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## Happenings at GSU

- 11/6 Senior Art Show Opening, 6 to 8 p.m., E-Lounge Art Gallery.
- 11/6 "Opportunity '92/'93: Focus on the Future," annual job fair for Chicago area and Northwest Indiana, 9 a.m. to noon, Hall of Governors.
- 11/7 Anorexia-Bulimia Self-Help Group Meeting, 1 p.m., Student Life Division.
- 11/13 Workshop: "Wealth Creation," 6:30 to 9 p.m., GSU Extension Center at Orland Park Place.

## GSU teleclass reaches North, South America

Governors State University produced teleclasses have been bringing knowledge to students not only in the south suburbs but also the United States and Canada.

Now distance education is reaching beyond North America. This trimester a South American resident registered for "The Adolescent Substance Abuser," a team taught course by Adjunct Professor Peter Palanca and Dr. Gregory Blevins, professor of alcoholism science.

Teacher Lauren Andersen, who is operating a school for children of expatriot Americans in the Puerto Ordaz region of Venezuela, will earn three graduate credit-hours for her work in the teleclass.

The course is offered throughout the United States by Jones Intercable Co.'s World Extension University. This trimester, two GSU teleclasses are available on the cable channel.

Andersen is receiving the program

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## New World discoveries topic for conference

By MARILYN THOMAS

Historians, artists, elected officials and academicians will come together at Governors State University Nov. 13 for a day long tribute to the ideas and changes brought about by Columbus' voyage to the New World.

The day's program begins with a 9:30 a.m. convocation to award honorary degrees to **Paolo Emilio Taviani**, a leading Italian biographer of Christopher Columbus, and **Alberto Bemporad** who served as commissioner general of the Genoa Exposition in 1992.



Alberto Bemporad

The program will move outdoors at 10:30 a.m. for the dedication of the Columbus Carillon near the main entrance to the GSU building.

From noon to 5 p.m., the public will hear outstanding speakers at the conference "The Image of Columbus in an Evolving American Culture." They will discuss the outcome of Columbus' discovery of the New World.

Conference speakers will help the audience define the historical narrative, evaluate the consequences and offer interpretations of the age of exploration and the widely varying images of Columbus held by American people over the centuries.



Paolo Emilio Taviani

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## Thirteen faculty members presented with Excellence Awards

Faculty Excellence Awards were presented to 13 Governors State University professors who were recognized for their accomplishments both for the university and its students, and involvement in community activities.

**Dr. Sally Glenn**, professor of education, was recognized for her innovative teaching and community service. During the 1991-92 academic year, Dr. Glenn helped develop a GSU teleclass on the foundations of education. Also, through her supervisory work of GSU students completing practica in elementary classrooms, Dr. Glenn has become a respected figure among school administrators throughout the area.

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## New World subject of daylong program on campus

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The opening speaker will be Taviania discussing "The Columbus Saga." The Columbus biographer has been designated an Italian "Senator for Life" for his distinguished political and academic careers.

**Dr. Edith Dudley Sylla** will speak at 1:30 p.m. on "Columbus and the History of Science." The professor of the history of science at North Carolina State University will focus on placing Columbus in the context of the history of science.

At 2 p.m., **Dr. Richard Sylla** will outline "The Economic Impact on the World." The Chicago Heights native is now the Henry Kaufman professor of the history of financial institutions and markets and professor of economics at the Stern School of Business of New York University.

**Dr. Robert Remini**, professor emeritus of history at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present a history reading on "The Challenge of Biography."

These sessions will be followed by break-out sessions for participant discussion with the guest speakers. The program will resume with a 4 p.m. program of "The Image and Some Peoples," including panelists **Dr. Bruce Calder**, **Sam Keahna Samson**, **Dr. Gary Mormino** and **Dr. Craig Reynolds** discussing the effects of the

discovery with various ethnic groups.

**Dr. Calder**, associate professor of history at the University of Illinois at Chicago, has won awards and fellowships for his work in the study of Latin America. He is a specialist on the role of the Catholic Church in Central American society.

**Samson** is director of the American Indian Center in Chicago. He was among the delegation of Native Americans that recently participated in an exchange with the Region of Sicily.

**Dr. Mormino**, professor of history at the University of Southern Florida, is the author of "Spanish Pathways in Florida" and several books on Italian Americans.

**Dr. Reynolds** has been a writer with the Smithsonian Institution since 1988 and has worked with the Museum of Natural History's Columbus

Quincentenary Exhibition. He also was a member of the team that edited "Seeds of Change," a publication produced as a result of the quincentenary exhibition.

The program will conclude with an "evocation of the Columbus image" by **Dr. Bemporad** and **Dr. Virginio Piucci**, vice president of administration and planning.

Special exhibits that day will be a poster and video version of the Smithsonian Institution's "Seeds of Change" exhibit, a photo exhibit of contemporary Native Americans by **GSU Professor Paul Schranz**, and a display of memorabilia from the 1893 Columbian Exposition.

Registration for the conference is being accepted by **Dr. Dominic Candeloro** on extension 4098. The fee is \$10 for students and staff and \$20 for the general public.

## GSU teleclass reaches beyond North America

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via satellite. The California native who left the United States in 1976, has a satellite dish and often watches American educational programming. The content of "The Adolescent Substance Abuser" was interesting, so she decided to register.

Although Andersen's children and the other students in the school aren't faced with drug problems, she considered the program as informative and pertinent to cultures throughout the world.

"I like hearing different points of view and learning about others' experiences, and the approach in this class allows for that," she said. The teleclass format, developed by GSU, captures a classroom discussion between the professors and the students on videotape, giving viewers the feeling of interaction. Many viewers find that the questions they would have asked are raised by students in the classroom. A professor is available by phone for those who need more information.

Governors State University offers two options to students who need con-

venience and flexibility. Teleclasses are an alternative used not only by GSU students, who can check the videotapes out of the library or view them on a local cable station, but also by distance learners through Mind Extension University.

Students from throughout the United States and Canada have taken GSU teleclasses, explained **Sally Petrilli**, director of media-based instruction at GSU. Andersen is setting a new distance record, however.

The other GSU option to classroom instruction is correspondence courses which generally are taken by students in Illinois and the surrounding states.

## GSUings...

...**Professor Jay Boersma** (CAS), having a show of his works titled "Repetition-Compulsion Again" in November at Soho Photo in New York City...**Professor Paul Schranz** (C...), giving a workshop on "Electronic Imaging Techniques" at the Nov. 15 Chicago Area Photographic School (CAPS)

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# GSU faculty recognized for accomplishments

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She serves on the board of directors of the Literacy Volunteers of America Inc. of South Suburban Cook and Will Counties, has volunteered with the Staff Development Council of Matteson School District 162, and spends a part of her vacation time overseeing an educational enrichment program in Mississippi.



Sally Glenn

Dr. Barbara Jenkins, professor of psychology and counseling, has consistently received high marks for her teaching. She also has an international reputation for her contributions toward peace in the Middle East. She facilitates monthly meetings of the Salam-Shalom Dialogue Group of Palestinians and Jews, and has been working with a variety of peace organizations both here and in the Middle East toward recognition of the personal strengths and concerns of each group.



Barbara Jenkins

Dr. David Matteson was recognized for his teaching, research and service. He is known as a problem solver who dedicates many hours to interaction with students in class work and through the GSU counseling lab.



David Matteson

The professor of psychology and counseling also is working on national research on an AIDS project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and recently returned from the VIII International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam where he presented his preliminary findings.

Despite his full teaching load, Dr. Buford "Gene" Wilson continues to share his expertise with students. His

research now focuses on implicit memory, and his findings were presented at the national American Psychological Association meeting in August.



Gene Wilson

Dr. Wilson also has been involved in the partnership between GSU and the Chicago Board of Education that offers board staff courses in psychology and counseling so that they may qualify as school psychologists.

Professor Barbara Conant was recognized for her work in the promotion of shared governance and collegial relations. She offers sound ideas and is said to "go the extra mile in listening to diverse positions." The professor of library science is serving a second term as president of the GSU Faculty Senate and was chairperson of the presidential search committee.



Barbara Conant

Dr. Joyce Mohberg, professor of life science, is considered a master teacher, making complex biochemical and physiological concepts easy to understand. The professor is known internationally as an authority on physarum, and has done collaborative work with colleagues in biodegradation of pesticides and PCBs with physarum as the biological organism.



Joyce Mohberg

Dr. Larry Levinson was honored for his work in international education at GSU and his strong record of service to the university and the commu-



Larry Levinson

nity. The professor of political science founded, developed and continues to support the Model United Nations program at GSU and is the faculty advisor to the International Student Organization's festival.

Dr. Efraim Gil has shared his expertise not only with students but also with the community as a consultant on planning and zoning issues. The professor of public administration carries a full teaching load and is one of the most sought after faculty members to chair master's research papers, having served on 10 committees this past academic year.



Efraim Gil

Professor Jay Boersma has developed a national reputation for his photography and has several pieces included in The Art Institute of Chicago's permanent collection. His creativity has influenced his students not only through classroom and darkroom instruction, but also through special events. The professor of photography has his works on display at two galleries in Chicago, and soon will have a show in New York.



Jay Boersma

Dr. Ronald Brubaker, professor of computer science, is affectionately called GSU's "computer guru," having developed numerous computer courses and worked for the establishment of bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science. He pioneered the development and use of computer demonstration classrooms and played a major role in the development of a GSU computer education network.



Ronald Brubaker

Dr. Brubaker has served in a num-

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# GSU faculty recognized for accomplishments

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ber of administrative positions within the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Dr. Donna Siemro**, professor of science education, was recognized for her work in developing the microbiology program, revitalizing the geological sciences course and her interaction with students.



Donna Siemro

A faculty member since 1976, Dr. Siemro selflessly gives of her time to students. She also serves as a consultant to the Illinois State Board of Education for accreditation review of

secondary teacher science education programs.

**Dr. Peter Gunther**, professor of environmental science, works to ensure that each of his students gets the most from GSU courses, especially his independent study students.



Peter Gunther

A liver transplant patient, Dr. Gunther turned a personal setback into a learning experience for others by organizing a transplant support group and a workshop on transplants at GSU.

**Dr. Deborah Holdstein**, professor

of English, is spearheading GSU's writing programs. Consistently recognized for her teaching abilities, she also has developed a national reputation in the writing field. She recently chaired the national Conference on College Composition and Communication in Chicago and will be presenting a paper at the annual meeting in San Diego this year. Dr. **Deborah Holdstein** also organizes the annual "Literary Chicago" program at GSU, a weekend of poetry, fiction and non-fiction workshops and readings by major writers.



## Grant awarded to improve transfer services

Governors State University has been awarded a \$27,000 grant to help improve its transfer services.

According to **Judith Gustawson**, coordinator of academic advising, the Illinois Board of Higher Education HECA grant allows GSU to hire an advisor to coordinate transfer programs and services in the five community colleges directly linked to GSU—Prairie State College, South Suburban College, Joliet Junior College, Moraine Valley Community College and Kankakee Community College.

Special emphasis will be placed on

minority assistance while GSU works to increase its visibility on the campuses.

A GSU advisor has been serving Moraine Valley Community College since 1985, and it added South Suburban College in 1988 and Prairie State College in 1989. An advisor has been on the campuses on a rotating schedule.

The grant gives GSU the opportunity to expand its advising to all five campuses on a regular basis. The advisor will offer one-on-one student services, Gustawson explained.

## GSUings...

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conference...**Polly Bernd**, **Roger Paris** and **Sally Petrilli** (all of CELCS), recently attending the National University Continuing Education Association (NUCEA) conference in Bloomington...**Chuck Nebes** and **Vince Donahue** (both of IS), recently attending the State University Telecommunication Administrators meeting in Springfield.



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## Grapevine

### **Chemistry professor experiments with new carbon**

**Dr. Shelly Kumar**, professor of organic chemistry, experimented with one of the newest forms of carbon this summer as a visiting fellow at SRI International in Menlo Park, Calif. His work at the former Stanford Research Institute was on oxidation of Buckminsterfullerene, a 1985 discovery that's named for Buckminster Fuller who designed the geodesic dome. The carbon is composed of 60 carbon atoms arranged in a soccer ball formation. Dr. Kumar studied ozonolysis of the compound to yield interesting oxidized fullerenes.

The professor notes that since 1990, when methods were introduced to produce Buckminsterfullerene in macroscopic amounts, various research papers have been published. Dr. Kumar is one of a handful of scientists in the Chicago area that has worked on fullerenes.

The two other known forms of carbon are diamonds and graphite.

### **Michigan art professor visits GSU sculpture class**

**Dr. John Payne**, professor of sculpture, hosted a visit by Western Michigan University Professor **Andy Argyropoulos** to his Friday evening sculpture class. The art professor critiqued student sculpture projects. He was especially interested in the works of graduate student **Tom Barron** of Crete.

### **Committee to examine ways to reduce solid waste**

If you see GSU staff members picking through the garbage, don't be alarmed. The November project is part of the research the Solid Waste Reduction Committee will undertake in an effort to reduce the amount of GSU garbage that goes to landfills.

In 1990, the Illinois Legislature mandated that public universities reduce their solid waste by 40 percent by the year 2000. The GSU committee Chairperson **Dr. Karen D'Arcy**, **Susan Morriss**, **Tim Arr**, **Mike Hassett** and **Dee Woods** will be sorting the garbage to determine what could be recycled or eliminated. They will have a report to **President Paula Wolff** in 1993. Once the state approves the plan, GSU will begin implementing recycling measures in 1995.

### **Silent print auction offers unique holiday gifts**

You're invited to the Division of Fine and Performing Arts annual silent print auction. Works by locally and nationally known photographers will be on exhibit in the Infinity Gallery Nov. 1 through 20. Many staff members have found the auction a fun place to shop for holiday gifts. Bids will be opened at 5 p.m. Nov. 20. Winners need not be present. Proceeds will benefit the photography department.

### **Use of voice mail subject of *USA Today* interview**

The phone has been ringing for **Dr. Suzanne Prescott** of the Division of Psychology and Counseling since she was interviewed in the Sept. 16 edition of *USA Today* about her use of voice mail for testing and classroom information. Among her callers were representatives from the North Carolina Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Education and callers from a talk radio show in Oklahoma.

## **Cafeteria Menu**

*(Week of November 2 to 6)*

**Monday**—Garden vegetable soup. Oven roast chicken platter; Maxwell Street Polish sausage sandwich.

**Tuesday**—Chicken rice soup. Roast round of beef platter; Western ranchburger.

**Wednesday**—Beef noodle soup. Taco salad, turkey club melt sandwich.

**Thursday**—Navy bean soup. Chicken chow mein; B.B.Q. beef sandwich.

**Friday**—Potato chowder soup. Baked fillet of scrod platter; Italian style submarine sandwich.

*(Week of November 9 to 13)*

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

**Tuesday**—Chicken gumbo soup. Spaghetti with meat sauce and 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.

*(Menu subject to change)*

The GSU community is invited to a professional enrichment program from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Sherman Music Recital Hall. **Dr. Roslyn Hoffman**, associate vice chancellor of administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will discuss "Personal Strategic Planning," and **Darryl Rouson**, an attorney with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, will discuss "If You Are Not Learning, You Are Not Going Anywhere."

Employee of the Month

# Library staff member keeps panic at bay

"A library without a card catalog; how can that be?" Before the panic could set in, **Melba Fink** would be there to reassure patrons that Governors State University does have a card catalog—on computer—and she can help them.

"Our more mature students are just blown away," when they walk in and don't find the little filed index cards, the October Employee of the Month explains. "I understand how they feel. I learned to use the library with a card catalog."



Melba Fink

In the three years that Fink worked in the reference department of the library, she assisted thousands of patrons on how to use the electronic card catalog on computer.

"She was untiring and extremely patient in her dealings with patrons," librarian **Nancy Shlaes** told the nominating committee. **Carl Peterson** wrote the committee before his retirement "Melba teaches the use of the library computer system with calm and quiet efficiency that students and staff alike appreciate. Many students seek her out because they know she will help find books and other materials they need."

Fink said the three years she spent in reference meant "working with the public almost constantly," but she didn't mind. In fact, Library Director **Harvey Varnet** gave Fink the unofficial title of "official hand-holder."

"As long as I stood beside them and gave step-by-step instructions, they were all right," Fink recalls. Reassurance from her went a long way.

"Melba is enjoyable to work with, and dedicated to serving patrons in the University Library," librarian **Mari Ellen Leverence** told the committee. "And, she carries out her duties with

such aplomb!"

While the GSU library is still a place for study, Fink says the old adage of being "quiet as a church mouse" doesn't necessarily apply. Learning is done not only by reading books but also through interaction.

Fink is still a helping hand to students, but now in a new capacity. Since Sept. 1, she has been the Interlibrary Loan coordinator. Her job entails working with Illinet, the Illinois interlibrary loan program, as well as a national library network. During her first month on the job, Fink worked with staff members **Carl Cross** and **Mary Johnson** and two student workers, to meet 835 of the 1,320 requests for books and materials sent to GSU, and 286 of the 384 requests from GSU students.

Depending on where the materials come from, a GSU request can be filled anywhere from five days to four weeks. There was a time when GSU honored international loan requests, but it has gotten too expensive, Fink notes, so the

service had to be dropped.

Requests are received via FAX, computer line or telephone. "It isn't often that we have quiet moments," Fink says. "We are kept busy trying to meet the requests."

Fink began working at GSU in the Learning Resource Center (now known as the University Library) in 1976. She was in the reference department and did interlibrary loans. Over time she worked in every department except acquisitions.

"It is kind of *deja vu*," she says of her recent rotation from the reference area to handling interlibrary loans again. "It has changed considerably. I used to handle interlibrary loans myself," and it sometimes took only half the day, Fink recalls. "It couldn't be done (in that time) now; not with computers and the volume we handle."

During her tenure at GSU, Fink completed a Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts degree. She and her husband, **Kenneth**, live in Crete.

## Veterans of Innovation

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| 1971 | <b>Michael Lewis</b> (CE), <b>Philip Orawiec</b> (DPS)  | 1976 | <b>Quemolia Owens</b> (UL)   |
| 1972 | <b>Ila Gallagher</b> (PPO), <b>Ana Kong</b> (CAS), <b>Jon Mendelson</b> (CAS)   | 1977 | <b>Annie Lawrence</b> (CHP), <b>Paul Schwellenbach</b> (MR)                            |
| 1973 | <b>Susanne Hildebrand</b> (CHP), <b>Debra Conway</b> (SL)   | 1979 | <b>Debra Boyd</b> (DPS), <b>Lonn Wolf</b> (CE)   |
| 1974 | <b>Lee Collins</b> (DPS), <b>Susan Morriss</b> (A&P), <b>Jean Brubaker</b> (UL), <b>Suzanne Oliver</b> (CELCS), <b>Jay Lubinsky</b> (CHP), <b>Christine Tolbertt</b> (BO), <b>Sharon Browne</b> (CELCS), <b>Michael Stelnicki</b> (CAS) | 1980 | <b>Peg Donohue</b> (PROV)  |
| 1975 | <b>David Matteson</b> (CE), <b>Diane</b>  | 1981 | <b>Leone Middleton</b> (CELCS), <b>Robert White</b> (CELCS)                            |
|      |   | 1982 | <b>David Sparks</b> (SAS)  |
|      |   | 1983 | <b>Linda Kuester</b> (IS)  |
|      |   | 1984 | <b>Sherry Kohl</b> (SAS)   |
|      |   | 1986 | <b>Mary Ann Clarke</b> (CHP), <b>Alice Hanes</b> (REG)                                 |
|      |   | 1987 | <b>Yvonne Franklin</b> (ES), <b>Margo Witkowski</b> (CELCS), <b>Edward Herman</b> (BO) |