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Happenings at GSU

- 11/8 Wellness Day health and nutrition program, 3 to 8 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 11/9 CBPA Silent Auction, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 11/18 GreatAmerican "SmokeOut" Day.
- 11/19 Civil Service Day Program, 11 a.m., Hall of Honors.

Enrollment jumps, credits set record

Governors State University's 5,553 enrollment for the fall trimester is an increase of 8.2 percent over last year's 5,133 mark.

Figures show Governors State University students have set an all-time high in course enrollments as well, registering for 35,938 credit hours.

"The credit and student numbers are extremely encouraging for all of us at GSU," said the university president, **Paula Wolff**. "We have set a course of excellence in teaching, and we believe students recognize that. They come to GSU because of the professors and what they have to offer, because the diverse student body allows them to learn from each other, and because of GSU's array of resources from re-entry skills workshops to financial aid assistance.

"This is not an easy year for us. We are strapped for space because of two major construction projects, and more students means more work. But I believe each of us at Governors State knows that students are the reason we are here. We can work through the challenges as we meet their needs," the president said.

Respect, admiration growing in president's second year

BY MARILYN THOMAS

After a year of study, change and growth, President Paula Wolff told a Governors State University audience she thinks the mutual marriage between her and the staff is strong.

In her second convocation, the president related a story of learning about and from one's marriage partner. And

she reiterated to her audience of faculty, staff and students: "I'm happy to be married to you, and am committed to working at it, and hope you are, too."

She said she told the marriage story because "I hope (it) will cause us all to work on mutual respect and efforts toward our whole being greater than the sum of our parts during the duration of all of our tenure here at Governors State."

She applauded all who worked during the past year on the new mission statement and an examination of curricula, and pointed to the 8.2 percent increase in enrollment and the awarding of more than \$4 million in federal and state grants as signs that staff and students have been improving a university that already is very good.

"If I had any central concern about decisions over the last year, it is that

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Addressing the audience at the 1993 convocation, GSU President Paula Wolff tells staff she is "happy with this marriage."

Five-year HHS grant underwrites substance abuse training program

Governors State University Professors Cheryl Mejta and Judith Lewis are coordinating a new five-year partnership with Chicago health service agencies to educate students and practitioners in addiction counseling and treatment. The project is underwritten by a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \$2.13 million grant.

The grant was awarded to a consortium of Governors State University, the Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Cook County Hospital, and three private Chicago-based agencies—Interventions, Inc., Treatment Alternatives for Special Clients (TASC), and the Center for Family Health—organized as the Illinois Addiction Training Center (ATC).

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Faculty Excellence Awards recognize outstanding teaching, service of 13

Governors State University President **Paula Wolff** honored 13 faculty with Faculty Excellence Awards during the Oct. 14 convocation ceremonies.

Honorees are **Dr. Joseph Addison**, **Professor Teresa Barrios-Aulet**, **Dr. Mohammed Kishta**, **Dr. Phyllis Klingensmith**, **Dr. Hugh Rank** and **Dr. Anthony Wei** of the College of Arts and Sciences; **Dr. Zam Malik** of the College of Business and Public Administration; **Dr. Jagdish Davé**, **Dr. Diane Kjos**, **Dr. Kenneth Wieg** and posthumously to **Dr. Peggy Williams** of the College of Education; and **Dr. Gregory Blevins** and **Dr. Amerfil Wang** of the College of Health Professions.

These faculty members were selected for their excellence in teaching, their research and creative activities, and their service to the university. Each received a \$1,200 stipend.



Dr. Joseph Addison

Dr. Addison of Park Forest, professor of physical science, was recognized for his teaching at GSU, as well as his volunteer presentations at area elementary schools. He continues his research

on trace organic analysis in the environment and has published his findings in numerous journals. **Dr. Addison** also has given his time to the university by serving on numerous committees.

Professor Barrios-Aulet of Chicago is a professor of Latin American literature. A native of Mexico, the professor's specialties include Latin American literature and multicultural approaches to teaching.



Dr. Mohammed Kishta

Dr. Mohammed Kishta of Glenwood is a professor of science education. His specialties are math, physics and science courses for education majors. He teaches as many as 10 disciplines. The professor also is a volunteer speaker for various community groups, and his research has been published in scientific journals.

Dr. Klingensmith of New Lenox is a professor of animal physiology, but her teaching abilities can range from courses for non-science undergraduate students to environmental biology graduate students. She has continuously received high evaluations from students since joining the GSU staff in 1984.



Dr. Phyllis Klingensmith

Outside the university, **Dr. Klingensmith** has had faculty research appointments at Argonne National Laboratory since 1986 and has done collaborative research with colleagues at Purdue University.

Dr. Rank of University Park, a professor of English literature, is a mainstay for the department, teaching nine courses each year, as well as working with graduate students on research projects.

The professor also is active in his own research on rhetorical analysis of persuasion, especially in advertising and political rhetoric, having written several books on the subject. **Dr. Rank** presents at and writes for The National Council of Teachers of English and the College Composition and Communication Conference.



Dr. Hugh Rank

Dr. Wei of Richton Park, professor of philosophy and history, was recognized as an asset to the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, and for his teaching which students say opens their minds to new ideas and concepts. He draws from his own background in teaching ethics, the Bible as literature and Chinese history.



Dr. Anthony Wei

Dr. Malik of Homewood is a professor of management. He has received praise from students for his class preparation and lectures. **Dr. Malik** also is the host professor of the GSU television-instruction course "Production Management." This is the second time he has done a teleclass.



Dr. Zam Malik

Dr. Davé of Flossmoor, a professor of psychology and counseling, joined the GSU staff in 1979. The native of India has taught all facets of eastern and western psychology, motivational theories and other human relations disciplines.

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GSU mutual admiration grows

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they may be misinterpreted as a signal that the university is somehow not good and that we have to throw out everything and radically change," she said in reflecting on her first year as GSU president.

"Far from intending to signal this, let me reiterate that Governors State's major weakness is being undervalued in the marketplace. We have strong, robust and rigorous academic programs. Our students appreciate how well the faculty teach, how strong the library is, how excellent the mediated instruction is, and how much support is lent to our enterprise through the work of everybody in the institution," she noted.

"We are starting from a plateau which is very high and about which we should clearly not be ashamed," the president stressed.

Change will continue during the university's 1993-94 academic year. The president said the next step of the strategic planning process will begin so that new short- and long-term goals can be established. She hopes to expand program offerings by hiring additional faculty and beginning new program initiatives. The university also will work at implementing three centers of excellence in multiculturalism and internationalism, management and leadership, and technology and information.

GSU, health agencies win grant

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The Addiction Training Center will develop and deliver degree programs, professional development sequences and continuing education courses in addictions. ATC will focus its education and training efforts on a non-traditional student population and on practitioners working with culturally-diverse client populations.

"Practitioners in the field of drug and alcohol abuse treatment are on the verge of changing our approaches and models," said Dr. Mejta, ATC project director and GSU professor of alcoholism and substance abuse. "We are moving toward an expansion of the techniques we're using and recognizing that one approach isn't appropriate for everyone.

"ATC will offer college courses and training sessions that will help addiction counselors and practitioners in related fields understand these approaches and make choices on the right level of care for the clients," she noted.

Outreach and training will be major focuses in this program. As director of ATC curriculum and instruction, Dr. Lewis, professor of alcoholism and substance abuse, will work to prepare materials that relate to those working

in criminal justice, community counseling programs, family and marriage therapy, hospital and health clinics, and school counseling. Those care providers are seeing substance abusers or recognizing the effects of substance abuse on families, "but without specialized training, they may be unable to extend their abilities to care for and treat their clients' substance abuse problems," Dr. Mejta added.

The Addiction Training Center will make the training and information available to them through courses at Governors State University, through off-campus workshops at the five consortium partners' facilities, and with teleconferencing and GSU teleclasses that allow for video instruction at home or at a work site.

The program also will allow GSU to offer alcohol and substance abuse treatment concentrations in psychology, school counseling, criminal justice and nursing curricula.

Governors State University offers the only master's degree in health science in alcoholism and drug abuse sciences in Illinois. The program is one of a handful of similar programs in the country.

GSUings

Professor Jay Boersma (CAS), curating the show "Private Relations: An Investigation of Female/Male Relations" at Hyde Park Art Center from Oct. 24 to Nov. 21...**Dr. Larry Levinson** (CAS), agreeing to serve as moderator for the "Global Freedom—A Status Report" panel of the workshop "Aspects of Contemporary Jewish Life" held at Congregation Beth Shalom in Park Forest Dec. 12...And speaking Oct. 24 at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church in Park Forest on the topic "The Role of the United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era."...**Rita Nagy** (SL), attending the National Association of Campus Activities Illiana Regional Steering Committee meetings at the University of Illinois in Champaign...**Pam Bax** and **Dr. Peggy Woodard** (SD), attending Red Cross HIV training certification on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1...Woodard also attending Illinois Campus Compact for Community Services workshop in Springfield in September...**Dean Leon Zalewski**, **Dr. David Suddick** and grad student **Grace Gonwa** (CAS), researching factors impacting on the Illinois Goal Assessment Program science test for a paper on "Science Scores on the Illinois Goal Assessment Program (IGAP) Test: A Correlational Analysis with School District Character" presented by Zalewski and Gonwa at the Midwest Education Research Association meeting in Chicago in October...Zalewski and Suddick, presenting a paper, "Practitioner's View," outlining teacher education programs at the same meeting...**Christine Cochrane** (SBDC), appearing as guest lecturer at South Suburban Community College on business planning for the business communications class...Also attending the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce board of directors planning meeting to develop goals and objectives for 1994...**Professor William Toner** (CBPA), serving as moderator of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce board of directors planning meeting.

Faculty honored with excellence awards

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Dr. Davé does not simply publish his findings academically, he always moves to put them into action. He has consulted with medical doctors, psychiatrists and educators in Ahmedabad, India, to help design a holistic community health center based on the use of integrative meditation.



Dr. Jagdish Davé

Macmillan Publishing, and her involvement in the community.

Dr. Wieg of Calumet City is a professor of psychology and counseling. He was cited for his 22 years of dedication to students and their interests and his excellence in teaching. He also has spent much time supervising counseling students in the GSU counseling lab.



Dr. Kenneth Wieg

Dr. Wang of Flossmoor, professor of nursing, was commended for her teaching and research. Her research on stressful and satisfying experiences among nursing undergraduates resulted in changes in the program. The professor also has worked with Aunt Martha's Youth Services counseling pregnant teenagers.



Dr. Amerfil Wang



Dr. Diane Kjos

Dr. Kjos of Mokena, professor of psychology and counseling, has done considerable work in the classroom and for the support services of students, including helping organize the counseling lab for graduate students.

Her supervision skills have been called exceptional, and she works to publish graduate students' theses. Her research into career changes and lifestyles has been published and presented.

The late Dr. Williams, a professor of education who died suddenly in July, was honored posthumously for her time and efforts on behalf of students, her work outside the university with



Dr. Gregory Blevins

Dr. Blevins of Crown Point, Ind., is a professor of alcoholism science. His work in the field has helped not only students on campus but others across the country through his video series. The teleclasses on alcohol and drug abuse are regular course offerings.

Off-campus the professor has served as a trainer to the Bemidji, Minn., area office of the Indian Health Services, and he has been a guest speaker for community organizations.

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West Indies guest addresses change

"The New International Situation for the 1990s: Fading Boundaries and Emerging Divisions" was the topic of a recent lecture by **Professor Chintamani Lakshmana**, high commissioner of India in the West Indies.

He focused on public policy considerations, security and justice issues, and ethical considerations in his presentation hosted by the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.



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Grapevine

Kick the habit during Great American Smokeout

Attention all smokers or friends of smokers: The Great American Smokeout is Nov. 18. The American Cancer Society is encouraging all who have pledged to stop smoking to consider that a day for following through on the promise.

Friends of smokers are asked to give special attention to the needs and struggles of their smoking friends as they begin their withdrawal.

Last year, an estimated 7.4 million people gave up cigarettes during the 24-hour period. The cancer society said 4.9 million continued smoke-free one to three days after the smokeout began.

GSU is offering cessation programs. For details call the Personnel Office on extension 4100.

Marie Bertz scholarship donations are accepted

Donations are still being accepted by the GSU Alumni Association for The Marie Gray Bertz Endowed Scholarship, according to **Ginni Burghardt**, director of alumni relations. Many GSU staff members remember Marie Bertz as the special assistant in the College of Health Professions. She died earlier this year after a battle with cancer. The scholarship, established by her husband, **Ed**, will help underwrite the educational costs of a returning student in the College of Health Professions.

Silent Auction Nov. 9 benefits scholarship fund

The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting its annual silent auction from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9. This year you'll have a chance to bid on hotel packages, gold jewelry, artwork, electrical appliances, gift certificates and more than 100 other donated items.

The auction benefits the Student Advisory Board Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Annual Civil Service Day program set for Nov. 19

Civil Service employees are invited to learn what's new at the university during the Civil Service Day program beginning at 11 a.m. Nov. 19 in the GSU Theatre. A special entertainment segment is being coordinated by **Dixie Butz** (CAS).

The senate's executive committee is organizing this year's event. Committee members are **Brenda Chapman** (CAS), president; **Charles Barnett** (PPO), vice president; **Susan Inman** (CAS), secretary; **Diane Flowers** (REG), and **Henry O. Murphy** (BO), with special assistance from **Vince Donahue Jr.** (IS).

Infinity Gallery print auction bidding starts Nov. 1

Student and professional photographers are donating their work for the annual Infinity Gallery print auction. Many have found the creative pieces make wonderful holiday gifts. The minimum bid is \$10.

The pieces will be on exhibit in the second floor gallery through Nov. 19. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

Cafeteria Menu

(Week of Nov. 1 to 5)

Monday—Split pea soup. Mostaccioli with meat sauce and garlic bread; B.B.Q. beef.

Tuesday—Turkey vegetable soup. Fried chicken wings with cole slaw; western style ranchburger.

Wednesday—Chicken noodle soup. Roast round of beef platter; Maxwell Street Polish.

Thursday—Beef rice soup. Broiled chopped beef steak platter; chicken fillet club.

Friday—Garden vegetable soup. Fried catfish nuggets with cole slaw; grilled cheese.

(Week of Nov. 8 to 12)

Monday—Turkey rice soup. Chicken fillet parmesan with spaghetti; turkey club melt.

Tuesday—Navy bean soup. Roast pork loin platter; Chicago style hot dog.

Wednesday—Chicken vegetable soup. Baked potato with choice of toppings; Italian beef.

Thursday—Beef noodle soup. Chicken and spinach lasagna; mushroom and Swissburger.

Friday—Cream of broccoli soup. Tuna noodle casserole; open face hot turkey.

(Subject to change)

Groundbreaking planned for center

The GSU staff is invited to groundbreaking ceremonies for the Regional Center for Technology and the Performing Arts tentatively set for Nov. 17.

The ceremony culminates a major fundraising effort by the GSU Foundation and will begin the 24-month building process.

Employee of the Month

Tom Oldenburg's philosophy: GSU students first, self last

In the Office of Student Life, **Ralph "Tom" Oldenburg** is the person who exemplifies the "students first" expression.

"Tom is the kind of person GSU needs. He believes students are first, GSU second and himself last. He goes out of his way to help, whether the assistance is job related or not," student **Phil Coduti** told the "Employee of the Month" nominating committee.

Oldenburg, who first worked for the YMCA when it was located at GSU, was given a position with the Student Center staff after the Student Life Division took over operations of the facilities. He is the gym supervisor and has worked extremely hard at setting up the fitness room as well as other areas of Student Life, Coduti explained.

He also points out that Oldenburg "handles the vast majority of the

division's computer work setting up data bases, programs and other input." Oldenburg said he picked up basic computer skills from former student worker **John O'Brien**. Once his interest was piqued, he started taking computer classes. Since then, Oldenburg has begun work on a Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts degree.

Oldenburg is recuperating from surgery now. Friends can send greetings to him at 119 Interocean, South Chicago Heights, IL 60411.



Ralph Oldenburg

Frosh/soph courses prove special benefit

Like most returning adult students, **Elizabeth "Ellie" Helsel** has a hectic life. Aside from her job in the Business Office, the widow is raising three children and attending Prairie State College (PSC).

When she had the chance to take a PSC psychology course at GSU, she gladly accepted. "Convenience is the main reason," she said. "It's easier for me than going to Prairie State."

GSU operator **Carla Shelton** agrees. "I live in Chicago Heights, but I last attended Chicago State." That drive is a long one. The solution — attending the English 101 class at GSU — was a special blessing. Today Shelton thinks seriously about completing a bachelor's degree.

Raquel Rios in Enrollment Services is adding to credits she's earned at PSC. She signed up for philosophy, and half-way through the course, Rios says it's proved its worth.

Nearly 20 GSU employees have joined the freshman/sophomore college ranks on campus, thanks to a new

program that was begun this fall trimester. At the suggestion of community college officials, **Peg Donohue**, coordinator of community college relations, helped organize the program that offers the undergraduate courses taught by junior college professors. Students pay tuition and earn credit through their community college.

The successful experiment has led to round two — winter trimester classes. Employees can enroll in "Intermediate Algebra" offered 9 to 10:50 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; "Introduction to Sociology" and "Introduction to Music," both meeting from 1 to 3:50 p.m. Wednesdays; "Elementary Spanish I" offered from noon to 1:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; "Composition and Literature" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20. Qualifying employees receive tuition reimbursement. For additional information, contact Donohue on extension 4984.

Fundraiser to help offset medical bills

The GSU Foundation has established a one-time Peter Gunther Fund to help the environmental science professor meet mounting medical bills.

Many remember **Dr. Peter Gunther** undergoing a liver transplant in April 1990. The surgery was successful and Dr. Gunther was functioning normally, until the liver developed a blood clot. A second transplant surgery was performed in October.

Following the first surgery, Dr. Gunther and his family faced \$17,000 in unpaid medical bills. Friends are trying not to have that happen again by organizing this fund drive on campus.

Colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences are hoping faculty and staff will help them reach a \$5,000 goal. Donations can be made, by check or through payroll deduction, to the GSU Foundation. For further information, contact **Dr. William Dodd**, chief executive officer of the foundation, at extension 5355.

Professors assist Polish business

GSU Professors **Bruce Fischer** and **Michael Stelnicki** spent a part of this past summer teaching business principles in Debica, Poland.

Their work with the management team of a tire factory was organized by a consulting firm from Krakow, Poland, that Dr. Fischer has been affiliated with for several years.

The tire factory, the largest in Eastern Europe, would like to expand its market to all of Europe. The management team is gleening ideas not only from the United States but also from Germany.

After this first visit to Poland, Dr. Stelnicki left with the impression that the country is adapting quickly to western ideas and will regain stature as a leading European center for commerce.

Condolences

To **David Sparks** (SD) on the death of his brother, Philip, Oct. 15.