Founding Father of GSU Passes Away

Retired GSU professor emeritus Daniel W. Bernd passed away on Friday, December 16. He is survived by his wife Polly Bernd, director of off-campus programming and his daughter Julia. Dan spent 21 years at Governors State in a variety of positions, although he considered teaching his number one assignment. In 1989, when he became the senior faculty member, he argued against that and other titles. "Professor," he said, "is my only title," saying that carried plenty of responsibility. As a professor of English literature, he shared his love of Shakespeare and the other great writers with his students.

Dan left an indelible mark on Governors State which he helped found. He was one of a handful of administrators hired by GSU's first president, William Enghetson, to help plan and develop the university. The directors of academic development, or DADs as they were labeled, were given a myriad of tasks - none small. Dan also served as assistant dean of the College of Cultural Studies and was coordinator of the Liberal Education Center. He was also the organizer of the University Assembly which represented faculty, staff and student concerns. He served as its chair for four years, and then as president of the Faculty Senate.

Memorials can be made to the Dr. Daniel W. Bernd Endowed Scholarship in English Literature in care of the GSU Foundation.

Mother of Two Wins Prestigious Lincoln Laureate Award

Julie Jones, a business major at GSU, has been named the 1994 Lincoln Laureate Award recipient. Jones was recognized by Gov. Jim Edgar at a special ceremony at the Illinois State Capitol where she received the prestigious medal as the outstanding student from GSU. She was nominated for the honor by GSU President Paula Wolff.

The Lincoln Laureate Award, given by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, is intended to recognize, encourage and seek to further the outstanding contributions of Illinois citizens working for the betterment of humanity. One outstanding student from each of the state's public universities is presented with the award.

The mother of two young children, Jones enrolled at GSU to complete a degree after being passed over for several promotions. "Although I was working in the accounting field, I couldn't move up without a degree," she recalls.

When Jones quit her job to stay home with her two children, she decided to return to college. She enrolled at GSU because it was accessible and affordable. With assistance from the GSU Academic Advising Office, Jones learned about business majors and courses. She completed a degree in business administration / management this month.

"I knew the time the classes were offered (at GSU) would fit with my schedule, and that one night a week turned into four nights a week really quickly," she says.

Jones' initiative and abilities were soon recognized, and she was selected for the College of Business and Public Administration's (CBPA) Honors Program. She also was the first recipient of the CBPA Endowed Scholarship, and received a $1,000 scholarship from the Actors Club of South Suburban, an annual award the club makes to women returning to complete their educations. The Homewood resident has been listed in "Who's Who Among Undergraduate Students" and "Georgia's Who's Who Among Students."

"Everything I have done in my life and the work I have been doing for the past year was in preparation for this month. When you have a job and have a family and are trying to balance school, it can be an enormous challenge," she says.

"I learned that the student experience is not just about sitting in a classroom studying, but also about being part of a larger community," Jones added.

Jones says she couldn't have come this far without the support of her husband, Gary, a police officer with the Village of Hinsdale, who is now enrolled at GSU. "I got him hooked," she jokes.

And, Jones adds, the assistance of her mother, Bonnie Van Doren of Manteno, and mother-in-law, Deloris Jones of East Hazel Crest, relieved her of much of the dread of finding babysitters for her 9- and 6-year-old children.

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Birthday Commemoration Program

Yolanda King, daughter of the late Martin Luther King Jr., will lead the Jan. 25 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration at Governors State University. The actress and producer/director will be the featured speaker for the program beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Sherman Music Recital Hall on campus. The schedule of events is as follows:

Opening Presentation
Welcome & Opening Remarks
Lift Every Voice & Sing
Masters of Ceremonies
Performance
Introduction of Guest Speaker
Guest Speaker
Candlelight Presentation
Musical Selection
Closing Remarks
Performance
Closing Presentation

Yolanda King, daughter of the late Martin Luther King Jr.

The first-born child of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, Yolanda King has participated in numerous civil and human rights demonstrations and has been a guest speaker for countless religious, educational, civic and human rights groups. Since receiving her bachelor's degree in theater and African-American studies from Smith College and a master's in fine arts from New York University, King explained that she has been developing her artistic talents as a means of "altering the hearts and minds of both the privileged as well as those who have been too long denied."

She was a founding member of Christian Theater Artists and has taught theater to young people and college students. She serves as co-founding director of NOCLEUS, a company of performing artists dedicated to promoting positive energy through the arts. King has appeared in several movies and television shows and currently is co-producing and starring in a multi-media theatrical production, "TRACKS," celebrating the life and philosophy of her father.

The Penny Cup Runneth Over!

by Jennifer C. Kosco

"I can't get over the generosity of the GSU community," exclaimed Virginia Cunningham, keeper of the Penny Cup. This year, the goal of $2,500 was easily surpassed by the grand total collected of $3,725! This amount was donated to Wally Phillips' Neediest Kids' Christmas Fund, the charity drive Virginia spearheads every year. "I'd like to thank everyone who donated, especially those faithful givers who have contributed regularly," she added. A special thank-you also goes to the recent GSU retiree who donated $250 to the Fund.

This year, two divisions held a "Match the Cup" challenge, whereby they would match whatever was put in the cup that day. SELS contributed $262, and the GSU Foundation added $245. These two efforts "gave the Fund" a lift and people got enthused about it," Virginia said. She hopes that "Match the Cup" can be an annual event, with other departments joining in the spirit.

Virginia wanted to remind everyone that the needling doesn't stop after the holidays. Her Penny Cup is next to the cash register year-round if you'd like to donate your change to a very worthy cause.
ITFS Expands GSU's Communication Technology

GSU is expanding its technology capabilities by establishing Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) through a partnership with a local business. With construction of the 400-foot tower, GSU will be able to distribute instructional programs on its own broadcast signal. In addition to delivering 24-hour television courses to regional cable systems, GSU also will be able to deliver specific course work, such as computer workshops and video conferences, to businesses equipped with interactive ITFS antennas, according to Gary Fish, director of communication services at GSU.

The timing of the construction also is advantageous for the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium which will begin delivering academic programming this winter between GSU and the College of St. Francis in Joliet, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Lewis University, Moraine Valley Community College, Olive-Harvey College, Prairie State College, South Suburban College and St. Xavier University.

The tower will give colleges and universities the option of receiving programming economically to additional locations within the region that are not connected to the fiber network, Fish explained.

The ITFS tower has been constructed by Dybedock at Associates near Stardust Road in an open spot on the 750-acm GSU campus. At night, the tower’s blinking lights stand out in the darkness of the semi-rural location. GSU has been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission for ITFS service the past several years, according to Fish, but limited funding and technical problems put construction on hold until Howard Dybedock of Dybedock and Associates approached GSU about a partnership.

Under the arrangement, GSU provided the site and the company constructed the tower. GSU also was given the right to host its own 10-foot antenna on the top of the tower giving it a broadcast range of up to 30 miles without interference of the path of the signal.

Dybedock and Associates will use the tower for commercial use in its communications business.

Several businesses in the region already have expressed interest in receiving the GSU signal. Programming from the tower is expected to range from local delivery of live classes to international events brought in via satellite.

Project HOPE Prepares Students

More than 100 Hispanic high school students have agreed to be part of Project HOPE, an academic preparation program designed to help foster student initiatives.

"Project HOPE: A Partnership for Hispanic Opportunities for Program Enhancement" sets out to improve the general academic preparation of Hispanic high school students and increase their awareness of and interest in higher education by increasing retention rates and improving basic academic skills.

Hispanic students from Rich Township, Bloom Township and Crest-Monee high schools and their parents have signed on to the program guaranteeing that students will be part of after-school and Saturday tutoring programs in reading, math and English. They will be participating in ACT and SAT college placement review sessions, informational meetings on college programs and scholarship money, and that they will work with mentors from the business community.

Students and parents will be attending monthly workshops on college planning, test-taking, leadership and self-esteem, taking field trips and enjoying cultural programs.

"This program isn’t all work," said Ardis Correa, Project HOPE director. "We want the students and parents involved." Correa has found that parents are very interested in their children’s success, but lack of information has kept them from setting a course for their children.

"These parents (that I’ve met with have been very receptive to Project HOPE), and I’ve gotten calls from others who have heard about our work," Correa added.

Project HOPE is a joint program between GSU and Prairie State College designed to provide academic preparation and help young Hispanics meet their personal desires for entering college and completing degrees. Project HOPE will help identify and prepare students for college programs.

Project HOPE is being underwritten with a $50,000 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and an $8,000 award from the GSU Alumni Association.

Project HOPE is currently seeking volunteer mentors and paid tutors. Mentors should be a professional or have graduated from either high school or college. Tutors will be paid $10 an hour and are needed to tutor in the subjects of Math, English, Social Science, and Science. Tutoring will take place weekdays after school at the high schools, and on the second Saturday of every month at Governors State University. All interested applicants can contact Ms. Ardis Correa at 534-6972 or Ms. Frederica Marchat at 534-5000, extension 5979.
Kraemer: an Inspiration

William Kraemer

by Jennifer C. Kosco

"Don't sit around and wait for tomorrow, do it today" is a philosophy William Kraemer lives by. The 77-year old is heading his own words as a Governors State University student. Kraemer's 50-year professional career was spent in sales at FMC Corporation. After retiring in 1986, he had no serious plans, except that he knew he didn't want to sit around. He followed his daughter's encouraging words and decided to return to school. Kraemer received an associate degree in Liberal Arts from Moraine Valley Community College in 1987, and soon after began taking courses at GSU.

Kraemer has always enjoyed reading, so his decision to major in English at GSU seemed quite natural. He received a bachelor's degree in August 1994 and will proudly march in cap and gown during annual commencement ceremonies in June. Kraemer has continued his studies - one course at a time - and is now a graduate student at GSU majoring in English. The senior citizen's enthusiasm for school is obvious, as he says "you gotta have a challenge," and "love what you're doing... or you might as well be dead."

His great love of literature is evident by the many works he cites as inspirational and motivating. Shakespeare is his favorite author, and he readily repeats favorite passages from Shakespearean plays, including "to thine own self be true" from "Hamlet."

At the same time, Kraemer considers the Bible "the best literary piece ever written. The structure and coherence is beautiful. I never knew it was such a powerful, potte". He especially recommends the Book of Job.

Kraemer has come to realize. Last semester he took Dr. Wei's Chinese literature course and is now able to interpret and apply many bits of ancient Chinese philosophy to everyday life. The GSU student has his own "hall of honor" in his Evergreen Park home where his diplomas are proudly displayed, along with service awards he received during his long career with FMC. Pictures of his five grandchildren also grace the walls.

Kraemer and his wife, Rita, have traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Closer to home, on his two-weekly drive to GSU he feels "he enters a new world," as he makes the turn from Governors Highway to Stadium Road and the GSU campus.

He admits he is "enchanted," by what he sees. "It's peaceful out here. There are beautiful farm fields and it's wide open." He especially enjoys the GSU community lake, referring to it as "Walden Pond."

Kraemer calls GSU an "undiscovered gem. Not enough people know it's out here and that's a shame. The facilities here are great. The English department has fabulous courses available. The GSU campus is beautiful, and there are so many activities for seniors. The swimming pool is marvelous." Unlike many GSU students, Kraemer isn't sure how he plans his future. He would enjoy teaching one day, but says he's "not worried about it just yet."

Schools and Society Teleclass

Is society asking schools today to be students' educator, parent and protector? Is privatization the way to revitalize American education? Why do students in European schools have better academic records than Americans?

These and other issues will be explored in the new Governors State University teleclass, "Schools and Society," being produced at 4:30 pm. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 17. This course is open to community members and GSU students. The classroom discussions will take place in the GSU television studio. Sessions are videotaped and are expected to be presented in winter 1996 as a teleclass series available to students on videotape or via cable across the country.

Producer David Ainsworth has been working with Dr. Linda Schmidt of Chicago State University preparing videotaped interviews across the country and in Europe that will help stimulate classroom discussion.

Semitronic and the television crew have spent time talking with educators, parents, students and experts on major educational issues - everything from the parents' role in the development of children, to the teaching of field trips and after-school and support programs.

Their visits included trips to Chicago focusing on the effects of gangs in schools, to Sank Village examining the pros and cons of school uniforms, to Brooks Elementary, a Chicago public school, to community education. The students, to Sauk Valley, private school, to Harrisburg, Con., where privatization will begin. They also did filming in Germany examining the school system, which has one of the highest per pupil expenditures, to gauge its benefits.

For information on how to participate in this program, call Dr. Ainsworth at 534-7720.
Our Commitment to You

Throughout our lives and experience we find that communication is the key to success in business, relationships and life. In this new year, one of the resolutions that we at the INNOVATOR have made is to bring better communication to the CSU community by bringing the news of significant events and happenings to students and faculty.

As the only viable student run publication in the CSU community, we will strive to strengthen the communication structure by informing and entertaining the CSU student body and the community.

In our pursuit of the news and presentation of information, we hope to follow an easily possible professional and ethical code of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, and our own professional judgment. In short, we hope to exercise responsibility of the public's right to know, freedom of the press, ethics of journalistic integrity, accuracy and objectivity of the news in good faith, and fair play in the coverage and pursuit of news. Following this code and the INNOVATOR's submission guidelines, we welcome submissions from CSU students and community that provide concise, insightful knowledge, good, tasteful entertainment, or hard, constructive criticism. From all of us at the Innovator, good luck in the coming year.

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Letter To The Editor

Re: Adrian Forte's tight-lipped "open" letter of 12/01/94

1) Why does the Innovator read like a vanity press? (Adrian used to be a "reporter")
2) Why does Adrian's letter read like an identity crisis? (I went to a party. I got angry. It wasn't my party.)
3) Ever see a crow look at a passing train? The issues are multicultural programming, xenophobes, and an ignored request that the Innovator provide some rationale for Jess Wunderin's hostile column. Adrian finds Jess' ask valid questions and writes, "...if we looked at where we've been, what we've done wrong as a nation...we'd be better off."

Sure, Adrian looks at environmental concerns and human sexuality; he counts countries, he invents a cartoon history of the world, he uses the concepts of "race," "ethnicity" and "culture" interchangeably; he writes "criticism" when he means "ethnocentric." Adrian looks everywhere but at the issues.

4) Will we "celebrate" cross-eyed confusion, lack of basic scholarship, and empty opinion?
5) Will we "celebrate" US against THEM? (Multicultural programming -- of course -- embraces everyone. What's acculturation? Not the way you mean it. No thanks.)

6) If I pulled a dog by the chain, would the dog follow? "What makes Hispanics so special?... ? Italian, Polish, Irish, German races... (will not get) special months... I find... devoting an entire month to a single ethnic group to be racist... We should look at the contributions of persons based on MERIT," writes Adrian. He concludes with an "all or nothing" proposal for future cultural exchange:

7) Uh oh! Did someone confuse unfair affirmative action policies with multicultural programming?
8) Is there any MERIT to ill-formed questions and grotesque answers? (How valid! How easy this is!)

9) Is this the dumbing down of America?
10) Excuse me, Dr. Kang? The career you hired for the table of brotherhood costs too much, and don't you find American-African month to be racist?
11) "Will there be a Heritage Month for EVERY ethnic group on campus?" whined Jess after CSU's first Heritage month. "Jess is meant to be funny," explained the Innovator. We got the joke: posky minorities -- ugly -- like touches on a dream, white flags.

Criticism posted on "The Wall of Truth" has routinely been ripped down, defaced and covered up. Jess continues asking to "celebrate" anything but cultural exchange. Erroneous and obscene is how the Innovator and friends do business.

Hispanics will be the largest minority group in the U.S. The Old World continues to meet the New World. The Monroe Doctrine, the strategic creation of Panama, the Cuban dilemma, Central American refugees and the Inca-Conta affair, Proposition 187, Chile and Argentina soon joining NAFTA... One letter will not succeed where one month failed.

"We were hurt by the criticism. We felt we covered Hispanic month well," said the Innovator. So well, apparently, they gave Jess silent endorsement for kicks and the sake of hostility, nothing more.

"Some men have (done more than others to build this country)," writes Adrian. Surely, he refers only to a country of his mind, his ideas scattered on a desert landscape like so many bones.

America enters the 21st Century, and it cannot flourish in an arid climate of xenophobic and purist attitudes. Cultural exchange flows in an inexhaustible fort -- the source and store of life itself -- and that is our true national heritage. America will be ever refreshed, created and re-created. It is buoyant and will not drown.

Lastly, Jess and Adrian and I work at GSI. There's no mystery: we know who we are. So, guys, save the dirty looks for the mirror. If you don't like what you see, try folding the Innovator into a pointed hood, and drop it over your heads. Think of it as recycling. You'd make the earth very happy, and you'd be s-e-e-c-h-b-i-n-g student fees.

We sure don't want to waste those fees.

Juan Nunez

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The Innovator Needs You!

Do you like to write or have a knack for the newsworthy? If so, the Innovator needs you. We are seeking candidates to fill various positions that have become available this trimester, including: managing editor, associate editor, advertising manager, business manager, typist, copy editor, and reporters. Various types of credit and/or remuneration are available for putting your talents to good use. If you are interested in any of the positions mentioned, have an article, review or announcement you would like to contribute, or if you just have something to say to the CSU community, please contact the Innovator office at (708) 534-8517.
Turning the Other Cheek

by Ada Middleton

There are times when violence predominates. Images of domestic violence, child abuse, rape, carjackings, racism, sexual violence, gang/lawlessness, etc. fill our minds on a daily basis. In more enlightened circles, it is recognized that acts of violence can take numerous forms: economic, physical, emotional, spiritual, among others. Recognizing this, the Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. has announced in theme for 1995: King's Nonviolence in Action: Empowering Future Generations to Serve.

According to the Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., the nonviolent lifestyle is not for the faint of heart. It is an aggressive spirit, mentally and emotionally, being passive only in non-aggression towards its enemy. In practicing this kind of lifestyle, nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding through redemption and reconciliation, creating a beloved community. Recognizing that evil doers are also victims, the nonviolent resister seeks to defeat evil, not people.

The nonviolent lifestyle requires the acceptance of violence if necessary, never inflicting it, as well as the acceptance of the consequences of its acts. Nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform. Nonviolent practitioners are free to love in a spontaneous, unmovitized, unselfish and creative way, knowing that they are loved by an omnipotent God. They will not sit at the level of the harer, to love the enemy is how love for ourselves is demonstrated. Nonviolence acknowledges the fact that all life is interrelated.

Empowering future generations for nonviolent service is no easy task in these times. Initiates must expose the ten philosophies embodied in the nature of all working people to live a nonviolent lifestyle. Nonviolent practitioners believe that it is better to love than hate. It is better to build friendships than enemies. It is important to build community. It is essential to communicate with one another. It is important to treat others with respect. Every human being makes mistakes. Every person has the potential for change. It is important to make decision. They believe that every one is engaged in a movement to transform violence.

In a speech, Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, other-centered men can build up. ... He believed that war, poverty and racism were acts of violence, needing to be eradicated from society.

What part can we play in the elimination of violence from our society? As individuals, we can do our part by researching and shaking off apathy and/or complacency. As students, we can increase our level of understanding and learning in this simply, critically and creatively. As an institution, GSU can create an atmosphere of respect and acceptance for all students who enter its doors.

GSU Classes to be Held at Thompson Center

The director of the Office of Budget and Management for the City of Chicago, Paul G. Vallas, will teach the winter trimester course "Soviet Union in the Future: GSU" at the Thompson Center in Chicago. Students will get an insider's perspective of budgeting when Vallas shares his expertise at managing the city's revenues, examining Illinois's spending and working with city and state elected officials on monetary issues in this graduate-level course, from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 17. It is one in a series of courses for the master's in Public Administration degree offered by GSU at the Thompson Center in Chicago's Loop and at its University Park campus.

A second winter trimester course, "Seminar in Political Campaigning: GSU," will be taught by Professor William Toner, a recognized leader in the fields of physical geography and urban planning. The course will meet from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. Thursdays beginning Jan. 19. At the Thompson Center, Vallas has been the longest serving revenue director for the City of Chicago. He was named director of revenue in September 1990, and was named director of Office of Budget and Management in June 1993.

Before joining the city staff, Vallas was executive director of the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission for five years. The commission is a bipartisan governmental agency that does revenue and economic forecasting and analyzes the financial impact of legislation for the Illinois General Assembly. He also served as a legislative assistant to the Illinois General Assembly's senate president for six years coordinating efforts primarily with the Senate Revenue Committee and the Senate Elementary and Secondary Education Committee.

Vallas has bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Illinois University.

Professor Toner teaches statistics, physical geography, and urban planning at GSU where he has been a faculty member since 1979. Before his appointment, Toner was a senior research associate for the American Planning Association, and an independent writer, researcher and planning consultant.

Toner continues his work on local planning and zoning issues. By appointment the university, his research interests include local government and environmental planning in Eastern Europe, rural land policy and agricultural land in the United States, environmental land use impacts on regional highways, and a variety of issues related to the impacts of development on small towns, medium sized cities and countries.

For information on registering for these classes, call Judy Gustavson at 534-4390.

Random Musings

by Jason Horlacher

Hello again, everybody! I'm back from yet another "hiatus." (If I explain later). First off, let's talk about our recent lack of professional sports due to strikes or lockouts. The baseball season was brought to a premature finish when the owners and players took their respective balls and went home. Of course, if either side had any "balls" to begin with, the whole debacle would already be over. As for hockey, I all can say is, "Got the puck back and there and play already?" (Sorry, bad pun intended).

Enough about that, though, and on to more meaningful topics like those beloved infomercials. Has anyone seen the latest half-hour commercial for "Curiosity Perfume?" If not, here's the short version: some guy develops a perfume and decides the best way to market it is to send a beautiful, scantily clad spokesmodel around asking people their opinion of the product with a video camera in tow. Of course, of the majority of those surveyed are male, and she obtains their opinions by letting them smell the perfume which she has conveniently sprayed on her neck. Naturally, the opinions rendered are quite favorable. The product is definitely name appropriate, though, because watching the commercial definitely aroused my "curiosity" (at least I think it was my curiosity... ). Unfortunately for the entrepreneur, my curiosity had nothing to do with his product, but rather with the entrepreneur himself and the spokesmodel.

Question 1: Has the man ever seen the Hair Club for Men commercial? I think not! The only thing missing was the vector stripe. Question 2: Was our lovely spokesmodel wearing a bra? Again, think not. I help to explain why all male respondents gave a very favorable review. What better way to extract a favorable response from a male customer than to allow him to look down his filthy little dress? If nothing else, he would be too embarrassed to say anything negative. I have no idea if the product is good or not, quite frankly, I don't care.

Time to move on to another topic, which also explains my recent "hiatus." This topic is childbirth and since I have recently become a father for the first time, I thought it only fair to pass on a few nuggets of wisdom that I picked up while attending Lamaze classes with my wife: 1) A "bloody show" is neither a horror film nor an English sitcom. 2) "Dilatation" will not save you up to 80% on your long-distance telephone calls. 3) A "C-section" has nothing to do with concert seating or your relative proximity to the stage. 4) A "measles plug" is not found anywhere near your nose and cannot be used as an outlet. 5) Men cannot give birth, not would they ever wish to. (A thirty minute film on the birthing process will back me up on this one). I will admit, in all seriousness, that if men had to carry a child and give birth, the world would be a very lovely place. After all, babies go in a lot easier than they come out!

Now it's time for more unanswered questions!

Why do people turn down their car radios at the Cash Station?

Why are there traffic reports on television?

What's the frequency, Kentesh?

What is the phone number for "Hooked on Phonics" given out as 1-800-ABCD? If someone cannot read, how would they know the alphabet?

What if Kurt Cobain had pulled the trigger and missed?

Was it really necessary to have "learn cover" of the movie "Killer Klansman"? Who has the most annoying voice: Rosie Perez, Frank Dreiser or Rosanne?

If flambuko condoms do not protect against infection, how do they protect against pregnancy?

Is a "moment of silence without a prayer" really okay kissing your sister? (Only Jezeal Helms knows for sure!)

Does anyone's touch-tone phone really sound like "bee-boo-beep-boo-beep-boo-beep?"

Finally, the recent release of John Wayne Dobbi's pornographic film debut has left me with three thoughts that I now pass on to you: 1) When the director yelled "Cut!" did he yell, "Not Bad!"? 2) I never thought of a porn star being a burst. Again, think not. 3) I hope for John's sake that film was the only thing that ended up on the cutting room floor. Believe it... or don't!
The Funny Page

Crossword 101
"Farewell 1994"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS
1 '94 Speaker elect
5 Type of wine
10 Took a dip
14 Sheltered side
15 Mr. Lauder
16 Follows May or flag
17 '94 obit notice
19 A little bit
20 Total
21 Article
22 '94 newsworthy nation
24 Resolve
26 Substantiates
28 Type of car
30 Beginners dance
33 Turns ashen
36 Term
38 Pay dirt
39 Dry
42 Peter Paul, e.g.
43 More at liberty
44 Inquirer
45 Crumpet
47 Expectorate
49 Swap
51 Stimulate
52 Cowardly
57 Composer Thomas
59 Pod resident
60 Italian unit of currency
61 '94 Best Picture "__________ List"
64 Middle east prince
66 Get up
67 Playwright William
68 Hidden taxes?
69 Sollem
69 of March
71 Spanish nothings
72 Slur pronunciation
73 Cheer's Peterson

DOWN
2 Binges
3 Sea bird
4 Trampoline
8 Lingus
9 '94 Best Supporting actor Tommy
10 Steeples
11 '94 reunion site
12 Claudia ______ Johnson
13 Average
14 Follows Black or Beverly
15 Finished
16 Tip___Walked quietly
18 Musical symbol
22 Cool
23 Never
25 July
26 Down
27 Some cowboys
29 Playwright William
30 Continental
31 Trumpet
32 Coequal
33 Yesterday
34 Comedian Johnson
35 '94 bride
37 Pub offering
38 Overturn
39 GFR____
40 1994 NCAA basketball champs
41 Reference words
42 Bus charge
43 Broadcaster
44 Lids
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46 Indian master
47 Ovation
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The Polygon Puzzle

by Dennis Thom

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You reach into one of the containers (you do not know which one) and pull out a white marble. Which of the following is true about the remaining two marbles in that container?

A. It's most likely there is one white and one black.
B. It's most likely they are both black.
C. It's equally likely there could be one white and one black or they could both be black.

Answers to the Polygon Puzzles are on page 7.

Cracked Cymbals by Michael A. Skype

Willy creates a diversion while Max appropriates treats.

Cracked Cymbals by Michael A. Skype

"Now remember, your prescription is very strong. If you look directly into the sun, your head will catch fire."

Cracked Cymbals by Michael A. Skype

My big brother went as a cowboy. My little brother went as Elvis. I went as a cry for help!


Endometriosis Research Offers Hope

According to the Endometriosis Association, reports that 70 percent of women diagnosed with endometriosis were initially told by their doctors that there was no physical reason for their pain. "Identifying endometriosis has become easier in the past decade because it is more widely recognized and because laparoscopy - the insertion of a tiny viewing tube into the abdomen - facilitates seeing the growths," (Scientific American)

Tune in for Bad Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather, GSU students can tune in to Chicago area radio stations for information on university operations. Extreme weather conditions may force the closing of the university. University officials notify local and Chicago radio stations of any changes in schedules.

For the Birds?

The Forest Preserve District of Will County will offer "Winter Feeding is for the Birds!" on Saturday, January 14, at Plum Creek Nature Center. This free program is open to families. The program will be repeated three times: 1:00 p.m., 1:45 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

"Winter Feeding is for the Birds!" will begin with a brief slide presentation on attracting winter birds to your backyard with the types of foods and feeders they prefer. Then, participants can make two holiday bird feed ornaments - one to hang in the nature center's bird feeding area, and one to take home - made from everyday, household items. Materials will be supplied at no cost.

Afterwards, participants are invited to observe winter birds at the nature center's bird feeding area. A naturalist will be available to help identify birds and answer questions.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodson Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodson Road, south of Crest. The nature center is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday. Admission is free. For further information, please call Plum Creek Nature Center at 708-946-2236.

Answers to the Polygon Puzzles:
1. C. In this problem, the length of the window will always be 12 the height of the person looking into the window.
2. A. The odds are 2 to 1 that there will be one white and one black marble left in that container.

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Endometriosis affects 10 percent of women in their childbearing years. Its cause is not clear and its cure unknown. According to Scientific American, endometriosis is a disease of rogue cells, tissue from the uterine lining proliferates in other areas of the body, such as the bladder, intestine or in rare cases, the lung. How this happens is unknown. One theory is that menstrual blood flows backward into the fallopian tubes and nerves on from there. Whenever the cells end up, they still respond to hormonal changes in the body. When estrogen levels increase, the cells act as the uterine lining does, by building up; when progesterone rises, they slough off, causing internal bleeding. This is often very painful.

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Electronic Interactive Classroom at GSU

For the first time, Governors State University will be offering courses at
Kankakee Community College (KCC), Prairie State College (PSC)
and South Suburban College (SSC)
via the "electronic interactive classroom." This network, developed through the
South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium, is
allowing students at off-campus locations to be part of the GSU
classroom. The technology, which includes GSU and receive-site
classrooms equipped with cameras, microphones, video monitors, video
 Cassette recorders (VCRs)
and fax machines, will give students at
both locations the ability to be
part of the class discussion, ask
questions of the professor and see
each other.

"GSU has used technology to
deliver courses, but they have been
pro-recorded and viewed by students
on videotape. This network gives
students immediate access and full
participation," Peg Donovan, director of the consortium, said.
Beginning the week of Jan. 16, GSU will offer "Ethics in Health Care" to
KCC Monday evenings; "Learning Cognition" to PSC from
1 to 4:20 p.m. Tuesdays;
"Foundations of School Administration and Organization" to
SSC from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday; and "Labor Relations" to KCC from
7:30 to 10:20 p.m. Wednesdays.
Registration for these courses will be
accepted by GSU staff. For
information, call the GSU Registrar's Office at 534-4500.
GSU will be a receive site for
lower-division courses offered by
area community colleges.
Biology 103, a non-lab science
course, will be offered by Joliet
Junior College and received at
GSU from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m.
Mondays. "Humanities 101" will
be delivered from Monroe Valley
Community College to GSU
from 8 to 9:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
"Sociology" will be received by
GSU from Prairie State College,
from 9:15 to 10:40 a.m. Mondays and
Wednesdays.
To register for these courses, call
the appropriate college. The
colleges will offer in-district tuition
to all students registering for the
courses.