of fewer than 1,000 counselors in the United States to be certified by the National Board of Certified Career Counselors.

Certification is offered to counselors who gained a reputation for their work in the area, and who already hold certification from the National Board of Certified Counselors. The certification signifies that the professional has met high standards of the organization and the profession.

One of Dr. Kjos' teaching focuses has been job preparation and career counseling. She also mentors future counselors who work with community resi-

dents participating in GSU's free counseling services.

In 1983, Dr. Kjos joined the GSU staff as an outreach counselor in the Student Affairs and Services office. In 1985, she was named a part-time professor and administered a grant GSU received from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for assessment services for the unemployed and underemployed.

Dr. Kjos became a full-time faculty member in September 1988. She helped establish a career counselors' lab for student counselors and has led numerous workshops on working and employment trends.

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## Culver wins Fulbright

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has been recognized by the Fulbright Program. After receiving a bachelor's degree, Dr. Culver was named a Fulbright Fellow and studied at the University of Hamburg in Germany. He returned to the United States and earned master's and doctoral degrees in political science. He taught in high school before accepting a university position.

Dr. Culver has shared his interest in Germany with students at GSU and the community through organized trips to Europe. His contact with the University of Oldenburg that resulted in this professorial exchange was initiated during the 1990 GSU-sponsored trip. This year, Dr. Culver led a group of 15 through Germany and Czechoslovakia.

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## Grapevine

### Officers selected to serve on GSU Faculty Senate

Professor Barbara Conant (UL) has been elected president of the GSU Faculty Senate for this academic year. Dr. Diane Kjos (CE) is the vice president.

Members of the Executive Committee are Dr. Jordan Tsolakides and alternate Dr. Lon Wolf for the College of Business and Public Administration, Dr. Jane Wells and alternate Dr. Jagan Lingamneni for the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Judith Lewis and alternate Dr. Ami Wang for the College of Health Professions, and Dr. Jane Andringa and alternate Dr. Debra Huntley for the College of Education.

Serving with them as members-at-large are Dr. Lingamneni (CAS), Dr. Judith Lewis (CHP), Dr. Robert Donaldson (CBPA), Dr. Sonny Goldenstein (CAS), Dr. Wolf (CE) and Dr. Ken Wieg (CE).

College representatives are Dr. Tsolakides, Dr. Akkanad Isaac and Dr. Zam Malik (CBPA), Dr. Mohammad Kishta, Dr. Wells, and Dr. Deborah Holdstein (CAS), Professor Connie Edwards, Dr. Lee Hertzman and Dr. Wang (CHP), Professor Andringa, Dr. Sally Glenn, Dr. Kjos and Dr. Huntley (CE), and Professor Conant representing SAS/CELCS/UL.

### CAS faculty pool talents for October art exhibition

The talent of the professors in the Division of Fine and Performing Arts will be highlighted Oct. 2 through 29 in the "Upstairs-Downstairs Faculty Exhibition" in the Infinity and Art Galleries. Works by Professors Jay Boersma, Mary Bookwalter, John Payne and Paul Schranz, and Dr. Joyce Morishita will be feted at the opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in E-Lounge.

The Infinity Gallery on the second floor near the CAS dean's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. The Art Gallery on the first floor near E-Lounge is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### Several faculty members on sabbaticals this year

Several faculty members are now on sabbaticals. Dr. Paul O'Brien in the College of Business and Public Administration is on leave through April 30, 1993. Dr. Michael Lewis in the College of Education, Dr. Edward Miller in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Robert Leftwich in the College of Health Professions are on leave through Dec. 31, 1992.

### Williams replaces Garrett as head of faculty union

Dr. Peggy Williams of the College of Education is now heading up the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) GSU delegation following the resignation of Dr. George Garrett who is filling an administrative position as acting chairperson of the Division of Education.

### 'Pitch in, GSU' cleaning staff has been reduced

The old "Pitch in, America!" phrase can be transferred to "Pitch in, GSU!" The cleaning staff has been reduced from 18 to 10 and the night crew has been disbanded, Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president of administration and planning explained. Many at GSU have noticed that the building isn't as spic-and-span as it once was. You can assist the cleaning crew by keeping your area neat.

## Cafeteria Menu

*(Week of October 5 to 9)*

**Monday**—Turkey barley soup. Fried chicken platter; Bacon cheeseburger.

**Tuesday**—Chicken gumbo soup. Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread; footlong hot dog.

**Wednesday**—Beef vegetable soup. Roast pork loin platter; Italian sausage sandwich.

**Thursday**—Minestrone soup. Baked potato with choice of toppings; chicken breast fillet sandwich.

**Friday**—Cream of tomato soup. Poached fillet of pollack platter; tuna melt sandwich.

*(Week of October 12 to 16)*

**Monday**—Chicken vegetable soup. Breaded pork cutlet platter; Chicago style hot dog.

**Tuesday**—Beef noodle soup. Roast turkey breast platter; B.B.Q. pork sandwich.

**Wednesday**—Turkey noodle soup. Two-cheese lasagna with parmesan bread; Italian beef sandwich.

**Thursday**—Split pea soup. Chicken fried beef steak with country gravy; Sloppy Joe sandwich.

**Friday**—New England clam chowder. Fried perch fillet platter; patty melt.

*(Menu subject to change)*

## Congratulations

To Sandy Kamp, adjunct professor in the Division of Communications, and her husband, Steve, on the birth of their daughter, Nicole Rose-Ann, Aug. 27.

***Employee of the Month***

**Student troubled by red tape finds relief in Registrar's Office**

At some point in time, we've all been mangled by the infamous "red tape" of bureaucracies.

Governors State is no exception. As much as we try to put workable systems in place, some students find themselves troubled by them. **Barbara Meyers** was one of those students. The assistance of **Alice Gardner** in the Registrar's Office turned things around for her.

"She was the only person who took responsibility for finding a solution to my situation," Meyers told the Employee of the Month nominating committee who gave Gardner the award for September.



*Alice Gardner*

As Meyers recalls, she was having difficulty registering for the last course she needed to complete a master's in public administration degree. "I was angry, frustrated and fed up with the way the Registrar's Office handled my situation," she said. Phonecalls weren't returned, although promises were made that someone would call Meyers back. She asked for an appointment to speak with someone but was never given any satisfaction.

"After going through almost a month of frustration and aggravation with the Admissions and Registrar's Office, I was transferred to Alice who told me to call her at 2 o'clock the next day, and she would have my problem solved. And that is just what she did!" Meyers told the nominating committee.

Meyers said she wants Gardner to know "how truly appreciative I am of her time and effort. I want to thank her for doing something in one day that couldn't be accomplished in the previous three weeks."

She went on to say Gardner "is a rare commodity at GSU—someone who listens and does what she says she will."

Gardner gratefully acknowledges Meyers' praises, saying "it was a real boost to my morale." Gardner said she is willing to take that extra step for a student because she's had her personal experiences in dealing with bureaucracies.

At GSU, Gardner can untangle many of the problems because she's learned the system the past 16 years. She started in the College of Business and Public Administration and then moved to the College of Arts and Sciences' dean's office where she was chief clerk. During a budget crunch, her position was eliminated, so she transferred to the Office of Admissions.

At the suggestion of former Student Affairs and Services Dean **M. Catherine Taylor**, Gardner tested for a credentials analyst position, and she has been involved in student recordkeeping ever since. She's now a graduation counselor, although she says Registrar's Office staff members really are "jacks of all trades," taking over the front desk and other duties on a rotating basis.

Aside from her job responsibilities, Gardner also has been an active member of the Civil Service Senate and was one of the members who initiated the Civil Service Scholarship for employees and their dependents.

Gardner is happy to share her GSU experiences with her sister, **Jeanne Costa**, who works in the Business Office, and with her 23- and 19-year-old sons. Gardner now resides in Matteson, although she grew up in Tinley Park where her great-grandfather served as mayor.



**Veterans of Innovation**

*(for September)*

- 1970 **Barbara Flowers** (PROV), **Richard Vorwerk** (CBPA), **Frieda Vazales** (A&P), **Gwen Siebert** (SD)
- 1971 **Mel Muchnik** (PO/CELCS)
- 1972 **William Flodin** (CBPA), **O.W. Goldenstein** (CAS), **Peter Gunther** (CAS), **Barbara Jenkins** (CE), **Dale Max** (CBPA), **Donald Miller** (CBPA), **Sandra Whitaker** (CE), **Gusta Allen** (REG), **William Boline** (CHP), **Lee Hertzman** (CHP), **Della Shiffer** (REG)
- 1973 **Joyce Morishita** (CAS), **Donna Rutledge** (CELCS)
- 1974 **Clementine Coleman** (CHP), **Temmie Gilbert** (CAS), **Harriet Gross** (CAS), **Farouk Shaaban** (CBPA), **Carl Stover** (CBPA), **Jane Wells** (CBPA), **Peggy Williams** (CE), **Gene Wilson** (CE), **Ed Flowers** (CELCS), **William Kryspin** (IS)
- 1975 **Teresa Barrios-Aulet** (CAS), **Joyce Kennedy-Hayes** (CAS), **Vinicio Reyes** (CE), **Sang-O Rhee** (CHP), **William Gray** (PPO)
- 1976 **Daniel Mendoza de Arce** (CAS), **Janice Schultz** (PERS)
- 1977 **Rudolf Strukoff** (CAS), **Wilhelmenia Moore** (CHP)
- 1978 **Joyce Mohberg** (CAS), **Gloria Schuler** (CELCS/BOG), **Harry Wakal** (PPO), **Katie Ball** (CHP)
- 1979 **Richard Finkley** (CBPA), **Akkanad Isaac** (CBPA), **Richard Pride** (ASR), **Gerri Dalton** (Child Care/SL), **Sally Petrilli** (CELCS)
- 1980 **Judith Cooney** (CE), **Jeffrey Kaiser** (CE), **Lawrence Lewis** (CELCS)
- 1981 **James Burke** (PPO)
- 1982 **Carolyn Conrad** (PROV), **Zafar Malik** (CBPA), **Paul O'Brien** (CBPA)
- 1983 **Carolyn Fraser** (CHP), **Dominic Candeloro** (CELCS), **Susan Inman** (CAS), **Dale Velkovitz** (CBPA)
- 1984 **Josie Fox** (PPO), **Cynthia Jo Shaw** (PPO), **Mark Gayton** (UPS)
- 1985 **Carl Cross** (UL), **Cheryl Mejta** (CHP), **Albert Smerz** (CE)
- 1986 **Mary Geis** (CHP), **Elizabeth Hansen-Shaw** (UL), **Wini' l Rudloff** (CAS), **Shel... Mendelson** (CBPA), **Patsy Hoskin** (IS), **Kay Schebler** (OEE), **Vera Johnson** (CELCS)
- 1987 **Andrea Gaz** (BO), **Anita Werner** (CBPA)