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Winter Enrollment Up By 400

by Katie Godfrey

According to its former chairperson, the year saw a significant growth in Dean of Student Affairs and Services. There was a 7.9 percent increase in student enrollment this winter compared to last year. The current enrollment is estimated at 400 students.

The search committee for the position of Dean of Student Affairs and Services, appointed by the president in January of 1993, began the selection process when Hensle and other committee members interviewed more than 125 applicants for the position. The final two finalists that the committee recommended after the exhaustive national search, acting Dean Burton A. Collins and L. Russell Wajewski were both rejected by Dr. Wolf in August 1993, said Hensle. (The candidates rejected by the other search committees approved in January of 1993 were approved during August and September: CAS Dean Roger Olin, OIP Dean Cecilia Rolnik, Admissions and Planning VP James Alexander, and PR Director Christine Zikakis.)

Dean's Search Committee At Impasse

Richard Phelan Promises Action As Governor

by T. D. Fidan

"I am a number," said Cook County Board President Richard J. Phelan of Waukegan, a guest speaker at GSU for "U.S. and Illinois Elections" class, taught by Dr. Paul Green (on Tuesday, March 1, 1994).

Phelan, a prominent Chicago lawyer who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor in the upcoming March 15 primary, is now running a distant third (12%) in the recent Tribune polls, behind the two other candidates Roan Buttars (32%) and Donald Clark Netsh (31%), but he is hopeful that the 24%-undercandidates Democrats and others will help him clarify the day and put him over the top at the last minute.

He compared the Democratic pri­mary to an athletic race while down­playing his current shortcomings in the polls.

"If you're running in a five mile race, you wait until the 4th mile. And then, when you see that finish line a mile away or half a mile away, depending on how much resources you have, you kick it in. And you go right by them as they're standing still."

Though in his campaign for the Cook County Board presidency in 1990, Phelan promised not to raise property taxes, a few months in the office, faced with the fiscal realities of the human services he had inherited, he raised property taxes twice by some $16 mil­lion, That risky act has now come to haunt him, as it did George Bush. And it presents him with a credibility problem which he has tried to turn into an asset, saying that the alter­native was just as bad.

"When I took office three years ago, I found a government in crisis. Cook County Hospital, the largest public hospital in the midwest, lost its accreditation. President/Congress was removed, and our paid, populated population exploded to a point where we were faced with the possibility of having to release violent criminals. We made decisions. We restored Cook County Hospital's accreditation. We opened President/Congress and we built and programmed jails to keep the violent criminals off the street."

Evidently, Phelan did not turn down the challenges that came his way, because, "as Cook County Board President, I have two major responsibilities: providing health care and protecting our communities by keeping criminals in jail."

Phelan then went on to describe his job in broader terms:

"My three years in office have been about getting things done, things that make a difference in peoples lives," he said.

Phelan has fought with Governor Jim Edgar over the state budget for the Cook County. Supervisor's office, which he feels serves no real purpose.

On record, Phelan did not score and has been invar­iable with Edgar. Instead he got a swift reply that Governor Edgar is well respected in Illinois, known for his trustworthy, honest, and fiscal conserva­tion, Republicans point out that Ed­gar is the opposite of Phelan. The polls are reflecting that significant impression, since Edgar is maintain­ing an 81 percent lead over his oppo­sition, Jack Rossi, in the Republican primary.

For the moment though, Phelan's biggest concern is not Edgar, but Donald Clark Netsh, who has been the state's financial manager for the past four years and who has chaired the Senate Revenue Committee for nearly ten years. A true pro on financial matters, she has questioned Phelan's credibility.

Phelan readily admits that though his flipflop on taxes carried the (Continued on page 3)
African-American History
Month A Success

by Yvonne Griffin

February, 1994 has been memorable for several reasons: record cold weather, record snowfall, and an even warmer climate toward multi-cultural understanding at GSU. Throughout African-American history month, many enjoyable and enlightening activities were held to honor the heritage of African-Americans. The GSU Student Life Special Events Committee truly excelled as coordinating sponsor.

The activities included the spiritually arousing music of the Gospel Fest (co-sponsored by the 3M Club and Student Life), the entertaining plays presented by Pin Points Theater, "1001 Black Inventions" and "Hooked on Love", and a panel discussion of successful entrepreneurs.

Spring/Summer Registration

Coming Soon

Registration for spring/summer trimester classes at Governors State University will be conducted March 15 through April 6. Registration is conducted by telephone. Students can access the system from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Students call (708) 235-8887 using a touch-tone phone from home, the office or on the GSU campus. Students need a personal identification number (PIN) to enter the system, and the proper code numbers for the classes they are enrolling in. The back page of the winter trimester schedule is a worksheet for students’ convenience in planning their schedules.

Governors State offers junior and senior level classes for completion of bachelor’s degrees in 19 majors, and master’s degrees in 21 majors in its four colleges — Arts and Sciences, Education, Business and Public Administration, and Health Professions.

For information on registration procedures, call the GSU Registrar’s Office at (708) 534-4500.

Scholarships Available

by Doug McNutt

This is the time of year that many private companies, agencies, and organizations make scholarships available for the academic year beginning in the fall 1994. A variety of scholarships and opportunities have arrived at the GSU Office of Financial Aid recently, some of which are listed below.

Please stop by the office and check out the scholarship bulletin board for information about these and other opportunities available.

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Health Professionals Scholarship Program assists in providing an adequate supply of nurses, nurse anesthetists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and respiratory therapists for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the nation.

LINCOLNWAY AREA BUSINESS WOMAN’S ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Lincolnway Area Business Woman’s Organization Continuing Education Scholarship for 1994’s main purpose is to extend financial assistance to mature women who wish to improve their economic status through education.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The American Business Women’s Association is now accepting applications for scholarships that are open to women pursuing business or professional careers. These scholarships are based upon scholastic standing, community involvement and financial need.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF CHICAGO’S SOUTH SUBURBS

The Altrusa Club is a business and professional organization whose main goal is community service. One of their objectives is the support of students seeking business or professional careers.

IILLINOIS SHERIFF’S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Illinois Sheriff’s Association will be awarding 123 scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 1994-95 academic year. Five of these state-wide scholarships will be awarded to students residing in Cook County.

Satanism: Exposing the Facts and Debunking the Myths

by Ann Juttelstadt

The cult of Satanism is feared and misunderstood by many parents, teachers and counseling professionals. On March 12 and 19, high school administrators and clinical psychologists Dr. Anthony Moriarty will teach the workshop "The Psychology of Adolescents Satanism" to help sort out the facts and fictions of Satanic cult activity among youth.

Dr. Moriarty is the author of the book, The Psychology of Adolescent Satanism: A Guide For Parents, Counselors, Clergy and Teachers. and is one of the few researchers who looked at the occult from a psychodynamic point of view.

Usually, cultist activity is seen as a religious problem, but that may overlook a more serious behavioral problem in a teen that may be helped by therapy.

Moriarty claims that while only a small portion of youth are involved in Satanic activities, it is important to study the signs so that potential involvement may be recognized early.

Moriarty describes four personality types that are drawn to Satanism as youth: The Psychopathic Delinquent, who most often has a sadistic personality disorder; and for whom "incarceration" is probably the only help; and the three other personality types he terms as "dabblers," personalities who are drawn to Satanism as a form of social protest: The Angry Misfit, The Pseudo-Intellectual, and the Suicidal Impulse. Each of these personality types find some sort of escape, simulation or identity with Satanism.

Most often a youth’s involvement in Satanism has less to do with religion and more to do with the cult's endorsement of social upheaval. As a justification for mayhem," at Moriarty states Satanism can fulfill a need for disturbed young people to act out anger and guilt.

The drug culture, with its attendant sex and alcohol excesses, is fertile ground for Satanism in teenagers.

Moriarty is clear to point out that these teens do not become Satanists overnight. The practice appeals to people who have long had bad problems dealing with behavior and society in general. Moriarty also says there is no proof that heavy metal music drives kids to become Satanists, nor is there any evidence of an organized conspiracy to bring kids to Satanism.

Likewise, Satanism does not usually involve animal or human sacrifice, and indeed the Satanite Bible, written by Anton DeVeey in 1969, discusses the practice. However, The Satanite Bible does advocate principles that are contrary to the values of today’s society, principles that state: religion and pleasure are mutually exclusive; that man is inherently violent, that bad and good are reversed, that we must choose between sex and religion, and that Satanism is a strength and devotion, and in order to become a stronger member of Satan’s legion’s in the next life. While this may not make sense on the surface, disturbed teens find a way to justify suicide as a way out of current problems, with the addition of having a reward in the afterlife.

Moriarty claims that Satanism, gang membership, and teenage suicides are subjects that overlap because teens seek a counter culture alternative when they are unable to make sense of contemporary life.

Dr. Moriarty's workshop will not deal with witchcraft, paganism, voodoo, Santeria, multiple personality disorders or multigenerational cult families. These, he says are outside of his area of expertise and are not related to Satanism as he sees it in his practice.

The workshop will be held March 12 and 19, Orland Park Place Mall, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To register, call the office of conferences and workshops (708) 534-4099.
Relaxation The Ancient Chinese Way

by Jill DiSantis

If the hacks of everyday life have you down, Professor Shenzhong Zhao has a method to help you relax anywhere, at any time.

Sounds great doesn’t it? The method is the Tai Chi philosophy and science which originated from China, is a strong believer because he teaches it as well as practices it. This philosophy is an understanding of how external and internal forces affect the natural health of the body and mind, and how a regular routine of amuse exercises can help to avoid serious problems later in life.

The Tai Chi philosophy has shown to have a direct effect on the nervous system, respiratory system, how the blood circulates, the rate of metabolism, and how our digestive system works. This philosophy creates an inner quietness and harmony making your body feel better than it ever has.

The great thing about it is you can do it anywhere with no restrictions of space and time. It also can give you the result of being physically fit without joining an expensive health club. Tai Chi can be done free of charge anytime you want. It only takes up about 20-30 minutes a day.

The book, Tai Chi Chuan: The Chinese Way by Foon Tjoeng Lai, talks about the exact method of Tai Chi. It works through the 24 different forms that contemporize the philosophy. Its terrific. If you’re looking for a new relaxation method, give the Tai Chi philosophy a try.

RANDOM MUSINGS

by Jason Horfacher

Well, there are two more names to add to the name game.

First of all, Steven J. Cook has dropped his charges of sexual abuse against Joseph Cardinal Bernardin. The first real clue for the investigators should be the second name’s last name; he really ‘cooked’ up a good one.

Secondly, the name Nancy Kerrigan must be added to the list. After all, once the post-Olympic hype dies down, will anyone ever ‘carrigan’ it? I’ll be her, I would send Tonya Harding a thank you card. After all, if Nancy had not been whacked on the knee, she would still be wallowing in obesity.

I’ve been doing a little thinking lately, and I’ve come up with a few questions that seem to have no answer.

Why in hell that name woman who would be embroiled in a sinus if men were to see her in a bra and panties is prancing around the beach in a thong bikini?

Wouldn’t John Wayne Bobbit be a great spokesman for Double Lux gum? Or Swap-On Tools? Or Wang Computers?

Who is it that guys named “Richard” who choose to go by “Dick” always fit the name perfectly? (Dick Vitale, Dick Cheney, …)

Is it true that Rush Limbaugh’s real name is Richard Cranum? (That’s what someone told me…)

Do the men who do the “Hair Club for Men” infomercials realize that they have defaced the whole purpose of their visit by going on a national commercial and showing the before/after photos?

When Jeffrey Dahmer was imprisoned, why did he post a guard outside his cell on a 24 hour ‘suicide watch’? Was it to make sure he would succeed if he actually tried anything?

Wouldn’t it be neat to hear Tom Brokaw say, “Little Latty ladled lentil soup”?

When Loren Bobbit returns to her job as a mailcarrier, will her new slogan be, “I can ship anything”?

These are just a few of the many unresolved questions that I must ponder in my spare time. I hope that you will too.

The Polygon Puzzles

1. Alice, Gwendolyn, and Maya went from GSU to Tucson, Arizona. One went by car, one took a bus, and the other took a train. From the information given below, find out how each person made the trip.

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   C. Alice did not go by car.

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Secretarial Services for Today's Businesses
The News Business Not All Fun And Games

by Mark Edward Wilows

There is no doubt television news is big business. Once upon a time, we had local or network news that graced our screens. Today, we have CNN and a variety of news magazine shows flooding the airwaves and making competition tough.

Being a viewer is one thing, but imagine being a part of a major news operation. According to Mark Suppesla, weekend news anchor and reporter for WMAQ-TV, Channel 5, "It's not all fun and games. It is hard work. You try to make it better. The name of the game is to get the story right, fast and on the air."

Without giving the wrong impression, Suppesla says, "I love my job. I enjoy the rush and being part of the action. There are days, I ask myself, why am I doing this, and others I know why. It has its rewards, like getting the facts and truth to a story." He admits, "One obstacle is fighting the ratings and deadlines. If we could go to work and report the story, we'd be better off."

News is changing, taking a turn from what some might call the "journalistic approach." Networks are airing news covers, as seen on CNN. A typical example which dismayed Suppesla occurred the day of President Clinton's State of the Union Address when "CNNInside" was considered by many to be the firebreak of news excellence, and aimed a story on Michael Jackson's trial. Suppesla says, "There is no doubt that this was more important." Suppesla said, "The facts weren't even in, but it is what the public is hungry for."

Today's news shows are shorter, graphics are snappier and the programs are geared toward the television newsroom. "I commend the Floyd Kalber of the broadcast and those who are enduring these changes," Suppesla said. "News is a hard business. People tend to think of the glamorous, but we work hard."

When anchoring news, it is more than just reading the prompter. Suppesla says, "I write the copy, edit and report. I don't come in for a half hour." The work days are long: basically five days a week and sometimes a half day at the end of another. I remember an assignment to Philadelphia, for Cardinal Berardi's story, Suppesla said. "I was never in Philly. I didn't know the area. I had no sources, it is when you prove your ability to bring the story home. There is more involved than people realize."

Sitting in a conference room at the NBC Tower, the 11-year-old newly named, mid-market Suppesla is a newsmaker to Channel 5 (he's been there 6 months). However, like most in this business, he has walked up the ladder. Broadcasting was a fascination from early on, explaining, "I was a bad kid and I was infatuated with radio. I was an avid listener to announcements and how they present themselves." He pursued his dream at Marquette University, where he majored in journalism, and during his junior year changed to broadcasting, having earned a B.A. in Broadcast Communications.

Thanks to internships, he landed his first job in Wausau, Wisconsin, then it was on to Green Bay for several years and prior to Chicago, the last six were spent at a station in Minneapolis. Having a few offers, he chose to come here. Suppesla explained, "I was coming home." He was born in Milwaukee, but grew up in the south suburbs, where his family resides today. In fact, his dad is a businessman in the suburban area.

In an industry where most have dreams or goals for the network job, Suppesla is an exception. "I'm happy where I am," he says. "If I can do this for a few years and be the best I can, I will be happy. The big jobs are fine, but there is the negative. I want to spend time with my family. I want stability. These jobs can take it away." Admiring the work of Peter Jennings, he paws to wonder what type of personal life he can have. "I was afraid that some like that were going to come to a way," he would say, "I have to weigh the options."

Away from the news business and its hectic pace, Suppesla is married and likes to take exotic vacations with his wife, who never seems unusual, like a rainforest in Brazil, he says with glee. His hobbies include skiing, rockhounding, reading and most spots to be found by his wife's house in their house and have been known to call about starting a family.

Discussing future plans, he would like to get involved with the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which is dear to him because his mother suffers from the disease. Someday, he would like to take off and do some traveling with his wife to help other people. saying, "I want to give something back to people, other than America or a foreign country, perhaps join the Peace Corps." For the moment he is the guy in the studio and tries to do the best possible job at work.

As for the news business and where it's heading, it's anybody's guess. It is growing with many changes and new formats, TV executives are what people for now. Today, it's even more important to have a fancy set, as opposed to the earlier days. Despite all that, one thing you can be assured, whatever direction it is going, Suppesla will always deliver the news with a high standard of journalistic style, adding a touch of class in his presentation. Like Suppesla says, "It is sticking to the truth!"

Why Can't Jonny Read

Commentary by Lisa Fitzpatrick

Without getting into all the boring details, it is my intention to give some insight into an issue that seems to be a political "hot topic" of discussion. Yes, the big word is EDUCATION. While the candidates all seem to be putting their two cents worth of opinion and our two cents of money into reform and funding, none seem to be looking at the specifics.

It is not the intention of this writer to suggest candidates or parties for office, but rather some ideas on the question of why Johnny can't read.

Johnny can't read because he does not see this as a priority. Solving education needs cannot be successful until primary needs are met. Johnny is concerned with whether he will have a decent meal, therefore he cannot develop a hunger for knowledge. Johnny does not know if his home will be stable, she will have heat or water, then he cannot have a stable learning environment. Johnny cannot feel safe traveling to and from home and classes, so how can he even think for a secure future?

Not every individual faces these obstacles, and even fewer face all of them, yet their impacts are apparent in the current public education system. Policymakers, teachers, and other bureaucrats of influence are aware of these problems and their effects, and still they appear to be sidestepping the truths of the heart strings of the voters.

Giving money to the system has resulted in an abundance of new computers for children who cannot read the instructional booklets which accompany them. Funds have been given to education leaders in order to develop advancements in the system and no established strategy of checks and balances have been attached. It is common knowledge proved once again that money does not solve the problem. Logic dictates that a solid strategy should precede the money.

Voters need to look for the plans by the candidates. When these are not available, one needs to seek examples of the candidate's previous work. One additional question may also help to reduce the number of chose candidates.

On the subject of political interest of this topic, one question that comes to mind is which of the political offices have the power to influence education in Illinois? Seeing commercial from various candidates claiming to want to work for reform education brings up the suggestion that all officials have the ability to influence the decision. One example that comes to mind is the commercial for Attorney General. If indeed this is the case, hasn't the current Attorneys General created any educational reforms while in office? He claims he developed a strategy plan for political advancement and has been successful. Maybe education wasn't a priority until it became convenient or maybe the current candidate is running for a post that does not require a political office.

If education is an important issue to the voters, they would be well advised to look into this question raised and any other possible reason for concern.

Eliminating candidates who do not place education priority when running for office might greatly reduce the number of deceiving politicians from winning elections. Likewise, looking at candidates who have effectively tackled issues related to their positions in business or political office would be beneficial to the voters.

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YOU ARE THE REASON WE ARE HERE
by TammyJo Maher, Student Senate President

Many citizens of our country do not know how our government works. Many students at Governors State aren't sure how our own university is governed. University governance is based on the democratic model. Our system is set up to open and close like our own government. In essence we are a small country.

We are governed by a constitution. It enables three Senates to recommend policy regarding the university. These bodies represent the students, civil service and faculty. It is the role of each senate to make recommendations to the president regarding our institution. Our president provides direction and leadership for us. She has a cabinet (administrators) who are there in support of the running of the institution. Directly under the president is the provost/vice president of academic affairs, the vice president of administration and planning, the budget director and deans for the colleges and student affairs. These positions provide general direction to the directors of our university units and departments.

In a commuter institution like ours, getting student input is more challenging. There aren't 5,000 of us just down the road in residential halls. We are adults here. We are juggling multiple roles. Many of us work, have our own families, are paying our own bills. We are busy, but that doesn't mean we are apathetic. We care. We want our opinions heard. We have valuable insight and ideas. Most importantly we are the consumer and we want to be consulted.

We want input into the product we're buying—our education. We elect student senators to be our representatives. Their job is to advise the university on issues such as, how the university spends its revenue, how space is utilized on campus, and who gets hired for what.

It is important to make sure we have strong representation. We need student leaders who will watch out for our interests when we can't. The job of a student leader at a commuter institution is much more important than at a traditional institution. It's our duty to make sure our business isn't mistaken for lack of interest. We are interested. Though we are diverse, we share a common bond. Regardless of age or level of responsibility we are still students and we are the reason this institution is here.

You can become directly involved by running for an elected student position or you can impact the university by determining who will represent your interests. Minimally you need to at least vote. Both opportunities are fast approaching. Petitions for office will soon be available and the elections will be held before the end of this trimester.

You are the consumer. You are buying the product. Make sure your voice is heard.

THE POLY PUZZLES

Answers

1. Alice went by train, Gwendolyn by car, and Maya by bus.

2. 24 mph.

3. 10 yards.

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To those of you who expected to see part II of "The Rise And Fall Of The American Empire," I apologize. Due to circumstances beyond my control, the article was censored out of the last edition of the Innovator.

When discussing the rise in crime and moral dilemmas we face as a society, it becomes necessary to engage in a dialogue about values. This is a difficult subject because there are many different ideas about the importance that values have on our society. On this JX'int., I have an honest disagreement with them.

I do, however, respect their rights to include or reject articles that they deem objectionable. I am sure that these decisions are not made lightly.

Because I take this column seriously, I felt it was necessary to explain the deletion of Part II, as it may appear that I had let this responsibility go, I did not.

I have always believed that open and honest opinion is of more value than opinion that is safe, especially when we get together to solve problems. I can say that I would rather have an article censored than give people the soft sell.

I'm sure that many of you were looking forward to Part II, and I'm sure that, to others, an issue of the Innovator, without my column was like a breath of fresh air. Whatever the case, to your delight or dismay the column will return next issue, provided of course...

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Defending The Cafeteria

To the Innovator Editor:

I do not agree with the opinions of the students who said that the cafeteria food was no good or "sucked." I have never found the food to be anything but delicious, wholesome, and yes, reasonably priced. Perhaps, if the school and the cafeteria personnel had not made all the extensive changes that they did recently, we (the students and faculty) might have a reason to say things sucked. But the truth is, they don't. I have even made some of the things served in the cafeteria at home, and let my young child eat the cafeteria food. This is something that I never would have done before the change over to the new cafeteria.

I also must object to the fact that these negative opinions were printed at all. Would the Innovator have been as quick to print an article that stated that two different people on campus said the Innovator sucked? I think not. True, I do not believe in censorship, but as your mother always said, "if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

Happy and well fed

Editor's note:

The photo opinion is a very unscientific poll, so the responses chosen to run do not represent the opinion of GSU, the Innovator, or anyone else except the individuals polled. We at the Innovator are very happy with the new cafeteria, and if we hurt any feelings, that certainly was unintentional. We welcome any opinions and/or constructive criticism regarding the Innovator, even if someone thinks we "suck." We at the Innovator also love Mom, but unfortunately we don't always follow her advice. No offense, Mom. Hope you keep reading.

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Topinka Story Correction

by Marilyn Thomas

I just wanted you to know the lead of your Judy Baar Topinka story gave an incorrect impression.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) did not pass in 1980 as you stated, and it is not now law. ERA failed to be voted on as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution because its ratification by two-thirds of the states fell short.

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Photo Opinion...

What do you think of the whole Michael Jordan situation (playing for the White Sox)?

by Chintamani Manish, CAS, env. biology

It's been blown out of proportion. Let him do what he wants to do. Why bother him?

by Robert Pobanz, COE, psychology

I think it's great because everyone has dreams and if you don't work for them, you'll never know if you could have made it.

by Catherine Musson, COE, psychology

I think it's interesting. What a person decides to do with their career is totally up to them.

by Marc Jansen, Alumni

It really has no effect on my life whatsoever. I am really sick of hearing about Micheal Jordan.

by Rochelle Paul, BPA, business administration

Too soon of a switch over... I think he let down his fans.

by Juan Tellez, human services

He should be allowed to try out, just like everybody else should be allowed to succeed or fail.
Music Reviews

Instrumental Album
Relaxes And Invigorates Listener

Val Gardena
River Of Stone

by Valerio Zaccaria

First of all, let me inform you that Val Gardena is the name of a musical duo, not an individual. The original Val Gardena is actually a village in the Italian Alps, Val Gardena, the musical entity or, in an ensemble consisting of two American-born artists and one unique sound. Their music, and I do mean music, since the album is completely instrumental, falls into the gap left by modern instrumental music (not counting jazz or blues) between "New Age" and what is generally known as "Classical." The music River of Stone offers you for enjoyment is quite simple. This is not meant to say that it is unpolished, childish or uninteresting. This album is the exact opposite of all those things. "New Age" music may contain foreign instruments like a Japanese gong or an African thumb piano, or the sounds of nature; Val Gardena offers us only modern, Western instruments. Whereas many "Classical" pieces have the huge, overwhelming sound of a full symphony, and feature many instruments playing simultaneously, Val Gardena has usually only one simple melody being played by one simple instrument in any given time. Do you begin to see why River of Stone is so refreshing?

The second act was Chicago Blues guitarist Byther Smith and the Kingsnakes. Smitty, as he is often called, plays the blues in a style that is best described as Down in the Basement blues. He plays and sings so that you feel every note and you understand how the music came to be. His backing band featured a full range of instruments including a keyboard player and an excellent saxophone player.

Byther Smith played a few songs from his album I'm a Mad Man that is available on Rounder Records' Bullseye Blues Series. One of the songs that he did from this release was 35 Long Years, a song that he does with a tone that makes you feel each and every one of those years. Byther has played at the Chicago Blues Festival and will be playing there again on Sunday, June 5th. Look for more information on the Bluesfest as it becomes available.

Byther Smith also plays at many different area clubs. He is one of those performers that defines what the Blues really are and he can play them the way he feels them. If you like your Blues with lots of feeling, Byther Smith is the player for you.

The Infinity Gallery at Governors State is featuring a photo exhibit on Arts and Entertainment. Included in this exhibit are pictures of many Jazz and Blues Greats. If you are on campus, check it out this month.

Another photo exhibit is at the Harold Washington Library, Downtown Chicago. It is called Views of the Blues and it includes many photos of the Chicago Blues best performers. This exhibit will run for the rest of the year and the photographers will be changed every two months. Check out the rich musical history of the Chicago Blues Scene.

Finally, I tried to catch Mike Gibb and the Home wreckers at the opening of a club called Night Life. This club was not that great and was over-priced for a south side club. Don't waste your time.
Course Of Empire A Mind-Altering Experience

by Jeff Dinclci

The sold-out crowd at Metro was witnessing a very unusual sight: while waiting for headliners Machines of Loving Grace Friday night. Two cellar back-lit drummers pounded out thunderous, primal beats, while a guitarist sprayed metallic noise that seemed to bounce off the ceiling and remain airborne, darting in and out between the mesmerizing rhythmic locks. At the front of the stage, a wiry, intense singer stood motionless, arms folded behind him while he took turns holding out hypnotic brics or simply screaming as he stared out at the alternately thrilled and scorned masses of kids on the floor.

The band is Course Of Empire, and the people present aren't likely to forget their all-too-short, 45-minute set that managed to somehow expand on the extraordinary songs found on the band's newly released sophomore album, Initiation (Zoo Records). The disc is a hypnotic, dark tour through the madness of today's society that inexplicably leaves the listener with a sense of empowerment at the end of it all. As frontman and resident psychopath Vaughn Stevenson sings on "Initiation": "Now that I'm awake...I hold the truth that I can take to better days than this."

Course of Empire is a Dallas unit that formed in 1988, where they reportedly descended themselves to Deep Ellum club frequenwe, by sometimes allowing fans to play drums with them. The aggressive, guitar-dominated soundness of their 1992 self-titled debut has given way on Initiation to an equally intense, but somewhat lighter tone that seemingly celebrates non-conformity and self-enlightenment as an answer to invading the minds of the masses.

More important is the sonic intensity of the band's sound, which Stevenson credits to producer Dave Castell, who creates a swirling head-phone trip that reveals new delights with each listen. "D Civil's great," says Stevenson. "He's just now starting to branch out and do other bands, I think he's gonna be really big." Castell and guitarist Mike Graff experiment with tape loops of squalling feedback that manage to evoke atmosphere instead of mere songs towards the end of Initiation.

Perhaps the signature song of Course of Empire's sound (Stevenson says the band's name comes from a series of paintings by environmental artist Thomas Cole in the 1860s) is the two drum attack of Chad Lovell and musician Michael Jerome, who Stevenson says were "infused" by a "highly displaced" traveling group from Japan named the Khan Drummers. Live, the effect is a sight to behold, with ace bassist Paul Semrad struggling to anchor down a nearly overtly descending bed of tribal rhythms that perfectly match Stevenson's gothic lyrics and menacing presence.

Add it all up and you get Course of Empire's unique, transcending experience. The album is a mix: a mind-altering, dizzying digital jet of music and thought-provoking lyrics (despite their singer's monotony). Stevenson says the band is finishing their tour with Machines of Loving Grace in a few weeks and are teaming up with Prong soon after. If they come anywhere near Chicago, don't miss it.

Romantic Comedy Debuts At Local Theater

By Karen Schoenberg

Tired of going to the movies? The Illinois Theater Center's newest production may be the change of pace you're looking for. Separation debuts on March 11th and runs through March 27th, with performances Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:00 P.M. and Sundays at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. Tickets are $11 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and $14 on Fridays and Saturdays. There is a one dollar student discount. The theater is located in the lower level of the Park Forest Library.

Nominated for the prestigious Olivier Award (the British equivalent of the Tony), Separation tells the story of a picturesque British playwright who is called by a handshake. American actress who wants to produce his play. Through transatlantic phone calls, they develop a mutual understanding and support as the phone becomes a lifeline for their romance. Playwright Tom Kempinski says his play is simply about people overcoming everyday difficulties through the love and support of a friend. Separation is directed by Ed Bilting and will star well-known Chicago actor Gary Houston. Mr. Houston is a longtime member of the Organic Theater Ensemble, and he has also done extensive work in film and television. The Illinois Theater Center has been located in Park Forest for 18 years. It's a professional theater and has produced many award-winning plays. Physically the theater has an intimate atmosphere and every seat is a "good" seat. For information or reservations call (708) 481-3310.

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Kasparov Updates Chess

by J. B. Godfrey

World Champion Gary Kasparov has combined his chess talent with Electronic Arts' knowledge in computer software. Kasparov's Gambit just recently entered the market, and is trying to grab a share by catering to players of expert strength and below. This is just not another computer program. It has made some great gains in redefining computer chess.

How is this program different from others? It has been geared toward developing player skills. Kasparov's Gambit plays at strong expert strength in its highest level. The Analysis Board of Kasparov's Gambit displays its thinking process, which is useful for lower rated players who are seeking how the pieces coordinate. Kasparov's Gambit also has a quiz section. A player will witness a critical position during a game, and he or she must decide what the best move is. What is also neat about Gambit is it will also help teach a player the openings, and for experienced players Gambit has a wide variety of books.

If your interested in finding out more about Kasparov's Gambit, the address is Electronic Arts, P.O. Box 7578, San Mateo, CA 94483. Phone: (415) 572-AKTS

Dear Stella:

It's that time of the semester when I feel burdened with mid-term work and my social life. Since I do not share my boyfriend's tendency to procrastinate, he doesn't understand that I have little time to spend with him. My problem is that he influences me to change my plans by suggesting we go out to dinner and movies. How can I make him understand?

"Burdened"

Dear "Burdened."

What we have here is a failure to communicate. Tell your boyfriend that you're willing to accompany him for dinner, dancing and more if he'll leave you alone to do your homeworks for a few hours. Meanwhile, you should try to kick back and relax more, smell the pizza, that sort of thing. If that doesn't work maybe you should look around for someone who's an obsessive-compulsive as you are.

Stella

Dear Stella:

I recently transferred from a four-year university to GSU and lately it seems that all I do is attend classes and watch TV. I get so bored that I went to a Counseling Club meeting (my major is Counseling) and found the club in total turned over money wise. My expectation in most students and have some fun was shattered to pieces. Any suggestions?

"Looking for Fun"

Dear "Looking."

Yikes! You went to the Counseling Club, for fun? Listen, the Counseling Club is no place for sissies. Why, I hear they want $1700 just to join! No, I suggest you contact "Burdened" (above) so she can do her homework while you relieve her of her date for the evening. Enjoy!

Stella

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Who's That? Who's Who At GSU

National honors have been awarded to 90 Governors State University students named "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The award is presented to outstanding students as recognition of their academic standing, participation in leadership and extracurricular activities, service to the university and potential for future achievement.

A listing of the award winners and their home towns follows.


Happy St. Patrick's Day
And here's a few words from your favorite leprechaun:

J.B. Godfrey

April: It's upon us once again! What's upon us? You know, being green for the day. On March 17, I will be Irish for the day. I have this saying: for Black History Month were all black, and on St. Paty's Day were all Irish!

We, as Americans, need to take time out of our busy lives to learn about one another. We should not look only to certain days to open our minds and hearts. I personally will take this time to visit the Irish community at my local establishment. And of course, I will eat, drink and be merry! I wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's day.

Conducted any "BORED" room meetings lately?