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Video Equipment Prevents Quality

Outdated video equipment, a concern of both the faculty and students poses a problem to media students.

Enyia's last position was in Baltimore. "We had three cameras, three recorders, and three editing stations. Also our studio was better equipped with computer graphics, film chain and even a time base corrector," he said. "An ideal system for Gusu students would cost $30,000."

Enyia is hopeful that a reciprocal arrangement between CAS and a local cable group might be possible. Students could use the company's equipment, and in return, the students' productions could be used in the company's programming. "Companies might even be willing to donate equipment, but we have to show them students can produce." Recently, media students had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Willard Rowland Jr., Media consultant, from the University of Illinois at Urbana. He was at Gusu conducting an assessment of the media majors. The students had a chance to explain the situation to him, and to relate their own personal experiences about the need for equipment. In his assessment Dr. Rowland stressed the need for more equipment and also more faculty, is maintained, has tried to be responsive in assisting students. They are however, unable to fund equipment for student use. Purdy has promised that CAS will continue to make updating video equipment for students a concern for the next fiscal year.

Focus promotes S. Suburbs

The fact that the South Suburbs have a lot to offer is the point the South Suburban Focus Council is trying to make by listing the Division of Communications at Gusu to produce a film about the south suburbs.

Tony Labriola, TV Director/Producer at Gusu, is in charge of the production. Assisting him in the production are his assistants in the Instructional Communications Center, and several media students.

FSU is a group of business people promoting the south suburbs in order to draw potential home buyers. Says Mary Beth Kirchner, "The South suburbs have a bad reputation for some reason. Our film deals with what our suburb has to offer. Many people don't realize that we have high quality education and the cost of living is lower compared to the northern suburbs."

Labriola, Kirchner, and crew have spent many weeks filming various sites in the South suburbs. "We have been all over" says Labriola. Some of the sites highlighted in the film include shopping malls, an ice arena, Homewood-Flossmoor and Marion High Schools, Olympia Fields Country Club, and a sample of churches and temples. Also included are interviews with local families and examples of local cultural aspects.

Purging the film has been completed and editing should be finished by the end of the month deadline. The film will be shown by real estate companies in the Chicago area.
"What do you think will result from Reagan and Gorbachev meeting in Geneva?"

Alumni Association Helps University

Alumni Way, the Association's first major gift, was the thrust of the 1982 fund drive campaign. Stretching through the cornfields from University Drive to University Parkway, Alumni Way shortens the walk to and from the ICG station by 1½ miles.

Shorts

CJ Club Sponsors Book Drive

The Criminal Justice Club is sponsoring "Donate a Book to an Inmate for Christmas." The project was facilitated by Jeanette Musingo, of the John Howard Association.

The books will be donated to the newly built Danville Prison. The prison does not have a library, therefore, the GSU Criminal Justice Club will be initiating the opening of a library. Books are being accepted next to the Information Booth at GSU, from November 25 through December 20. Open your heart and donate a book!

Art Exhibited Until December 6

The annual "All Art Majors" exhibit in the art gallery will run through Dec. 6. Approximately 60 works by 25 to 30 grad and undergrad students are involved. Many of the works are for sale. The gallery is off of E Lounge and is open from 11 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Thursday.

PF Singers Tickets

Season tickets are now available for Park Forest Singers' 1985-86 season. The season includes three concerts. The Christmas Festival on Dec. 21, Spring Concert on April 19 and the Summer on June 21. All concerts begin at 8:00 pm and are held at Hope Lutheran Church in Park Forest. Before Dec. 1, they go up to $21, adults and $15 students and senior citizens. After Dec. 1, they go up to $21, adults and $15 students and senior citizens. For more information call 757-7331.

201-U Presents "Pops"

Treat your family to a very special evening of classical, holiday and modern music plus a scrumptious dinner.

The Orchestra students in District 201-U have a miniaturized version of the Pops Concert which this year will be held December 7, 1985 at 6:30 P.M. in the Commons at Deer Creek Junior High School in University Park.

Ticket prices are $15.00 per couple and $8.00 per single. Reservations are due by November 26. For ticket information, you may call 748-4127 and 748-2371.

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EDITORIALS

Enjoy the Holidays

by SUE FAGIN

I know! You’ve heard it so often you’re bored out of your skull. Well, at the risk of boring you still further—here goes!
If you drink do not drive.
It’s such a simple concept I can’t figure why it needs to be repeated so often. Maybe it’s too simple.
I think part of the problem is that many of you seem to consider alcohol a stimulant. Well, it is not! Whoever heard of falling asleep at the wheel from being over stimulated? Alcohol is a depressant. It slows reflexes, vision, mental functions, everything.
The reason we feel so relaxed after a few drinks is that very thing—everything slows down. If it were a stimulant we’d be hyper.
Another thing, drunk driving is not one of those victimless crimes everyone wants to decriminalize. If only it were! Seldom does a drunk just destroy himself. Usually there is at least one other person in the car and frequently an assortment of bystanders. And all because someone didn’t believe alcohol is a depressant.
Another thing people tend to forget is that it isn’t just hard liquor that is dangerous. You can get just as drunk on beer or wine. There is the same amount of alcohol in 12 oz. of beer, 4 oz. of wine or 2 oz. of hard liquor. What this means is that you get just as drunk on two drinks no matter what you drink. The different is in the quantity of liquid not in the potency of the substance.
Well, there it is! Alcohol is a depressant. A depressant slows the system. Driving a car requires quick reflexes and a clear mind. The holidays are upon us. We’d like you to live to enjoy them.

IF YOU DRINK DON’T DRIVE!!!!!!

Is It Worth The Risk?

Let’s Not Forget Thanksgiving

by Margie Owens

I like November, the falling leaves, football games, the brisk fall air, my birthday and Thanksgiving.
When I was a child I would always look forward to seeing the Halloween decorations appear in the stores. I knew once the paper ghosts and witches appeared, my birthday, which is at the beginning on November, was soon to follow.
This year seemed somewhat different. While walking through the local mall in mid October, I smiled when I saw the Halloween decorations, only to be somewhat astounded when I saw the Christmas ornaments shining brightly next to the pop-up pumpkins.
What happened to Thanksgiving?
This Thursday, as we gather with family and friends, we must remember why we are all together. Sure, it’s a great time to catch up on family news and to reminisce, not to mention eating our fill of turkey and the like, but lest we forget why we are all assembled.
We all have many things to be thankful for that we frequently take for granted. Right off the top I can think of a few, family, friends, freedom, the opportunity to seek and further our education and being able to gather together without the fear of reprisal.
Right now some Americans are not as fortunate as we are. I am referring to the six American hostages who still remain in Lebanon. When you gather with your family and friends on Thursday, keep these people and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember the Jenco family as they gather in Joliet a family that continues to fight for their uncle’s freedom.
So, before you get ready to don the festive spirit that the merchants would have all of us do, remember those in the world who are not as fortunate as we are. Be thankful for the bountiful blessings that we receive daily while living in a democracy that can be so vastly different from other parts of the world.
We are.
This is the first in a series of articles detailing the changes and trends in the teaching of teachers. Dr. Vinicio Reyes, professor of bilingual-bicultural education and Division of Education Coordinator, noted that the introductory article he discusses general teaching and his own specialty.

In the next issue, Bob Press will cover the BA requirements in more detail and Dr. Peggy Williams will have some surprising things to say about reading. It promises to be an interesting series so watch this space.

In an effort to offer quality education the Division of Education has revised and significantly improved its curriculum over the past several years. It is fitting, therefore, that the Division of Education staff utilize the Innovator as a forum to share the improvements in its programs with the GSU academic community through a series of interviews.

This first interview will center around the BA in Elementary Education Program with concentration in Bicultural, Bicultural Education and Special Education. Future interview will touch upon such instructional areas as instruction, special education, and instruction.

What are the Trends in Teacher Education Programs?

Over the last two decades, teacher education programs have become more practical by placing greater emphasis on Competency Based Teacher Preparation, which requires prospective teachers to demonstrate minimum limits of performance. The future teacher can be involved in actual teaching situations rather than being taught how to teach what the teacher should do.

Dr. Vinicio Reyes

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THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:
"Crime Prevention Tips for Office, Home and Car"

The two basic elements of any crime are motive and opportunity of the perpetrator. While there is nothing that we as individuals can do regarding motive, we can deter the opportunity for crime. In many instances there are simple precautionary steps we can take that can dramatically affect the odds of becoming a crime victim. The following are some basic "tips" that we all can take to improve those odds.

OFFICE:
1. Never leave your personal belongings unattended in your office or at your desk. Being away for only a few seconds is all it takes for an anonymous "grab and run."
2. Keep a keen lookout for State/GSU property; if you notice any unattended items, (e.g. equipment carts with A/V gear just sitting in a corridor, co-workers' personal belongings left in the open and unattended, etc.) temporarily place them in a secure area and notify your unit or DPS.
3. Immediately report any missing or lost GSU keys.
4. Report any suspicious circumstances or persons immediately to DPS.
5. If your office or work area will be unattended for any amount of time, LOCK IT!

HOME:
1. Invest in a good deadbolt type lock on all exterior home or apartment doors.
2. Consider some good exterior lighting for residence entrance/exit areas.
3. Invest in a good portable light timer that will turn selected interior lights on and off at varied times while you are away.
4. Let a responsible neighbor know when you will be away from home for any considerable time, and arrange for all deliveries to be stopped, mail picked up, etc.
5. Know and post your local emergency services telephone number at every telephone.

PERSONAL VEHICLE:
1. When leaving your vehicle, even if for only a few minutes, make sure all windows are closed and all doors are locked.
2. When you have a choice, park in well-lit, well-populated areas (even if it means walking a little farther).
3. When re-entering your vehicle, especially at night take a few seconds to quickly glance inside before entering.
4. With the holiday season fast upon us, NEVER leave any packages or items of value in open view, take a few seconds and secure them out of sight or in the trunk.
5. If you have a really "hot" set of wheels, or if you enjoy that expensive stereo, CB, etc. carefully consider installing a reputable vehicle alarm system.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Q. "I loaned my friend my car to use for a couple of weeks while I was away on vacation. Several weeks later I received notices from a local town that I had to pay several outstanding parking tickets. I checked the dates and the violations all took place while I was away, my friend denies getting any tickets. I know I didn't get any tickets. I know I didn't get them, am I responsible for all of these tickets?"
A. Yes, and you better try your "friend" again. Under the Illinois Vehicle Code Statutes, the registered owner of a vehicle is responsible for all parking violation citations issued to their respective vehicle. You might try again to get your friend to "fess up" and pay the outstanding tickets, but if not, you are legally responsible for them.

A. I was working late on a project one night and was asked to leave by a patrolling officer, the time was about 12 midnight. What gives?
A. During the week, the University closes its doors at 11 p.m. If you are working on a project that will take you beyond the closing time, an "Access To Building" form must be completed before hand and approved by the appropriate Dean or Unit Head. A copy of this approved form is kept by DPS so we know who is in the building and the area they occupy in the event of an emergency or notification requirements.

NEXT ISSUE:
"Winter (Ugh!) Survival Tips"

MORE STUDENT SENATORS

Abd Samad Ismail is a business major who attended Indiana State University before coming to GSU. While attending GSU, Ismail is involved with the Malaysian Student Association where he is currently vice president.

"As student senator my goals are to help the fellow students," says Ismail. After finishing Senate, he hopes to join an "executive committee in a financial institution in Malaysia."

Lee Caley

GSU's wide variety of programs attracted Lee Caley to the school as she travels from Lincoln Lake located near Morris, Ill. "I have enjoyed the convenience and uniqueness of GSU's independent study courses, workshops, telecourses, and conferences," says Caley, an elementary education major.

As an active member in student activities before enrolling at GSU, Caley wanted "to continue playing a part in student leadership by running for the Senate."

Denise McKay

"As a student senator I want to communicate to the rest of the student body that the GSU Student Government is alive and well, its members are comprised of responsible adults, and that the business at hand of the government is vital to everyone," says McKay, a computer science major.

A 1984 graduate of Prairie State College, McKay received an AAS in data processing.

She is also the 1985 recipient of the Governor's State Community College Scholarship.

McKay's long range goals are to complete her education. She is a single mom who also trains Quarter Horses. She and her daughter also ride and show horses for competition.

Abd Samad Ismail

VETS' CLUB VETS' DAY CELEBRATION

The GSU Vets' Club celebrated Veterans' Day on November 11, 1985. A reception was held in Engbretson Hall. The movie "The War Withwr" was shown in the Hall of Governors. Club President Jimmie Etheridge hosted the event, which included guest speakers Father Joe Statzer, Campus Minister, Mike Blackburn, Office of Student Life, Cheryl Livingston, Vets' Club, Bural Wilker- sons Special Programs and Continuing Education and Doug McNutt, Vets' Club Advisor.
Computer Club

The GSU Computer Club is pleased to announce that they will soon be opening an office located in Room F 1109. Look for further notice about an open house and plan to stop in and say Hi!

The next club meeting will be held Dec. 3 at 3:30 in Room D 2110.

Soc. "Thanks."

The SOC takes this opportunity to thank all the people who supported the "Sweets for the Sweet" stand.

 Senate Says Thank You

The Student Senate wishes to extend its deepest gratitude to ALL of the Celebrity Faces and the throwers who participated in "Come Join Us" Day. Thanks to you, the Senate raised $187.00 for the American Lung Association.

The biggest money maker for a single 1½ hr. session was Tim Air of the Business Office. Serving most sessions, Mike Blackburn from Student Life, with 4 sessions in the pie seat. Following is the list of our Celebrity Faces and the pies they received:

Mike Blackbrom-SL-36; Tommy Dascenzo-SL-33; Tim Ah-BO-14; Earnie Wilkinson-SS-12; Dave Weinberger-FA-10; Kathy Taylor-SAS-9;

Designs and manufactures jewelry in her apartment and sells it to big name department stores. Two brothers operate a bagel bakery and restaurant on the north side of Chicago. Another woman paints wearable art. And finally, there's a woman who graduated from Goodman Theater and operates a bakery just in Chicago.

All of the segments show the process involved. Children in the studio are free to ask questions. Two children will play hosts. The show is in the process of being edited and will air after the first of the year.

Besides her work with Dream Makers, this past summer Gilbert was hired as producer of Magic Door, a children's show seen on CBS on Sunday mornings.

Her responsibilities include overseeing the entire production, pulling the show together, generating creative ideas, writing scripts, and staging actors. The shows are taped on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the next show are on Tuesdays.

In Gilbert's "free time" she teaches three classes at GSU. To find time to do all of this, Gilbert has opted to take the train to the CBS studios instead of driving to allow her an extra two hours to grade papers or to prepare for class.

She has very little social life; and on most weekends, she can be found re-writing scripts or preparing lessons. She laughs when she says, "I'm often heard saying, 'If I can only make it through these next five or six weeks everything will be better.' Of course, after the five or six weeks it's something else.

When asked about her major accomplishment, Gilbert stops to think and runs her hands through her hair. She answers, "As corny as this may sound, the fact that I'm doing everything I really and truly like is a major accomplishment. But there is just one question, is she make it through the next six weeks?"
3. Artistic occupations tend to involve creative activity, such as writing, music, performance, sculpture or other relatively unstructured and intellectual endeavors. People in this category are independent, unorthodox, unconventional, expressive, and tend to use their innovation and originality, even if they are谤mal.
BOG At Work

NANCY FROELICH, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities

Mrs. Nancy Froelich of Gipsey was appointed to the BOG in 1977 and reappointed in 1983. She has served as Vice Chairperson since June 1984. In her capacity as Vice Chairperson, she also serves on the Board's Executive Committee. This standing committee of the Board is called upon when necessary during the interim between regularly scheduled Board meetings.

She graduated from Bloomington High School and attended Illinois Wesleyan University. She is a licensed funeral director and a partner in the Froelich Memorial Homes.

Mr. Froelich has been involved in many civic and community organizations. Currently, she is Chairperson of the McLean County board. She is also a member of the Board of the Menonomie College of Nursing in Bloomington.

In addition, Mrs. Froelich has been active in numerous Board committees. She served as Chairperson of the Presidential Search Committee for Eastern Illinois University from April to October 1983. She has been chairperson of the Board's Committee on Common Computer Software since July 1981.

This Committee is responsible for overseeing the BOG universities' efforts to plan and implement information systems technology.

In addition, she served as a member of the Board's Committee on distinguished Service Professors in October 1981-October 1982.

As a result of the Committee's recommendation, the Board adopted a policy whereby chief executives in the System could be retained by the System provided they are qualified and could make a contribution to the System.

Mrs. Froelich also served on the Board's Executive Director Search Committee from March to June 1984. From June 1979 to June 1984, she served as the Board's representative to the State Universities Retirement System.

JAMES ALTHOFF, Member of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities

Mr. Althoff of McHenry, Illinois was first appointed to the Board by Governor Thompson in 1979 and was reappointed in 1985. He earned his diploma from McHenry Community High School.

Mr. Althoff is Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Althoff Industries and of Althoff and Associates. He served on the Board of Education, District 156, for twelve years from 1967-1979 and was Board President from 1969-1979.

Mr. Althoff has been appointed by the McHenry County Board to five consecutive three-year terms as President of the County Fire Protection District.

In addition, Mr. Althoff has served as a member of the Board of Directors of University of Northern Illinois Medical Center which is a 200 bed hospital. He is also on the Board of Directors of the McHenry Savings Bank.

Mr. Althoff served as Chair of the Board's Executive Director Search Committee from April to June 1984. He has been a member of the ad hoc Committee on Common Computer Software for the Board of Governors universities since its beginning in 1981. This Committee is responsible for overseeing the BOG universities' efforts to plan and implement information systems technology.

In June 1984, Mr. Althoff was elected to serve as member of the Board's Executive Committee. This standing committee is called upon when necessary during the interim between regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Mr. Althoff is a member of the Board's ad hoc Committee on Executive Reorganization which was established in June 1985.

The purpose of this Committee is to consider modification of the form of executive organization in the BOG System.

Computers Confuse

by Ron Young

As most of the Innovator readers know, I have been involved in a battle for computer literacy. The one eyed electronic lethario has been taunting my basic human need to learn the new technology. Like Starbuck, and Slucky, I have chased the monster over the intellectual seas in hope of conquest. And,ushman have learned much from the near fatal effort.

One of the first things I learned is that any idiot can build buildings in a single bound. The real skill involves being able to land without developing fallen arches.

Another thing I have learned is that most of the student aids in the computer lab are fine folks. They have been of tremendous help to this middle aged retired student. Without their help and assistance, I would have probably given up hope long ago. It is a testament to the supervisors of the department that they have chosen student aids who cannot only communicate with computer greenhorns, but do it in a way that reinforces older minds.

One assistant took the time to introduce me to the mysterious world of binary numbers. Another helped me figure out how to convert them to hexadecimal numbers. The fact that I managed an A on my last test is as much their achievement as mine. Another student went over the operating manuals for the IBM-PC with me after I became lost in space.

I admit that the computer age has done some pretty weird things to numbers. It takes a simple ordinary numbers like 15 and turns them into indirect discrete symbols that fill half a page. More notorious numbers like 7 or 11 are gingly turned into figures that take the risk out of putting a man into space.

These students have helped me to appreciate the value of computers to society. They have also helped me begin to understand how the whole system works. But there is a certain madness in the system.

The instructor suffers from the false impression that I might be a little out of the ordinary as a computer student. I have not had the heart to disabuse him of this misconception. Here I am with average ability, and I am stuck in the madness of perpetuating 11001001, 11010011, 11010111, (EBCDIQ, 11000100, 11100000, 11011010, 11011011, 11100010). I want to thank all of the computer lab students who have been so kind to me. Now, all we have to do is keep the professor from realizing the error in his judgement.

Puzzle Answer

Paul Schranz and Jay Boersma share a light moment with Photography department consultant AI Weber at the successful completion of the department's five year review.
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Financial Footnotes

Tax Laws Allow Generous Gifts

"Tis more blessed to give than to receive." That old adage can be true in more than one way. The federal gift and estate taxes in our country allow fairly generous gifts to be made without taxation. Most citizens are probably unaware that there is such a thing as the federal gift tax, but it does exist. The donors of certain gifts.

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"Othello" Entertained SRO Crowd

By Larry Lulay

Reporter

The National Shakespeare Company's presentation of "Othello" was a success due to the performances and lively acting. This is the company's 23rd year of existence, and the 30th performance of "Othello" by these actors.

The season begins with auditions by five thousand actors, which continue until thirteen actors are chosen. These actors are then trained in a technical area, such as lighting, or sound.

By the end of August the actors are ready to go on the road. This means traveling anywhere, for performances at 160 different places. Just to get to GSU they traveled 480 miles from a performance in Iowa, all thirteen actors on one bus.

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