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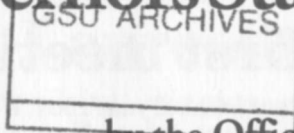
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Happenings at GSU

- 2/1 Illinois Poet Laureate **Gwendolyn Brooks** speaks at 7 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 2/2 Workshop "American Indian Removal: Development of an Attitude" workshop, 4 to 10 p.m. 2/2 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2/3, at GSU.
- 2/3 Hubbard Street Dance Chicago performs at 8 p.m. in The Center for Arts and Technology.
- 2/5 7th Annual National African-American Read-In Chain reads selections starting at 7 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 2/9 Opening reception for the "Heritage" Show, 15 bronze pieces by **Grant White**, 7 p.m., GSU Art Gallery.
- 2/9 Workshop "Stress Management," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, at GSU.
- 2/16 7:30 p.m. **Steve Cobb** and **Chavunduka** perform African inspired music, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 2/16 "Designing a HomePage" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Academic Computing Services.
- 2/17 Jesse White Tumblers perform at 2 p.m., GSU gymnasium.
- 2/22 African-American items for sale, noon to 7:30 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 2/23 National Videoconference: "Global Education: Bringing the World into the Classroom," noon to 2 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 2/25 Tokyo String Quartet with **Pinchas Zukerman** performs at 1:30 p.m., brunch/performance package starts at 11:30 a.m. at The Center for Arts and Technology.

GSU Board of Trustees begins work on policies, initiatives

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Governors State University's new seven-member Board of Trustees took their first official actions during the first regularly scheduled board meeting Jan. 5.



Sally Jackson (left) accepts congratulations from GSU student Lisa Meredith (center) who administered the board of trustee oath of office.

Sally Jackson of Chicago was elected the board chairperson. Serving with her as vice chairperson is **Dr. William McGee** of Chicago Heights, and the secretary is **Bruce Friefeld** of Mokena. Each will serve in their respective offices for one year.

Joining them on the board are **Maria D'Amecua** of Chicago, **Fran Grossman** of Chicago, **Kristi DeLaurentiis** of Homewood, and **Barbara "Bobbie" Peterson** of Beecher.

Their oath of office was administered by **Lisa Meredith** of Park Forest, a student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

"I accept these responsibilities knowing that I, and my fellow trustees, will have the support and guidance of Governors State University's president, **Paula Wolff**, and the faculty and staff here at the university," said Jackson. "While we all face challenges in today's world, this work will be especially gratifying as well because it will touch so many thousands of lives."

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Affiliation allows GSU to initiate bachelor's degrees at MVCC

During a December signing ceremony, Governors State University and Moraine Valley Community College officially announced an affiliation agreement to improve educational services to students served by both institutions.

Under the agreement, GSU will offer the last two years of the bachelor's degree in business and technology and the bachelor's degree in health administration on the Moraine Valley campus.

The health administration bachelor's degree is the only such accredited degree offered by a public university in Illinois. The business and technology bachelor's degree is also the only such "capstone" degree offered by a public university.

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GSU board of trustees conducts its first meeting

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"Governors State, now celebrating 25 years of academic excellence, has set high standards for the institution and its students. We are prepared to continue on that road of success into the 21st century," she noted.

The board's decisions will set the operations, management, control of procedures and budgets for the state

11 Nursing students inducted members of honors society

The Division of Nursing at Governors State University recently inducted 11 new members into the GSU Lambda Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Selected for their outstanding academic achievements were **Heather Jankin** of Alsip, **Tonia Wright** of Chicago, **Sharon Pollock** of Oak Forest, **Rose Giannini** of University Park, **June Kelsick** of Country Club Hills, **Jean Marie Dworniczek** of Lansing,

Regina Bonifacio of New Lenox, **Marie Andrade** of Chicago Heights, **Valerie J.B. Jones** of Dolton, and **Sylvia Link** of Cissna Park.

Audrey Brown Beauduy was inducted as a community nurse leader. She is an administrative nurse at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago.

institution. Its first decisions were to agree to have GSU continue as a member with other Illinois public universities of the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative which provides for collective purchasing, including certain risk management initiatives.

The board also agreed to become a member of the State University Risk Management Association, a newly created liability self-insurance and risk management consortium.

The board approved a tuition plan that stipulates that the board not raise tuition more than two percent above the Consumer Price Index in fiscal years 1998, 1999 and 2000, and that tuition be increased by three

percent in fiscal year 1997. No increases in or additional fees will be added in fiscal year 1997. Fee increases for FY98 through FY2000 will not exceed inflation rates as indicated by the Consumer Price Index.

To date, the Illinois Board of Higher Education is recommending Governors State receive an 8.9 percent budget increase for FY97. This is the largest increase for any state higher education institution. The recommendation now goes to the governor and legislature for acceptance. GSU is likely not to have final word on the increase until late May, according to **Dr. Linda Heiser**, director of the budget.

GSU moves two degrees to MVCC

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"Together our schools will create a strong and diverse mix of academic



Preparing to sign an affiliation agreement on educational services are (seated) GSU President Paula Wolff and Moraine Valley Community College President Vernon Crawley. Joining them are (standing, left) Polly Berndt, GSU director of off-campus programming, and John Daley, secretary of the MVCC board of trustees.

announce this new agreement with Governors State University," said **John Donahue**, chairman of Moraine Valley's Board of Trustees. "Although we've worked together in the past, this represents a stronger relationship between the two colleges."

"This agreement will benefit all residents of the southwest suburbs by providing them with the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree by enrolling in classes held on Moraine Valley's campus," said **Dr. Vernon O. Crawley**, president of Moraine Valley.

During this first year of affiliation, Governors State and Moraine Valley are working on a program of articulation so that students who have completed courses at MVCC will be able to enroll in sequences of GSU courses on the Palos Hills campus, through the new telecommunication interactive classrooms or at other teaching sites in the Moraine Valley area. Students also can select from videotaped teleclasses or study by correspondence.

During the past several years, Governors State advisors have been on the Moraine Valley campus, providing information on transfer procedures and course requirements. That assistance will continue on a regular basis.

programs and educational opportunities for upper-division and graduate-level credit work," Governors State University President **Paula Wolff** explained. "We find Moraine Valley students well prepared and serious students, many balancing jobs, family and school. We hope to make their bachelor's degree completion at GSU as convenient as possible."

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Poet Laureate Brooks opens history celebration

Pulitzer Prize winning poet **Gwendolyn Brooks** will open Governors State University's celebration of African-American History Month with a 7 p.m. presentation Feb. 1 in the Sherman Music Recital Hall on campus.

Brooks, who penned her first poem at age 7, has continued to write poetry the past 70 years. Her latest works are collected in the book "Children Coming Home," a



Gwendolyn Brooks

volume of poetry about elementary school children coming home from school "not always to cocoa and cookies" as Brooks explains.

Brooks gained notoriety in 1950 as the first black writer to win the Pulitzer Prize for her work "Annie Allen." Since then she has added 70 honorary doc-

torates, served as a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, was honored with The Shelly Memorial Award by the Poetry Society of America, accepted an appointment by **President Jimmy Carter** to the Presidential Commission on the National Agenda for the Eighties, and has been serving, since 1968, as Poet Laureate of Illinois, succeeding the late Carl Sandburg.

She is writer-in-residence at Chicago State University where The Gwendolyn Brooks Distinguished Chair in Black Culture and Literature was established in her honor.

"I consider myself a reporter — I look, I see and then I report," Brooks has explained. "Before I sit down at the table to write, I'm always excited about something."

She told another reporter: "A poet is a person who distills life and crystalizes

experience which he holds in his hand. Prose is survey. Poetry is siren."

Brooks' free presentation opens African-American History Month on the Governors State University campus. Additional events include the "Seventh National African-American Read-In Chain" at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in Engbretson Hall moderated by **Dr. Rashidah Jaami Muhammad**, GSU professor of English and secondary education.

Also, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, in the Sherman Music Recital Hall, **Steve Cobb** and **Chavunduka** present "Seven Principles," a contemporary collection of songs in Nguzo Saba, the African-centered value system upon which Kwanzaa is based.

The Jesse White Tumblers will entertain at 2 p.m. Feb. 17 in the GSU gym demonstrating their dare-devil tumbling stunts.

African-American vendors will be featured at a special sale from noon to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Hall of Governors.

Lincoln Laureate goes to student activist Gomez

Art major **Sergio Gomez** has been selected the Governors State University 1995 Lincoln Laureate recipient.

Gomez was selected by GSU President Paula Wolff for the honor which recognizes an outstanding senior for his overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois presents the awards to students from each of Illinois' institutions of higher learning to recognize, encourage and seek to further the outstanding contributions of Illinois citizens to the betterment of humanity, to maintaining the traditions of Illinois and the heritage of Abraham Lincoln, and to exemplifying throughout the United States the spirit and values of achievement in Illinois.

In selecting Gomez, President Wolff

cited his academic standing as well as his involvement at GSU and in



Governors State University student Sergio Gomez (center), recipient of the 1995 Lincoln Laureate Award, is congratulated by Gov. Jim Edgar (left) and John T. Trutter, chancellor of the Lincoln Academy. The academy recognizes Gomez for his overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

the community.

After transferring to GSU from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Gomez took first place in the juried

student art exhibit. He also won a Liquitex "Excellence in Art" award from Binney and Smith, Inc.

Gomez is completing his second year as president of the ArtForum, a student art organization. He has offered his artistic assistance to various student organizations in designing posters and flyers. He has served as a mentor with Project HOPE, a support group of Latino high school students, and is an active member in the Association of Latin American Students.

He has shared his art talents with the Joliet community having completed murals at the Joliet Railroad Station and along Bluff Street in Joliet.

"Sergio Gomez has proven to be an outstanding student, artist and leader. He has the ability to gain the respect and confidence of others quickly and has the character and ability to maintain it," said GSU Professor **Joyce Morishita** of the art faculty.

Grant White creates art for black consciousness

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Grant White believes in uplifting the spirit of black America through art.

His works characterize a people that have done great things and now need to begin to recognize their traditions and strengths. White depicts everything from the beauty of the African-American woman to historical representations of the Catholic Church's Ethiopian popes.

During the February celebration of African-American History Month, the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago will have one of White's oil paintings on display in its "Black Creativity" gallery.

White has titled it "Call for the American Black Man." Black women and children are linked in anguish across a United States map that is striped in red, white and blue. From it, drops of rich red blood are dripping. Black men are represented outside the map area. "It's my way of saying our men need to come back and support their women," White explains.



Grant White uses a theme of African-American achievements in his bronze sculptures, including this one recognizing one of three Catholic Church popes from Ethiopia.

The Governors State University alumnus will also have 15 of his bronze sculptures on display in his "Heritage" show in the GSU Art Gallery from Feb. 6 through 29. An opening reception will be given from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9.

The sculptures, while not grand in size, are impressive in their messages. A silhouetted African continent is placed behind a bust of Nelson Mandela in White's tribute "Welcome for Mandela," an African-American woman decked out in brocade is titled "The Elegant Lady" and other pieces represent history and the African-American.

"It's important that black people be presented in the most positive way," he stresses, "although I don't hide the negatives."

White isn't looking for personal recognition. He sees art as a means of energizing his Ford Heights community. Despite the poverty and heartache that surround him, White remains an optimist and accepts his status as "a positive role model."

After nearly three decades in government, White, the father of 10 children, fell into ill health. He suffered a heart attack and later underwent heart surgery. During his recuperation, a friend brought him art supplies.

"I'd always dabbled in art, but I started seriously drawing, and then I went to oil painting," he recalls. Friends encouraged him to become a teacher. White thought about it, and enrolled at Prairie State College where he earned an associate's degree in graphic arts. He enrolled at Governors State University where he discovered sculpting which, for the past 10 years, has been his primary interest.

White did go on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in art from Governors State, but he still hasn't settled on that teaching career. "I want to just start creating now," he explains.

Women named Latino scholars

Cecilia Villanueva Heiberger and Guadalupe Herrera, both of Lansing and both majoring in education, **Marie del Mar Garcia** of Puerto Rico, an addictions studies major, and **Martha Moreno Hein** of Chicago's Hegewisch neighborhood, an educational administration major, have been selected Latino Achievement Scholarship winners at Governors State University.

The awards are sponsored by the GSU Office of Affirmative Action and the GSU Alumni Association. The scholarships cover full tuition for a maximum of six trimesters at GSU provided the students maintain their outstanding academic achievements.



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Optimism, love for GSU carried Dodd through tenure

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Bill Dodd bid farewell to Governors State University surrounded by more than 200 friends and well-wishers at his appreciation dinner.

After nearly 22 years on staff, the outgoing vice president of development and public affairs said he could not have picked a better and more stimulating place to work.

He arrived at GSU in July 1974, as an educational fundraiser. "When we learned he was bilingual we all considered it an asset," **Professor David Curtis** told the audience, "until we learned his second language was Latin."

Curtis recalled when GSU's exterior Cor-Ten Steel walls began peeling away

Dodd's way of identifying the problem as a life-safety issue.

One of his first tasks was organizing a major exhibition and lawn party for the newly created **Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park**. He did it with style, and continued his support for the monumental art works on the prairie through-

sible for Governors State, Dodd was lauded by five speakers for his continuous support for the idea of **The Center for Arts and Technology**, a 1,200-seat theater built on the campus.

"Bill had the job of holding this all together," retired GSU Foundation Board President **Donald Pizza** told the audience. Because Dodd never gave up, the dozens of donors didn't give up either.

His efforts will be recognized with a bronze plaque in the lobby of **The Center for Arts and Technology**.

Dodd requested that the guests at his appreciation dinner be seated on the stage, he said, because the



Retiring Vice President of Development and Public Affairs Bill Dodd and his wife, Kay, (center) are given a standing ovation at his appreciation dinner.

out his tenure.

Dodd moved in to several roles at the university serving as director of university relations, followed by his appointment as chief executive officer of the GSU Foundation and vice president of development and public affairs.

"Fundraising is a high calling," Dodd reflected, "but it never works unless a genuine friendship begins," he stressed.

Dodd also was complimented on his enduring concern for the university. He had a tough sell in the beginning when Governors State was still an experimental university without grades, classrooms or a true mission.

"He was always out talking about the university, its students and its mission," said retired GSU President **Leo Goodman-Malamuth** who helped turn Governors State into a true academic center for the south metropolitan region.

Dubbed the "pathological optimist" by **President Paula Wolff** for his failing belief that all things were pos-



GSU Foundation board member Sterling "Stoney" Burke (left) assists GSU President Paula Wolff as she reads a bronze plaque honoring Bill Dodd. The plaque will hang in the lobby of The Center for Arts and Technology.

university's supporters are the true "stars" who made his dream of a performing arts center their dream as well.

"My friends, I am overwhelmed with gratitude," he said. "I'm proud of every moment I worked here, and I can say I'm happy to retire because development and alumni relations are in capable hands."

Dr. Tony Rigual is the new vice president of development. **Ginni Burghardt** continues as director of alumni relations.



Bill Dodd's appreciation dinner was given on the stage of The Center for Arts and Technology because, he argues, the guests "are the true stars."

and Dodd was put in charge of the lobbying effort for reconstruction funds. He brought out his Latin and later translated his words to "when the wind blows the panels will fly and decapitate the people." That, Curtis said, was

Employee of the Month

Library assistant shares sources with students, staff

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Barbara Stapleton doesn't get to sit still much at her University Library desk. She prefers it that way.

Checking periodicals, computer sources, inter-library loan possibilities and government documents is all in her realm. Each source of information



Barbara Stapleton

may be crucial to a student's project or a professor's research, so Stapleton puts her best efforts into searching her information bases.

Her repeated efforts have won her recognition as the January "Employee of the Month."

"Every student in one way or another is special. Students come in with problems or questions, and if I can make them feel comfortable, it's an opportunity to make a friend," Stapleton explains. "It all starts with that first interview, the first question. I get to satisfy their needs, and I do that all day long."

The interaction and the constant questions would put some into stress overload, but Stapleton takes it all in stride. She has lots of new student friends to prove that.

Stapleton was nominated for the "Employee of the Month" honors by two students. "She has on many occasions postponed her lunch break, stayed past her quitting time and put on hold any personal task that she may have had at hand in order to assist me in whatever subject or area I was in need of help in," GSU student **Miya Stewart**

says with enthusiasm.

Marla Y. Small, a nursing student at St. Xavier University, studies at GSU because of its proximity to home.

"On numerous occasions I've had to do research for speeches and term papers and, not being familiar with GSU's library set-up, I was at a loss," she says. "But Ms. Stapleton came to my rescue — not just on one occasion, or two or even three. Whenever I visited the library, she assisted me.

"I've shared the good experiences I've had here at GSU with my fellow classmates and teachers at St. Xavier and they were impressed," Small adds.

Stapleton is flattered as she admits to not remembering either of these students. "These letters tell me I'm doing something right. It's wonderful to know."

The former high school English teacher left her job in upstate New York, moved to Florida and lived on a houseboat for two years, and then in the Bahamas for nearly a year.

But enough, was enough. "I found that I needed structure in my life," she stresses, "and I didn't have it." She relocated to the Midwest and spent time learning the area and caring for her house and family. Then she made up her mind it was time for employment again.

"I've always been interested in libraries, and I did volunteer work at the Park Forest Library before I got this job as a library technical assistant," she recalls.

Over those nine years, Stapleton has been part of the technology revolution in information. Hands-on experience, she finds, is the best teacher, and her fellow staff members have been great at sharing information with her.

"It used to be that if we offered

students the opportunity to look something up on computer, they'd ask where the stacks were. Now, if you suggest to them they can read it from a periodical, they'd rather wait in line for a computer station," Stapleton says with a smile.

Her family is grown now. Daughter **Tammy** lives in New York, and her son, **Michael**, is in Colorado. But she's comfortable here because the library staff is "family" to her. "These people are here for you as friends and co-workers. They make you feel good about who you are and what you're doing."

GSU holiday cheer

GSU helped others celebrate the holidays this year.

The GSU Alumni Association matched the day's donations to the Neediest Children's Christmas Fund collection at the cafeteria. The \$450 donated surpassed the \$350 goal.

Bob Sisk (UPS) initiated a gift giving program through Respond Now. More than 40 GSU staff members bought gifts for children in the area.

Students collected items for the South Suburban Family Shelter, PADS, and Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno.

Let's talk culture

Try a taste of something special from around the world and share your concerns and ideas during an open forum on "Cultural Diversity and Curriculum Development." This meeting from 10 a.m. to noon in the Hall of Honors is designed to "feed mind, soul and stomach" according to organizer **Tony Labriola** (CS). Please RSVP to him on extension 7273.

Get Well Wishes

To **Bob Sisk** (UPS) who is recuperating from an illness. Greetings can be sent to him at 8834 E. River South Rd., Momence, IL 60954.

Condolences

To **Dr. Rudolf Strukoff** (CAS) on the death of his brother, **Robert**, Jan. 8.

Congratulations

To **Denise Bukovan** (CBPA) on the birth of her daughter, **Dominique**, born Dec. 18.