Blackburn Reelected

by Lawrence Arendt

The 1983-84 Student Senate is in place. Executive officers were elected by the Senate body in a special meeting held October 19. Michael Blackburn was re-elected to another term as Senate President. Other executive committee members are: Larry Lulay (Vice-President), Beverly Randle (Public Relations Representative), Phyllis Cohen (Treasurer) and Debra McCiEllenborough (Secretary).

In accepting the position of President, Blackburn stated he sees three areas that must be dealt with to better the university and its relationship to the student body. He said his goals are to establish a well-mixed leadership "a combination of the old-guard and the new-guard," improvement in the internal structure of the Senate for more effectiveness; and an awareness of what is going on outside the university with commuter students, student representatives to the IBHE and BOG and other area colleges.

"We have to get out and make our selves known to the community," stated Blackburn. "I know the system and the process within the system. There is too much turnover (in the Senate). We need leaders that are going to stay. You have to give your time and give of yourself."

The race for the position of Vice-President, Lulay stressed that in his opinion, the Vice-President must know the system. "I know the system and the process within the system. There is too much turnover (in the Senate). We need leaders that are going to stay. You have to give your time and give of yourself."

The Student Senate held a special business meeting in Engbretson Hall to choose its leadership. At the same time President Blackburn announced that Board of Governors Delegate Dawn Jackson resigned for the vote of confidence and I hope my math will be OK."

Most of those running for positions on the executive committee saw Senate visibility among students and the community and continually among the organizations on campus as the major problems facing GSU. Randle stated, "I would like to see the Senate be more recognized to the students. We're not visible!"

Blackburn said the major problem was "it's not a viable representation of leadership styles and building leadership strength on campus." In other matters, Blackburn announced that Dawn Jackson has resigned as student representative to the Board of Governors. In her resignation letter, Jackson stated: "I am with great regret that I write this letter, however, circumstances beyond my control make it a necessary task. I was so looking forward to performing my duties as the new BOG student representative, as well as meeting the new people affiliated with the office. Again, I cannot begin to express how sorry I am and I hope my resignation will not cause much difficulty."

Jackson assumed office in July and failed to attend any of the meetings. The Senate will determine a date for a special election to replace her at the next Senate meeting.

Woodstock '83

Leaders Train

by Lawrence Arendt

Woodstock: No, not the one with Jimi Hendricks and Arlo Guthrie, but a weekend retreat sponsored by Student Activities. Approximately 30 people representing several student organizations attended a weekend conference on leadership training that began at GSU and ended with an overnight stay at a retreat in Woodstock, Illinois.

The conference began at GSU on Saturday, with a workshop conducted by Dr. Peter Wirtz, an author who has extensive training in sales, psychology, educator, management and public speaking. The seminar included: the development of self-management skills; the "Scramble Leadership Technique" which teaches ways to be a leader and was developed by former Minnesota Viking quarterback Fran Tarkenton, and person affirmation exercises.

Wirtz seminar also included examinations of leadership styles and building leadership strength on campus.

After the Wirtz seminar, selected student leaders from the Senate, the Program Advisory Committee, the Student Organization Council executive committee, the Innovator and IBHE/SAC and BOG representatives attended a continuation of the conference at an 88-acre center in Woodstock. The weekend program was designed "to help student government leaders develop more efficient and better functioning organizations."

The rustic center, which rests in a wooded area and includes its own lake, swimming pool and tennis courts, is owned and operated by the National Forum for Women. The center serves as a meeting place where women's groups and other organizations can discuss, share ideas and solve problems.

Traffic congestion at the main entrance of the university is now being dealt with. New street lights will be installed within the next month, according to Chief Norman Love of the Department of Public Safety. The lights will be placed both east and west of the entrance for about a quarter of a block and will be paid for by the university. Police will direct traffic at normally busy times during the day.

The second graph shows an alternate route to help students avoid the congestion on Stuken Road. A second entrance-exit for the university is south-east of the building and permits access to Crawford Avenue. From there, travellers may get to Old-Monee Road and Exchange Ave. as well as an overpass to Governors Highway to avoid the railroad tracks, which are west of the GSU.
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FM Radio Plans
by Lawrence Arendt

Visibility in the community. Many see that as the number one problem facing GSU. Larry Lulay believes one way to fight this problem is the establishment of a radio station.

For the past few months, Lulay has been exploring the possibility of creating a radio club and setting in motion the work needed to create an FM station on campus. "The first step is getting money for a consulting engineer to check for a band." A search must be conducted to find an available frequency for the area that the station would serve. "I'm hoping for a 1000 watt FM band that would primarily serve the south Chicago area along with Joliet and Kankakee."

Lulay's first step is to get the support from student organizations and assist in developing a station to enhance the university's image in the community. "It's a marvelous idea, but it depends on the nature of the station." Muchnik stressed that the plan would have to be organized and have "a sound structure and all agreement." It has to be determined who will be the organization that oversees the station, whether it is the Board of Governors, the GSU administration or an independent non-profit body.

Other problems that must be considered is finding physical space needed and equipment to run it. "All parties would have to agree to the nature of programming and the methods of quality control." He added, "the station would have to develop an image on certain programming. I don't think that a station can do everything, although it might be able to be broader than other stations."

Another major point, according to Muchnik, is continued funding once the station is on. It is important to keep the money coming in and people involved. Although he believes a station would need a full-time general manager with engineering involvement, he wishes the plan well. "It would be a plus for media students and the entire student body." He added, "If he (Lulay) can solve the funding problem, we all owe him a debt of gratitude."
The free, public lecture series on Third World in Perspective will con- tinue at Governors State University on Oct. 24 when the topic will be "Tourism in the Third World" presented by Dr. Mary Vaugh, chair of Latin American Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Mr. William Watson, operations manager for Interstate Steel Corp., Des. Plains, will discuss "International Trade and the Third World: The Case for Steel Production," on Oct. 31.

"Women's Legal Rights: American Peace Keeping in Lebanon: Pros and Cons," with Attorney Susan Gzesh, of Alexander Waipak & Fenney, Chicago, will talk about "Immigration Laws and Human Rights" on Nov. 21. The topic of the Nov. 29 program will be "American Peace Keeping in Lebanon: Pros and Cons," with the speakers to be announced. All lectures are at 7:30 pm in Room E-1601.

Judith Mostovoy, a lawyer who is a member of the staff of the Women's Legal Clinic of Sharon A. Wildey will speak at 7:30 pm, Oct. 25, on "Women's Legal Rights: An Overview."

Mostovoy, who earned her law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago, also holds a master's degree in women's studies from Governors State University. She will be covering legal issues involving discrimination against women, family dissolution and family violence, among other topics.

Mostovoy's appearance is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and the Office of Student Affairs. The meeting will be in Room F-1200.

The YMCA has announced a new session of swimming programs and instruction beginning the week of October 31 and continuing for seven weeks. After-school and Saturday lessons are offered for boys and girls ages 6-15. Classes are held one day a week, Tuesday through Thursday, from 4-5:30 pm. Saturday morning classes are also available from 9:45 to 12:00.

Among the adult classes being offered both day and evening by the YMCA are T.O.W., a swim class designed for those whose fear of the water has prevented them from learning to swim, adult swim instruction, aquaxic, a water fitness program, and a Masters Swim Team for adults. Registration begins October 25 for members and October 28 for non-members. For more information, call the YMCA at 534-5800.

For parents who want to share the joy of music with their children 5 years of age and under, "Come Children Sing!" at Governors State University will begin its second eight week session of the fall during the last full week of October. To give parents maximum flexibility, seven sessions are open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. They will meet weekly through the second week of December. "Come Children Sing!" is designed to encourage parent and child to sing along, move along, play along or just go along and to continue the musical activity in the home. Enrollment has been at or near capacity since the program became available at GSU in 1992. Registration is $10 per child for the eight weeks. Parents attend free. For information concerning specific schedules, call the University Office of Conferences and Workshops at (312) 534-5000, Ext. 2558.

The Society for the Advancement of Management (S.A.M.) is currently selling computer discs for Apple computer systems at a cost of $2.50. If you are interested, please contact the S.A.M. office (C3202).
Readers Response

Recently it came to the INNOVATOR's attention that people who wanted to respond to either articles or editorials in this paper have been discouraged from doing so, because to do so might encourage more controversy. This reasoning is very short sighted and runs counter to the very purpose of a university which encourages exposition of all sides of an argument in order to get to the truth. It is also not keeping with the best tenets of good journalism which is to encourage the right of everyone to express their own opinion. There is another and far deeper problem that is caused when people do not respond to their paper's views. Without the feedback, the reporters do not know how they are doing. One of two things that can occur is that writers will just drift away because there is no response. The other, and by far the worst possibility, is that despite of this exchange of information the paper itself will simply die.

The INNOVATOR encourages all who want to have something to say or express an opinion to contact the paper. A free and working press is a guarantee that ideas can and will be considered and acted upon.

Throw it out? No!

The First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of the press is not an easy thing to live with. There are times when articles are written that injure ones feelings or when the reader can question the author's intent. Certainly, incidents of anti-semitism, such as that which recently happened in Normal are deplorable. There is no excuse for any one to behave in this manner. However, the reaction of the Illinois State Academic Senate is also deplorable, no matter how well intentioned. By withdrawing university support from the newspaper, the Senate is asking the University to act as a censor.

Harry Thiel, the Vidette's general manager, says "student editors must be free of these kinds of pressures, threats or attempts at intimidation." This is true.

It also strikes the INNOVATOR as a knee-jerk reaction to a problem that is akin to throwing the baby out with the bath. While the author and his methods of reporting can certainly be brought into question, it is certainly another thing to say that because the article does not please someone therefore close the paper down.

A point can be made for saying that there is a link between the articles and the anti-semitic remarks. However, that link is weak. To expect a newspaper to consider all the possible ramifications of a given article is to expect the impossible. There is simply no way that an individual reporter and editor can know what is going on in the minds of its individual readers.

Leadership Retreat

A few things come to mind upon reflection of the leadership conference and retreat reported on page one.

The INNOVATOR participated in it and the reason more was not written about the retreat was the fact that we had to respect the off-the-record promise we made. The requirement was only right. The purpose of the weekend is for student leaders to feel comportable and able to speak freely. We honored that. That does not, however, negate our responsibility to report the fact that the conference occurred.

Some of the discussion was very effective and taught some worthwhile things concerning student leadership and responsibility to the student body. That is the ideal sense. Unfortunately the reality is that most will return to campus and forget what was stressed at the retreat and continue the old ways of pursuing each one's own personal interest.

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Newspaper threatened

The Daily Vidette, Illinois State University's student newspaper, is being accused of responsibility for an anti-semitic incident and is now threatened with the withdrawal of University support.

Each quarter the newspaper publishes a magazine section. The last issue was published on Oct. 5 and its critics claim that it is directly responsible for an incident in which a Jewish Professor's door was defaced with a swastika and another professor's blackboard was covered with anti-semitic remarks.

The articles are based upon a trip taken by Steve Arney, an assistant news editor, to the Middle East last summer. Arney claims that he gives eye witness accounts of incidents between Arabs and Jews.

The articles are written from the Arab point of view. Some of the authorities he cites, he later denies.

As a result of the article, a resolution was introduced by the University's Academic Senate requesting the University to withdraw support from the Vidette in two areas: student activities money (which accounts for 8.6% of its operating budget) and "the withdrawal of all other university Support."

The newspaper is published by students who use university facilities.

The intent of the resolution is that the newspaper not publish any types of similar articles in the future. The author of the resolution, Walter Friedhoff, says "If (the Daily Vidette) is not living up to the university's balanced and fair treatment of a controversial subject even though it receives support from student money. We are also aware of another cherished constitutional right reflected in the First Amendment which provides for freedom of the press."

"To resolve this dilemma, we believe that those empowered to (should) act quickly."

The issue was discussed at the fall meeting of the Illinois College Legale Press Association in De- catur, Illinois on Oct. 14. Susan Voight, the student editor, described the situation at ISU. The ICPA voted to support the editors on this issue.
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Pizza!

by Joaher Mohsin

The Professional Nurses Organization's "Pizza Event" which took place in the F Lounge on October 10, was termed a "great success" by Donna Savage of the PNO. The combined get-acquainted mixer and fund-raiser was attended by approxiately 80 new and returning students and faculty of the GSU nursing department. An estimated $150 was raised. Profits will be used to improve the organization's current savings.

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