BGU Tuition Increase Probable

by Craig Hunt

If you think your tuition is high now wait until you return this fall. Tuition is expected to increase 3 percent for all Board of Governors Universities next fall, according to the Board of Governors University Representative Phil Coduti.

If the proposal goes through, full-time undergraduate students would pay $54 more each year and full-time graduate students would pay an additional $60. The increase would not only affect Governors State, but also Chicago State, Eastern Illinois, Northern Illinois and Western Illinois universities.

To part-time students on and off campus the increase if it goes through will be $2.25 per credit hour for undergraduate students and $2.50 per credit hour for graduate students. For out of state students the increase will be $6.75 for undergraduates and $7.50 for graduate students. The current tuition rates are $77 per credit hour for undergraduate and $81 per credit hour for graduate students.

"I am proposing this increase to the Board after careful consideration and following discussions with the president, who are supportive of this recommendation," said Chancellor Thomas Layzell. "We are always reluctant to increase costs to students but are pleased that this is the smallest increase of all of the public university systems this year so far."

The proposed increase is built into the Illinois Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) $86.4 million budget recommendation, which Gov. Jim Edgar endorsed and fully funded in his fiscal 1995 budget proposal, according to a recent Associated Press story.

Layzell said the Governor's proposal, if approved, would significantly help the universities in some important areas, including salary equity. The BGU universities would receive general revenue increases ranging from 1.4 percent to six percent under the Governor's budget plan.

However, in comparison with other Illinois university systems, the three percent increase is the smallest. University of Illinois already has approved a 5.5 to 11 percent increase for next fall, depending on the students year of study.

The Board of Regents approved a 5 percent increase, and Southern Illinois University trustees are considering a proposal to raise tuition by 13 percent over two years.

Our tuition is still "the lowest of public institutions (of higher education) in Illinois," said temporary Provost Sven Groenings. The tuition increase is "without a doubt" unlike other universities in the BOG system, he said. Other BOG universities face a 10 percent increase from 0.7 percent at Western Illinois University to 5.1 percent at Chicago State University.

Currently, at around $130, GSU has the lowest fees in the system.

"There's little the board can do," said Coduti, because of IBHE budget recommendations endorsed by the Governor. "I agree with the tuition hike," he added. "The University needs the money to expand." Plus, IBHE will allocate more funds to the financial aid amounts to offset the increase for those eligible to receive it, he said.

Coduti is scheduled to present the information about the proposed increase to the GSU Student Senate on Wednesday, March 23 so they can form a response which Coduti presents to the board.

"The students will have input," said Coduti, but he didn't think that the increase could be changed because the Governor endorsed it and the Chancellor recommended it to the board. Layzell asked for the increase as part of an expected inflationary increase and because there wasn't an increase last year and other university systems had significant increases last year, said Coduti.

In a letter Coduti received from Layzell, the message was that without the tuition rate increase the BOG universities must go into the red, he said.

Stand Up And Vote

by Andrea Bitter

GSU students need to realize who is representing our voice when we are unable to be heard. Getting out and voting in our student election is an essential element in keeping student government alive.

The student government election will be taking place Saturday, April 2, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and April 4-6 between 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Students can vote on these dates at the Welcome Center in the Hall of Governors. Every voter will receive a coupon good for a free refreshment in the cafeteria. Also, students may pick up a candidate's packet until March 28 at the Welcome Center. Collegial and at-large election slots are available.

GSU students can elect to send a non-voting member to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities; and one voting member with an alternate to the Student Advisory Committee of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Our board governs not only GSU, but also Eastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, Chicago State and Northern Illinois University. The student who will represent us at the BGE is appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois to oversee the governing boards of the various Illinois Higher Education systems. The members of the Student Advisory Committee have the important responsibility of advising the board and its staff on the views of the students and participating in the area of budget requests for the various institutions.

There are other issues addressed by the committee: Student Financial Aid, guaranteed loans, tuition and fees levels, greater student input in the operations of the BGE, the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, and the governing boards of the various institutions of higher education. The alternate position fulfills these duties when the representative is unable to do so.

GSU students will be voting on the following Student Senate positions: College of Business and Public Administration (one year term), College of Education (one year term), Students-at-Large (five, one year terms and one six month term), and the Board of Governors Program (one year term). These Student Senators represent not only the students at large but also their own college. The sessions represent students on university-wide committees, such as the Budget Board, Physical Resources and Search Committees. The elected student officials make recommendations on how university money will be spent, how the institution's space will be utilized and who gets hired for what.

Students need to acquaint themselves with the candidates and the issues at hand. As students we can only gain proper representation by exercising our right to vote.
Students Display Talent At Art Show

Juror Ray Yoshida (left) talks to George Morris about Morris's sculpture, which took third place in the graduate competition of the student art show. Winners not pictured include graduate Joyce Kasmer and undergraduate Terry Crain.

This painting by Laos Reimer placed second in the graduate competition at the student art show in the E lounge gallery. The show was judged on March 11.

Juror Ray Yoshida discusses the work of Macco Coleman, which placed third in the undergraduate competition.

Sergio Gomez stands by his painting, which took third place in the undergraduate competition at the student art show.

Latino Scholars Honored

Three talented students of Hispanic descent have been named recipients of Latino Achievement Scholarships at Governors State University.

The scholarships were presented to Diana Valdivia of Palos Park, Maria Gonzalez of Chicago's Hegewisch neighborhood and Jose Renteria of South Village.

The scholarships are offered to outstanding undergraduate students who are transferring to GSU for the first time with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and enrolling for a minimum of nine credit hours and are U.S. citizens or of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American heritage or cultures.

The three students may have the scholarship renewed for up to three additional trimesters if they continue to meet the academic criteria.

Valdivia is transferring from Moraine Valley Community College. She began her college career nearly 20 years ago at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She married and left school to raise a family but never gave up on her ambitions. She hopes to enter law school once she completes a bachelor's degree in psychology at GSU.

"I believe this is the perfect time for me to bring my career goals to fruition. My children are all in school, and there's no time like the present," she told the selection committee.

Gonzalez, of the 128 block of Marquette Avenue in Chicago, has completed course work at Calumet College and Chicago State University. At GSU, she will major in communication disorders.

She has volunteered and worked in the Hispanic community coordinating recreational and social activities for senior citizens, working with families in need of early prevention, family and individual counseling, play therapy and parent education workshops for Head Start Programs, and organizing in house 'reading lunches for preschool Hispanic children.

With the scholarship, Gonzalez said, "I can continue to be proof that education and perseverance have bountiful rewards-rewards that can open many doors to minorities."

Renteria arrived from Mexico to Chicago's South Deering neighborhood in 1986. He found employment in an electrical repair technical as an electrical repair technician, Renteria knew he wanted to move into a college field. He will complete a bachelor's degree in psychology and hopes to one day receive a master's and doctoral degrees.

This scholarship has enabled him to enroll full time at GSU and work part time at the Hyatt Regency. "The scholarship has proven to be the first step I needed to attend college.

Latinos have never had many opportunities in the past and now I can use the opportunities that are there and never give up," Renteria said.
Reading Recovery...

by Jennifer Granner

In school systems of the past, many of us were barely reading in first grade. In the 1990's, reading is required by first grade and students who fall behind are often given Reading Recovery. Today, Governor State and Reading Recovery are solving reading inadequacies.

Reading Recovery is designed for students who are usually in their first grade, who show signs of being at risk for reading difficulties. It usually lasts 18 weeks. Each Reading Recovery instructor is allowed only four students at a time. Once selected, students begin instruction, daily, one-on-one reading sessions.

In 1984, the Park Forest Elementary District wanted to implement the Reading Recovery program into their schools. Eventually, they formed a consortium to train reading specialists in south Cook county and Governors State University.

At a recent training session in their new second floor room at the Park Forest/GSU training center, 21 districts in the Governor State University (GSU) Consortium are being trained as a teacher leader. After her training, Sievering and Park Forest put together a training unit equipped with a one-way screen for training Reading Recovery teachers. She teaches full-time at the Mohawk School at the Park Forest/GSU training center.

According to age, the students are divided into reading levels which make a financial and educational decision to adopt the program into their district. In the GSU consortium there are 77 teachers trained in Reading Recovery. The average success rate for the Reading Recovery program in the Park Forest/GSU consortium in the last four years is 95 percent. Nationally, the success rate for six years is 85 percent.

Dr. Meier, site coordinator for Reading Recovery and director of the Thorn- han Fractional Educational Cooperative anticipates 101 trained Reading Recovery teachers.

Sievcring, a classroom teacher for ten years, became frustrated by not being able to reach children who were having trouble with reading. Sievering was excited to learn of Reading Recovery.

"Reading Recovery benefits in ways I cannot imagine," Sievering, states. "It adds the lowest 20 percent of first grade children. They learn to read and write within the average range of their peers in the least amount of time possible, usually 12-18 weeks. Each Reading Recovery instructor is allowed only four students at a time. Once selected, students begin instruction, daily, one-on-one reading sessions."

Constitution Slowly Progressing

by Karen Schoenberg

Although it may seem nec-

essary for the construction work be-
ging done on campus is making pro-
gress. According to Mike Hines, the

company in charge of the Physical Plant, the work on the main campus is now 60% complete. Hines feels the entrance should be completed around the middle of July.

Students can look forward to a change because the new entrance will be very different from the old main entrance. Hines would like the new entrance to have a "one-stop shopping" area for University related errands. The main campus will also be more open to the public.

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COUNSELING STUDENTS VISIT YOUTH CENTER

by Jill Disantis

On Tuesday, March 2nd, Dr. Mike Lewis and members of his Community Counseling class revisited this teaching room on the GSU campus over to Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center in Maitland, to gain a better understanding of the world around them.

Dr. Lewis felt this interaction with the services in the surrounding communities will motivate his students. He also serves as an orientation for them into the real world. Lewis called Aunt Martha's "a multifaceted agency that gives students a real understanding of the many services available to youth and adults in the community.

Aunt Martha's is a community based youth service center which compre

hensive programs offer help and support to children, youth, and families. Programs include some of the greatest programs for youth and are available confidentially without charge. Aunt Martha's services include family and individual counseling/support groups, family preservation services and delinquency prevention and treatment, as well as many others. This is only part of the reason why Dr. Lewis feels strongly about Aunt Martha's as his class.

While at Aunt Martha's, the students listened to members of the Health Unit talk about Women and Children Services, members of the Counseling Unit talk about the Counseling Services, and members of the Employment Unit talk about Employment and Education Services. This interaction allowed the students to understand how important they will be in the community and how opportunity to interact with professionals in these areas serve as a great learning experience. Nita Albrecht, Assistant Director of Public Relations for Aunt Martha's, said "Aunt Martha's always enjoys site visits from GSU coun-

eling students. It is very important to expose students to what is going on in the communities around them. I feel such a visit as this provided a learning experience for all those involved."

The Polygon Puzzles

The purpose of The Polygon Puzzles is to orientate our readers. Short answers to all puzzles are given elsewhere in the paper, and detailed explanations can be found in the Office of Student Development, room 11400.

1. Bush, Clinton, Dole, and Edgar met for their Friday night poker game. Before starting to play, everyone shook hands. However, no player shook hands with another player more than one time. How many handshakes were there?

2. Mrs. March had four daughters, Beth, Meg, Jo and Amy. From the information given below, list the daughters according to age, from the youngest to the oldest.

A. Jo was younger than Meg and older than Amy.
B. Beth was older than Amy and younger than Jo.
C. Mr. Candiace rests a rectangular plot of land upon which to cultivate his garden. Mr. Pangoro had informed him that the dimensions of the garden would be changed. The length would be increased by 30% and the width would be decreased by 25%. Given that the original dimensions of the garden are irrelevant, which are, we can Candiace's "new" garden have an area equal to, less than, or greater than the area of its original garden?"}

Answers to all problems on page 11.
Dr. Reginald Wilson Speaks At GSU

Christianity, charity, fervor for the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and a pride in excellence in education are America's strongest principles. But as willing as Americans are to recognize these strengths, these same principles often have been what separate us, according to Dr. Reginald Wilson, senior scholar at the American Council on Education.

Speaking at Governors State University, Dr. Wilson said the Christian tradition is the strongest in the western world. And while we can all speak of the influence religion has on American society, it has significant importance for minorities and the oppressed who have used it as a vehicle for social change, he explained.

As African-Americans began the struggle for civil rights, the movement's leaders came from primarily Baptist and Methodist churches, and the congregations often helped organize the demonstrations. Hispanics follow the Catholic Church's liberation theology approach that gives strength through scripture to their struggle.

America's charitable tradition grows out of its religion, but is separate as a secular tradition, Dr. Wilson explained. "We give more to charity than any other western society. We hold it as the dominant expressive vehicle."

Yet charitable acts have been a way of expressing others. For example, Spellman College in Atlanta, founded by northern missionaries in 1861 to serve the African-American population of the South, only elected its first African-American president in the 1980s. Decades after its founding, Spellman's administration and a disproportionate number of its faculty were whites. "In the 1920s, W.E.B. DuBois refused to speak at Spellman until one of its graduates was hired as a teacher there," Dr. Wilson told the audience. "It was a kind of benevolent racism, helping the African-Americans but not recognizing their talents."

As fervently proud as Americans are about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, it is only of late that all Americans are included under its protection. Initially, the author of the Declaration wrote a stipulation that African-Americans came here against their will, but the line was deleted. The issue of slavery festered until the Civil War, Dr. Wilson explained. The Constitution also did not initially protect white men without property, women or African-Americans but has since been amended to include all Americans.

Americans tend to have very short memories on certain subjects, especially on access to education, Dr. Wilson believes. "We hold strong beliefs in excellence in education, but we prefer on how to achieve that."

African-Americans, who often have not had as strong a foundation as whites entering college, ask that students be judged on their achievements at the end of college. The historical gap exists because African-Americans were not allowed to learn to read or write. Their educational systems worked to meet the needs of the population by starting elementary schools and eventually founding colleges. "We forget that history and say they should start at the same position as others," Dr. Wilson said. "African-Americans are systematically being deprived (of educational opportunities) yet they (are judged) by the same standards (as whites)."

by T. Dean Fidin

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher returned from a three-day trip to China last week. He said that a wide range of differences resurfaced between the two countries during his visit. The U.S. is particularly miffed at China for her worrisome human rights situation, which is evidently threatening China's Most Favored Nation status with the U.S. coming for a review this spring.

After the high level talks during Christopher's visit, the Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen put the blame for the rift in U.S.-China relations on a meeting that took place last month between China's minister of state, Spellman's administration and a disproportionate number of its faculty were whites. "In the 1920s, W.E.B. DuBois refused to speak at Spellman until one of its graduates was hired as a teacher there," Dr. Wilson told the audience. "It was a kind of benevolent racism, helping the African-Americans but not recognizing their talents."

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U.S. Takes The High Road
On Human Rights

by Yolanda Peck

The Governor's State University Alumni Association has been conducting its fourteenth phonathons, since March 13, and will continue through March 31. Its aim is to reach the 2,700 members and 18,000 alumni before spring break.

Meeting the $90,000 goal for Phonathon 1994 should present no problem because most alumni are eager to give back to the university. The previous phonathons have been very successful, according to the Director of Alumni Relations, Ms. Gini Burghardt.

The money donated is for a good cause: to support student awards, the student child care center and special professional development. Also, money is allocated to the library and to numerous other recipients, said Burghardt.

The Alumni Association is in need of volunteers to donate their time to raise pledges between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. A light dinner is at 5:30 p.m., followed by a brief explanation of calling procedures. Sunday dinner begins at 4:00 p.m., with calls made between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Student participation is vital to the Phonathon's success.

Ms. Burghardt knows that donors are out there just waiting to support Governors State University in this effort.

Annual Alumni Fund Phonathon In Full Swing

(Photograph by Steve Reid)

Volunteers hope to stuff this pig with alumni contributions.

A festive atmosphere keeps things light at the Alumni Association Phonathon.
South Suburban Crisis Center Helps Victims Of Abuse

by Jennifer Grauer

The area is one of two part series.

She never had a serious relationship with anyone. Now she has a serious problem. Frequently her family lifestyle went beyond appetite. By Megan Campbell

by Representative Bill Balthis (R-40)

A journalist, according to Balthis, should not do a story that "they feel in their heart that a story worth the time to personally involve yourself when something is going wrong," said Balthis. "A journalist should pursue concerns, not on feelings, but rather as an objective point of view, so as not to put yourself into the story."

Balthis said that a public official's private life is personal information that the press should not deal with. The press should try to "depersonalize" theirseves, for reporting should be objective and personal feeling should not be reflected, according to Balthis.

Balthis, who has no experience as a reporter, went on to say that personal life is not a press issue and an area off limits to the press. However, a story concerning the misuse of money is something the press should "be interested" because it is a issue of public interest, he said.

Balthis was also outspoken on a reporter's need to establish good relationships with public officials. He believes that most officials want to share things with the press, and by going off record with a politician from time to time in order to form a feeling of trust, the journalist will be better able to get more information in good faith.

Balthis feels that going off the record can be an effective tool for creating these relationships, and can help a reporter in staying objective while covering a story. Often politicians who go off the record either don't want to answer questions or need you to help the journalist understand what a story or problem is about, according to Balthis. He went on to say that the press "should accept that."

Said Aldo DeAngela (R-40) that someone Balthis admires for promoting good relationships with the press, DeAngela, according to Balthis, because he has an honesty in the way he says things, which warrants a mutual feeling of trust with the media. This type of relationship with the press takes time to create, said Balthis.

When asked about governmental leaks to the press, Balthis says that the writer is often "being used" in these instances. If the leak is factual and the press can find corroborating information, Balthis says it is okay. Although using leaks can be a disservice of the information cannot be supported.

Balthis was introduced by GSU President Paula Woff, who said that Balthis was an educator who possessed integrity and great values, and who was a proponent for Government Service.

The president also said Balthis is a supporter of the university and a knowledgeable observer of Springfield.

In a later phone interview, Balthis said that he supports GSU through the legislative process. The university is a high priority for the budget proposal, which calls for additional money for on-campus projects, Balthis said.

This spring, Balthis is also planning on reintroducing an immunization bill that will apply to all students.

Balthis said he enjoyed speaking to the class, adding that the question/answer part of the presentation was enjoyable for him. Balthis had high praise for GSU, saying he is "proud of the university."

The Crisis Center for South Suburban (CCSS) realizes that victims of domestic violence do not escape age, race, and social and economic class.

The center also offers counseling for women and children individually or in groups. Counseling counselors enable women and children to continue counseling after leaving the shelter. Women and children may also choose to attend counseling without shelter.

Court advocacy is offered by the center for women who are unfamiliar with the court system. Staff and volunteer volunteers walk victims through legal processes, even attending court dates with them.

Representative Bill Balthis (R-40) came to Governors State to speak to Professor Walter Perkins' writing and reporting class on Wednesday, March 9.

Representative Balthis, of the 79th Representative District, gave views of the press, shared stories of his relationship with reporters, and even gave advice to the journalism students present.

The center helps victims thro­ugh entire community by speaking at Lion's Clubs, church groups, schools, and other organizations.

At any time, public relations volunteers are contracted to visit the center once a month and examine the children.

The center provides professional internships, volunteer training, volunteer men's counseling, and a 24-hour hotline for crisis intervention, referral services for those who have problems other than abuse, and information files of the crisis center.

"There's a lot of evil in the world and our volunteers are people who know they can change the world, but do it through a service," says volunteer coordinator Jackie Small.

Small, also a part-time real estate broker, has been with CCSS for 18 months. She has noticed that the volunteer's use their talents to create solutions for any obstacles that arise at the center.

"We listen to the volunteers and they tell us how to make the volun­teer program work," added Small. "The best part of my job is that I have met some people who will stay for more than 20 years. I have watched many people who inspect you to give your best."

Barbara Najib is one of those returning people. She was at the crisis center for 3 years after becoming interested in the crisis center while reading its advertisements in a local newspaper.

"It's rewarding to see the changes the center has brought through," says Najib. "I've seen it grow from a room in a community center to the shelter in Tinley Park."

Najib volunteers on the hotline. She says that her job is constantly challenging and that there is always someone out there.

"Some people who call don't nec­essarily need shelter, they may just need counseling," says Najib.

"When someone calls who is very emotional and upset and maybe can't even talk for a couple of minutes, I help them through their problems and get to realize they need help. You can't tell them to do this or that."

Najib says the most rewarding part of her job is to see someone re­ceive help from the shelter and watch their life take a positive direction. The hardest part is seeing women go back into an abusive situation and to see children who come through the center.

There are very few women who come here without children. Your heart goes out to them," says Najib.

"Without the mon­ey changing, the kids have nothing to eat."

During her thirteen years of volun­teering at the center Najib says, "The volunteers I've met are great people. It's been fun."

Roberta (Bobbie) L. Noonan, Ed.D., president of CCSS, agrees that a large part of the success of CCSS is the spirit of its volunteers and staff.

"The volunteers are totally committed and unselfish of their time and money. Our clients truly feel like they are a part of warming and protecting our volunteer's heart."

"Our staff, too, is highly dedi­cated, they put in 45-hour work week while only getting paid for 40 hours," says Noonan. "I really think the center gives as comprehensive care as possible to our women. The center really nurtures the center."

Noonan began her term as cri­sis center in 1981 and has been executive director for nearly two years. She has been president of the crisis center from the beginning.

"There's an old joke that CCSS presidents don't quit, they are re­cycled somewhere else," says Noonan.

More and more women and children will need centers like the crisis center as one of the concerns in the national statistics on domestic violence, Noonan says.

"In 1995, the United States had children 12 years old living in shelters. They are in a 2,000 bedroom facility and have nothing to do."

Volunteers monitor the entrance at all times.

Currently, CCSS receives fund­ing by the Illinois Department of Public Aid, the United Way, state and federal monies, corporations and foundations, and special fundraising events.

In 1993, CCSS served 4,464 women and children in need. The increase from 1992. Also in 1993 the Center sheltered 303 women and 456 children, more than a 30 percent increase from 1992.

Part II will run in the April 4th issue of The Innovation.
Truth, or Consequences?

An Innovator Editorial

Did you vote last Tuesday? We've all heard the refrain, "Well, if you didn't vote, then you're no right to complain about what goes on in politics." And, it's true. Let's face it, if you can't be bothered to participate in the election process by getting to a voting booth once every couple of years, then you'll have to take what you get.

We have a similar situation on this campus. If nothing else, the angry and, unfortunately, unsigned letter placed on the Wall of Truth this week indicates that all is not well here at GSU. This comes as no great surprise to us here at the Innovator.

The atmosphere on the GSU campus is so heavily biased toward the administration that our staffers can't find anyone to go on record with what they know. This is more than just lots of trouble for our staff. It represents a deplorable situation in which employees and even students feel threatened enough to remain silent, even on important issues which should be brought to light for the greater good of everyone in this university.

FACT 1—At the risk of stating the obvious, GSU is not a private corporation; it is a public institution funded by tax dollars and tuition fees. Your money is being spent here—lots of it—in the name of higher education. Your interests as taxpayers and hard-working students deserve representation.

FACT 2—No other media comprehensively cover this university, save the Star Tribune, that scion of journalistic integrity that stood quietly by while Chicago Heights was turned into a center of mob activity. Now, it's our job alone at the Innovator to cover issues of importance to students and insist on representation and fair play from administration and faculty. We're the good cops. When we ask questions, it's because we have a reason and a right to know the answers. Elections will be held April 2 - April 6, in which the Board of Governor's student representatives and the student senate will be selected. There is no longer an excuse for not getting involved, or at least taking the time to vote.

FACT 3—Have you noticed that people who stick up for their rights are universally respected and admired, while those who stand-up to authority are despised, by those in authority most of all? Whether you're a student or a university employee, you didn't forfeit your civil rights when you walked in the door.

So stand up and be counted, students, faculty, and administration, or you'll just have to take what you get.

Random Musings

by Jason Hertarch

Well, it looks like Michael Jackson avoided a lengthy, poten-tially embarrassing trial by settling out of court for a sum larger than most Leto jackpots. For that kind of money, he could have treated me like a farm animal.

But enough about Michael and on to things that really bug me; like really bad trampolines, especially when worn by men who can afford the best that money can buy. (Guys like Sam Donaldson, Marv Albert, Burt Reynolds, Lou Herson, and many others) I spend the money or deal with the glare? After all, nobody is fooled by cheap radskin (and the vekko strip is a dead giveaway)

And now it's time for the Sainfold ripoff, the "What is the deal with...?" section.

What is the deal with boys named Jerry and trampolines girls? First there was Jerry Lee Lewis and now Jerry Seinfeld.

What is the deal with Rush Lbarnbaugh's head? If it gets any larger, it is sure to pop. If Rush is lucky, it will happen during "sweeps", what is ratings grabbing

What is the deal with Scottie Pippen's head? With all these grooves, it looks like his parents carried him around by placing his skull throughout his infancy.

On a positive note, he is sure to be working long after his basket-ball career is over. "Star Trek - The Next Generation" could save money on makeup by adding Scottie to the cast.

What is the deal with all these god turn-ins? Of course any GSU student wishing to turn in a fire-arm may bring it to the Innovator office and they will receive a free copy of the paper.

What is the deal with Toron' O'Brien's hair? He has enough to cover Rush Lbarnbaugh's head. In fact, he may want to save the clip-pings and send them to the aforementioned guys with bad cothes.

What is the deal with Toona Haring? I keg Kathy Bax's wants to play her in the made-for-TV movie that is sure to happen. The only problem is that when Kathy decides to hedge someone, she will definitely do it right. (see Minority for an explanation)

Finally, what is the big deal about this whole "Whitewater" scandal? I prefer Dayton Miller's response to the whole thing, "It's Arkansass, how bad can it be!"?

That just about brings this column to a close. One last thing: this column will always appear under the heading, "Random Musings." If you don't like it, just turn the page. If only everything in life was that simple,
Pus In Our Milk?

by Erin Williams

This is a warning to consumers about genetically engineered hormones, antibiotics and pus in your milk and dairy products.

Beginning on February 3, 1994, milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, yogurt, beef, and infant formula sold and consumed throughout the U.S. will be laced with a genetically engineered recombinant bovine growth hormone (rBGH) also known as "bovine somatotropin" or BST. Its use has been approved without long-term testing.

The FDA will not require labeling of the milk and other dairy products through 90% of consumers favor labeling of rBGH products so they can avoid buying them.

The FDA is aware of the serious side effects of rBGH in cows such as udder infections (mastitis), severe reproductive problems, persistent somatic cell counts, and lactations, just to name a few.

rBGH can also make humans sick and the FDA is aware of this rBGH use in cows leads to increased amounts of pus and bacteria in milk. rBGH use may lead to greater antibiotic and chemical contamination of milk and dangerous resistance to antibiotics in the human population.

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Texas Occupies Familiar
But Tasteful Territory

Texas
Rick's Road
by Jeff Dreelli

Though one of the most legendarily overtly racist in recent memory, Texas — a band which hails from Glasgow, Scotland — travels the backroads of American folk-rock to fine effect on Rick's Road, their third release for Mercury Records. The relaxed and confident band, led by the rich warburton B3 organ work of Eddie Campbell and Ally McErlaine's ringing blues guitar riffs, provides a rootsy vehicle for singer/guitarist Sharleen Spiteri's passionate, dynamic vocal work.

Unmuzzling themselves in the ambience of historic Bearsville Studios in Woodstock, New York, Texas (whose name stems from their love of Byrds' slide guitar work on the soundtrack for Wim Wenders' 1985 film "Paris, Texas") were the influences of those who graced the recording facility's hallowed halls rather well. "Fearing These Days" sounds like a lost folk song from the classic Dylan/Blond collaboration "The Basement Tapes." Spiteri, who has a noticeable accent, cooks up a dead-on Janis Joplin impression on "You Owe It All To Me," and puts her own beautifully tough stamp on "So In Love With You," and the shouldn't-be-hit "Listen To Me," which serves due to a tasteful string section backing.

Spiteri shines on the excellent cover of Al Green's "Tired Of Being Alone" (a U.K. Top 20 hit) and the gospel swing of "You've Got To Live A Little" (which features a camea vocal performance by Sister Rosy of Sly & the Family Stone fame). Spiteri's clearly the focal point of this outfit, but her commanding presence wouldn't be nearly as effective without the skilled backing of this impressive band, who openly reveal their indebtedness to the influences of 60's Woodstock, and stake out a plot of their own in already well-covered territory. Nothing new here, but Rick's Road is impressive nonetheless.

More Blues for You
by William R. Kolstad
with Photos by Rita Dee

The first weekend of March was a very special blues weekend for me. On that Friday night I got to see the Chicago area return of Joanna Connor at Legends. Since I saw and wrote about her last summer, she has been very busy touring. She was all over Europe and America since then and on her Christo stops, a stop-alley showed just how much energy she has. So much energy that she kept played through the night until closing. Also as an observation I would also have to say that she looks absolutely fabulous after the tour.

Joanna played the guitar with a vengeance and it was obvious that she has missed the Chicago audiences. She played with so much intensity and passion that it was like watching someone making love to their music. Her band was quick to tap into this musical energy and kept up right along with their leader.

The night was made even more special for her because of the presence of some of her family members, most especially her son. This five year old boy whose father, Stan Mixon, plays bass for the band was a joy to behold.

He was so captivated watching his parents play the blues. He was also called up to the stage where he played drums with the band on an old blues song. It was a very impressive display of two parents and their child enjoying the music together. I'd like to bet that in a few years from now he'll be starting a promising musical career of his own. Until then his parents will be playing around the world and teaching him the blues.

The next night I was quite happy to have finally seen a living legend of musical history. John Mayall played at Legends and he showed how much staying power he has. The singer, guitarist, keyboardist, and harmonica player truly displayed his versatility and his deep blues connection. Mayall began in England in the early sixties playing what later became known as the British Blues. His band, the Bluesbreakers, has featured many of the greatest players of all musical forms including Eric Clapton. Many people refer to John as the "Father of the British Blues." I tend to believe that he opened the door for many Blues players in Europe and he gave many British players an avenue to recognition in the States.

John Mayall's current album, Wake Up Call, was nominated for a Grammy award that he eventually lost out on due to the strong competition by one of his mentors and contemporaries, Buddy Guy. In the true spirit of sportsmanship and genuine respect Buddy and John jammed together playing some of the truly classic blues songs that are a part of the blues experience. Mayall's current lineup of the Bluesbreakers gave new life and sound to many numbers from John's older material. That along with songs from his current album kept the pace up. He also paid homage to some of the men who created the Chicago Blues sound and inspired him to play.

I certainly was impressed with John Mayall. For a man who has been in the music business for over thirty years, he still plays with teenage enthusiasm. The man was hardly still all evening, and often was playing keyboard and harmonica at the same time. His voice sounded as good as ever and he gave the standing room only audience a show that was one of the best I have ever attended. It is too bad that only one Grammy was given there since much is much in his music that deserves the recognition. Until Later!
Dookie A Must Buy

GREEN DAY
DOOKIE
by Jeff DiNolli

For months and homesteads alike, Dookie is the latest from Green Day, a young, punky, power-pop trio who have put together the first essential album of 1994. Run out to your nearest record store and pick this up immediately, for the melodic strength and careful demeanor of Dookie is guaranteed to push your fun button.

From "Burnout" through the first single, "Longview," the record gains melodic momentum, peaking on "Welcome To Paradise," an overdriven Descendents-like hummer. Green Day specializes in a hyperkinetic but clear brand of guitar rock, with a melodic, beach blanket sound that's sparked by some unexpected hardcore-inspired moves.

Lyrically, Dookie is dominated by existential anarchy and slackers' mini-antitheses that serve as reminders that hardcore was fueled not only by societal injustice, but by a damaged psyche as well. There are a couple of dumb burners mixed in amidst the fun ("She, "Coming Clean"), but the music is so good you won't even notice.

Lori's Note: We in the layout department believe the aforementioned "She" is not a "dumb burner" as our esteemed music critic eloquently stated, but in fact, at second best only to the awesome "Welcome To Paradise."

Unique Voice Carries Album

CRASH TEST DUMMIES
GOD SHUFFLED HIS FEET
by Steve Reid

God Shuffled His Feet, the second release from the Crash Test Dummies, is not going to win any awards for writing. A lot of the lyrics are silly, bordering on nonsensical ("If your eye got poking out in this life, would it be waiting in heaven with your wife?") But no one said you had to be Shakespeare to make good music. Brad Roberts' unique voice easily overcomes any inadequacies in writing by creating a fine, almost mesmerizing album.

The first single, "MMM MMM MMM MMM," has hit it big on the local alternative radio stations, propelling God Shuffled His Feet up the college radio charts. One listens to the song and it's easy to see why it is so popular. Roberts' voice is backed by an angry piano and acoustic guitar to form a perfect, cagey mix.

The rest of the album is a collection of oddities that somehow fit together to form a cohesive set of 12 songs. The inclusion of such instruments as mandolin, accordion, and harmonica add to the distinctive sound of the Crash Test Dummies. Some highlights on the album are the up-tempo "Afternoon & Coffee Cigarettes" and the whimsical, drum driven "How Does A Duck Know?" Although not all of the songs work, enough do to make this an enjoyable listen.

Communication Students Enjoy Open House

The Division of Communications held its open house on Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16 in the Department of Communications office. Students from the Basic Television Production class (above photo on right) mingled with other communication students and professors while enjoying food and refreshments.

In the photo below, media communications major Daniel Foster is caught off guard as he pours himself something to drink.

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Queen's Knight Out
by J. B. Godfrey

One interesting aspect of Kasparov's Gambit is the graphics. Computer graphics have come along way and Electronic Arts has furthered the program. During the game Kasparov will actually talk to you, which in itself is amusing.

I believe Kasparov's Gambit will encourage players to learn more about chess. When it comes to developing chess programs, I believe Electronic Arts will be a strong contender.

First Annual Chinese Festival

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Fun and activities will include:

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Gilbert Grape Squashes Competition

Gilbert Grape is a weak eater. He has nowhere else to go. He's a responsible young adult in what might seem to be a dysfunctional family in a small, dysfunctional town.

He must, left a widow when his father hung himself, has ballooned to around 500 pounds and can't do anything but dictate orders from her throne in front of the television. One of his sisters forces herself a cook but is out of work since she clamped a fire on her last job. His teenage sister is inept. His developmentally challenged younger brother, Arnie, is a challenge to them all. And they love each other to death.

About the only way to know Endora, Iowa is to die. And the local undertaker is in a funk because no one seems to be doing that.

Gilbert works as a clerk in the local grocery store, whose owner is awaiting the competition from the super store that's opened on the outskirts of town. Gilbert makes special deliveries to the hot wife of the town's insurance broker who chose him over the other young men in town because she knew he would never leave her. He bathes and protects 17-year-old Arnie who, as a natural climber, seems to be the only person going anywhere, even if it's merely up the town's water tanks.

Gilbert Grape is good. When you're as good as he is, people expect more of you than they expect of themselves. He's cooped up by the weight of all the responsibilities he carries. And when he meets a girl from the outside, he's so stuck in his rut he doesn't see her as the window to the world she is. This film takes care to develop its characters, which make me care about them. Johnny Dopp, with his wonderfully expressive face, plays Gilbert. Juliette Lewis, a gangly Tom Hawks look-alike, plays Betsy, the new girl in town who is the antithesis of Gilbert. She and her grandmother have moved in town during their travels while the international Scout that they own their Auntie Mable's trailer awaits a part. She's warm, open and free while Gilbert is warm, open and trapped.

Leonardo DiCaprio's performance as Arnie has earned him an Oscar nomination for best supporting actor. Some critics felt he had a good chance of winning, based on the theory that an able-bodied/mined worker who convincingly portrays a disabled person wins an Oscar, citing Al Pacino ("Scoti Of A Downfall") and Dustin Hoffman ("Kramer vs. Kramer") in support.
Finally...Some Relief for The Bosnians

NEWS & ANALYSIS
by T. Dean Fidan

After nearly two and a half years of inaction, the world community, and the West in particular, seem uncertain in ending the war in former Yugoslavia. Relief convoys arrived in Maglaj this week, protected by NATO planes and helicOPTERS, to deliver more than 500,000 pounds of food and supplies to besieged towns, while relief workers distributed food and boosted Maglaj's morale by holding a soccer game. The U.N. convoys had to literally push their way through the Serb-held territories to deliver the much-needed food and the long-awaited moral relief for the city.

This is the second time that the U.N. has effectively saved another major Bosnian population from devastation. Sarajevo was the first, where the Serbs, in their now very familiar military tactics, had initially surrounded the city, and then bottlenecked it mercilessly for nearly two years, blocking out last month only under the threat of NATO air strikes.

Finding a way to report this week's relief convoy's report, we ended the last week's diatribe mercifully, regionally promoted by the Clinton administration, which set the stage for the peace process to go forward not only in words as in the past, but also in deeds as well. So far, it remains to be seen whether.

For the U.S. State Department, the Russian Foreign Ministry, and the European Community finally managed to bring at least two of the warring sides in Bosnia's gruesome war-the conflict - to an end. A first step forward was the agreement on the establishment of an international peacekeeping force.

Three years of fighting have brought the world to the point where even a limited agreement to start the process of rebuilding Bosnia and Herzegovina is probably the only alternative to continued conflict.

Nonetheless, the initial round of talks between Western diplomats and military figures exuded the Sinoist's sentiments. They expected to get back some parts of Bosnia, only very recently ceded beyond the U.N.'s mandate. They are thus mixing their own conditions and could opt to fight for their way out from the ramp of Yugoslavia. That possibility worries everyone in the Balkans as well as in Europe. Since it would put an alibi, a banner, a goal, a Turkish, and Bulgarian, once again igniting another monstrous Balkan War, with immense human and material destruction, much worse than the one seen in Bosnia.

Can some sort of politica1beret for once return to the Balkans and help avoid a future catastrophe, while at the same time converting all the parties to the disarmament from their mistakes? If the past is any indication of what may come from in former Yugoslavia, the answer from an expert point of view would have to be negative. But the recent West- ern interventions, especially the approach of the Clinton initiative, may hold some hope for optimism. Another cause for optimism may come by way of words, from children like Zlata Filipovic, 13, who was in Chicago last week, and whose Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo, offers an innocent wisdom which is well worth noting by the catalysts of the war in Bosnian or Herzegovina. She looked at the world and never had any other war.

I think it's better for children if adults are a little stupid, and didn't think before the war," she said. "I hope it helps kids become better adults. To stop the war, and never have another war."

On that same topic of the war in Bosnia, The Chicago Athenaeum (The Museum of Architecture and Design), is holding an exhibition until April 16, 1994, depicting the "instruments of Savages and Maters" in pictures and documentation, with a somewhat similar message for the adults of this world.
Proceeds to benefit Josie Nordman.
Josie is seven months old. She has been diagnosed as having Cystic Fibrosis. She needs therapy 3 to 5 times a day. In addition, her doctors are considering a new Cystic Fibrosis drug therapy that would cost over $10,000 a year. This Benefit Party will help her family keep up with the growing cost of medical treatment and care associated with this disease.

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