Students flunking

by Lawrence Arendt

Currently, 30% of those students taking GSU's math competency test and 50% of those taking English competency tests are flunking, according to information brought before the Student Senate.

The body was informed that two student representative positions are available on the university's current committee which is examining the competency tests.

One new policy under consideration is that undergraduates cannot register for another term if they fail the tests, according to Sen. President Michael Blackburn.

Areas that the committee will be looking into include possible equivalent courses to replace those failed exams; general guidelines for testing; recommending failure to progress and recommending the maintenance of records. Blackburn urged Senate involvement in the process.

In other business, Public Functions Supervisor and American Federation of Teachers Union representative Phyllis Bacon addressed the Senate. She urged student involvement in lobbying efforts that will be conducted in Springfield in April, May and June for more money for public education.

"We are asking you to join us. You too are interested in money that comes into Governors State. It can also be a learning experience in talking with legislators. All of the legislators that I have talked to have been interested in Governors State."

Dr. David Matteson, also a union representative, added, "Keep aware of public funding for public universities. That's the main issue we are lobbying for."

He stated that Chicago State University has been forced to cut many liberal arts programs such as sociology and anthropology.

Matteson also pointed out that retirement money now being taken out of faculty salaries is not going into the retirement fund. "It could affect you as taxpayers if new money has to be found in the future." He urged the student body to become involved in the lobbying efforts.

SOC President Kevin Christie objected to the possibility that student representatives would be identified with the union representatives. Bacon and Matteson said that every participant carries a badge indicating who the participant is representing.

Approved at the meeting was a proposal urged by Ray Urchell to purchase two typewriters; one of which will be used in the Student Activities Center typing lab and the other which is earmarked for the Senate office. The Senate office has never had one.

Thompson Adesida resigned from his office and Abdullah San tumail was installed as a new Senator.

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Fear may inhibit donors

The fear of contracting Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) may be one reason that nurses did not reach their goal of 100 units in the blood drive that they sponsored with the Mid America Chapter of the Red Cross.

"One cannot possibly contract AIDS by giving blood," said Donna Savage, the blood drive coordinator. She felt that more people would have donated, if they understood that fact.

The drive brought in a record 80 donations which is four more than last year's drive. The drawing took place in Engbretson Hall between noon and 6 p.m. on April 3.

As an added incentive to donate, the Student Organization Council offered to award $50 to the club that had the most donors over five. Records show that the Vets Club gave 9 units, the Med Tech Club gave 6 units, the Computer Club gave 4 units and the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) gave 2 units.

During the day there seemed to be a constant flow of donors. One comment frequently heard was that "It seems a lot faster than last year."

GSU faculty and student nurses conducted the physicals and took the donors medical histories. Red Cross people did the actual blood drawing, because of insurance requirements.

One reason that it seemed faster this year was the use of a modified lawn chair, rather than the traditional cot. When seated in this chair, a donor's blood is supposed to flow more quickly than when lying down.

One traditional thing that remains unchanged is the snack. After donating, the individual was treated to cookies, crackers and juice.

Some people were asked to have a snack beforehand. If they said that they did not have anything to eat for a long time they had a snack beforehand in order to build up their systems.

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Fair Succeeds

"We've set up some appointments for future interviews said Joe LaGros from the Bob Evans Restaurant chain who was among the 22 employers who came the Career Fair sponsored by the Job Placement Office in Student Senate.

Most of the employers were not actually looking to hire people at this time. Several companies talked to prospective employees and decided to set up second interviews with a view towards hiring.

Both Mary Hughes and Barbara Hicks who set up the fair said that they were satisfied with the turnout, among both employers and students. They said that they expected more employers, but some had cancelled at the last minute and others did not show up and did not call to explain the reason.

Don Wilson, of McGraw Edison, criticized the timing of the fair saying that he thought he should be run on either a Friday or a Saturday. He also thinks that it would be better to run it in the evening, given the type of student body at GSU.

Wilson also talked about some of the people who came and interviewed at his booth. He said that many of them were not aware as to how a corporation is structured. Accounting students were specifically excluded from these comments.

Wilson also suggested that students should be required to learn something about job interviewing and what the process is for getting a job. Hughes says that Wilson has been helpful in the past both in working with her department in getting job referrals and in helping with useful suggestions for the Job Placement Office.

Edie Perdum, representing Holi-
Film gets inside review
by Carmen Greco

A few months ago, a war of sorts broke out in the city of Chicago. Embroiled in the conflict were Mayor Harold Washington and the Chicago press. There to capture the battle on film was Marian Marzynski, teacher and resident film-maker at Governors State. The raw footage he shot evolved into the half-hour documentary, "Black Pots/White-Press," which was recently showcased on an edition of "Inside Story," a television documentary series on WTTW-Ch. 11.

"Black Pots/White Press" gives an insider's view of politics and the press in Chicago, particularly of Mayor Harold Washington's charge that the "white" press is unfit to cover black politicians. "You don't know me," Washington barks at the "white" reporters at work, "You don't know where I come from;" he adds bitterly, repeating the theme that the press' coverage is unfair because it is out of touch with the viewer's perception of the media operates in the city.

Indeed, Through behind-the-scenes footage of newspaper and television reporters at work, the film reveals the personality of Chicago journalism. Particularly telling are the candid conversations with Walter Jacobson, Chicago's most controversial news-anchorman. In disputing Mayor Washington's complaints about the "white" press, Jacobson is as outspoken and provocative as ever in disputing these charges.

One could call Marzynski's "Black Pots/White Press" a piece of "journalistic" filmmaking. It presents both sides of the story, letting the viewer draw his or her own conclusions. Are Mayor Washington's complaints about the "white" press valid, or are they politically motivated? The film doesn't attempt to answer this question; it merely raises it.
the Eighth Annual South Cook County World Affairs Conference will be the principal speaker at "Nuclear Deterrence" will be the subject for this year's conference. Besides the speakers there will be workshops, and discussions on this subject. There will be an $8 fee for students and this will include the meal, according to Dr. Lowell Culver of GSU who is one of the day's sponsors. He encourages students to save their receipts, because there is the possibility of a partial reimbursement from student activities.

Biden is a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations and the ranking minority member of the subcommittee on European Affairs and a member of the Subcommitee on International Economic Policy.

Information on registering can be obtained either by calling Dr. Lowell Culver at ext. 2253 or 2259 or by calling Jane P. Brown at CEDA at (312) 435-6900.
The Governors State Ensemble, under the direction of Ken Chaney, will be competing in the Notre Dame Jazz Festival on Saturday April 14. Featured in the group is Billy Mitchell-Brousseau, Valerie Nicholson, Bill Graeder, Herman Watford, William Elliott and Minor Davis. This is the combo's first performance at Notre Dame.

The Fifth Annual Student Activities Recognition Banquet will be held on May 11, in the evening. Students who are active in clubs or other organizations will be invited to share an evening meal. Recognition awards will be given to those who have contributed a great deal to their organization's activities.

Dorothy Perkins, a graduate student in Communication Disorders and a member of NSSLHA, represented GSU at a "Career and College Night" sponsored by Former High School in Chicago. The fair was held for students from Former, Steinmetz, and Prosser High Schools and for 7 and 8 graders from the Chicago Board of Education's District 4. Perkins discussed career opportunities in the field of communication disorders and told the students about GSU's program in this field.

John Ostenberg will become the new director of University Relations on April 16. He succeeds William Dodd who will now devote more time to fundraising for the University. Ostenberg has been working at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights in a similar position.

The 59-member Governors State University-Community Symphonic Band, under the direction of Dr. Charles Hicks, will present a free public concert on Sunday, April 15, at 4 p.m. in the GSU Theatre.

Marilyn Bourgeois, community professor of piano at the University, will be featured soloist in "Introduction and Capriccio" by John Barnes Chance.

Band members come from 24 communities throughout the southern suburbs and Chicago. Many are students at GSU, but others are men and women from various walks of life who pursue instrumental music as an avocation.
More health education is needed

It, as is indicated by the article on the blood drive, many people did not give blood because of the fear of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), then it is time for an effort to teach people what the dangers of this disease really are, as well as other common diseases.

Recently the nurses held a health fair and literature was available on this and a variety of other health related problems. Many people took time to have their blood pressure taken and their eyes checked. One can only wonder if there are other things on peoples minds that need an explanation and sometimes people are afraid to ask about. AIDS is a good example of a medical problem that on everyone's mind but is not really discussed. There is fear that by discussing the problem that people will point fingers and whisper changes, no matter how unfounded, about the individual. AIDS cannot be given to an individual who gives blood. It is a disease that is transmitted by sexual contact. Blood agencies screen for the disease in medical history before donation. There are other reasons why a person cannot give blood, such as epilepsy, cancer and other chronic ailments. But there is only one way to find out if one can or cannot give blood and that is by asking the question, "Can I?" It is no shame to learn that there is a reason one cannot donate, because that information will be helpful to the individual. The only shame is in not asking the question and living in ignorance.

Another suggestion might be a project for the Professional Nurses Organization. That is, conducting more informational days such as they did during Nurses Week. It would be a good opportunity for people not only to have their blood pressures taken, but to have the opportunity to get literature on different diseases and be able to clear up their doubts and fears concerning this medical problems.

It's time to act

As reported in this issue, GSU professor Herman Sievering has worked for many years on the issue of pollution. Unfortunately, it is a topic that is being ignored by our leaders in Washington and those on the campaign trail.

Acid rain and toxic dumping are threatening our future and the future of our children. But the current Washington administration refuses to acknowledge the seriousness of the problems. Instead, President Reagan urges more studies on the dangers of acid rain, when most of the scientists that "nobody" really verifies the threats. When do we stop studying the issue and move to correct it? Is it also time we back the words of EPA with action concerning toxic waste dumps.

Sievering will be studying pollution effects on the Great Lakes. As he points out, the Great Lakes are an important natural resource as more and more ground water systems become more dangerous. It is important to study the high levels of pollutants now being found in Great Lakes fish.

As Sievering says, the future depends upon first studying the problems and then quickly acting upon them. In regards to acid rain and toxic waste, we are failing to act quickly. The price is too high if we fail to respond.

Students get a chance to grade their teachers

As the term draws to a close, each student will receive a form on which they will be asked to evaluate the performance of their teacher.

There is always the suspicion that these forms are merely an exercise in futility, because "nobody" really pays attention to them, anyway. It is probably true that individual teachers do not pay attention to the comments of their students, but there are also teachers who look at those comments as a way towards improving their classes in upcoming terms.

Students, both as individuals and as a group, sometimes have very real problems with individual teachers. These forms are returned to the dean's offices where they are reviewed and then passed on to the instructors. This is an opportunity for the student to voice concerns and gripes about individual professors and/or courses.

There is also another avenue for those students who feel that they have been seriously wronged. It is called an academic grievance. In fact, this process can be obtained by talking to one of the student senators. Each college has elected senators, and one of their duties is to hear constituent's complaints and help the student take remedial action. The evaluation forms may also be used to compliment an individual professor. This is an appropriate time to say thanks to the person for a job well done and to make sure that the professor's supervisor (the dean) knows about it.

Prof. continues pollution study

By Jane S. Himmel

In an effort to continue to maintain the high quality of the water used from the Great Lakes, a new grant has been awarded to a GSU professor. Dr. Herman Sievering has been awarded a grant totaling $190,000 over a two year period to study the effects of dry deposition pollution on the Great Lakes. Specifically, this study will concentrate on Lake Ontario. Similar studies have been done, involving Lake Michigan and Lake Erie.

Sievering, a Professor of Engineering and Environmental Science at GSU says that this is the fourth such grant he has received to study the atmospheric loading of the Great Lakes.

"The Great Lakes are a remarkable natural resource. Most people don't realize that 20% of the nation's fresh water is in the Great Lakes," says Sievering.

"Just 20 years ago, officials assured away the pollution potential. This aspect of pollution is only a recent recognition." Sievering says that he's been working on this project for the past 8 or 9 years. In heavily populated areas, ground water is becoming more and more polluted, therefore the Great Lakes become more significant in regard to the water that they supply, says Sievering.

The grant award, in the amount of $190,000 will be used over a two year period. Approximately $50,000 will come from GSU in the form of time and his crew will be looking for include, life, zinc, copper and cadmium. "The Great Lakes are very well buffered. The types of pollutants that Sievering and his crew will be looking for include, lead, zinc, copper and cadmium. "The Great Lakes are very well buffered. The type of pollution and soil beds help to neutralize the effect of pollution on the lakes," said Sievering.

However, because high levels of pollutants were showing up in fish that couldn't be explained away, it is necessary to study the type of pollution now being deposited in the Great Lakes.


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