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 Phenomenal event

by Cindy Kansoer-Schneider

As Don Bell, Student Life’s director of Special Projects, took a 10-minute break from his busy schedule to eat some dinner, he became an easy target to ferret information out of about upcoming events. He has mastered the amazing task of conversing with one person and taking down information from another without scrambling the two activities. This instance was no exception as Bell spoke with Jean Hickey, president of Students in Communication, jotted notes on the corner of a newspaper regarding the club’s needs, and excitedly spoke of a major event, the Phenomenal Women Dinner. “Everyone will have a chance to honor a real woman in their lives,” explained Bell between gulps of chili.

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South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center

by Oscar Mardis

Do you ever wonder what’s in that new looking building on the left side of the road as you enter Governors State University on University Drive from Stuenkel Road (otherwise known as University Parkway)? Well if you have not wondered, I sure have!

I have been up and down University Drive on so many occasions and have tried to picture what educational things might be going on in that building. This trimester I did not have to guess anymore because I was fortunate enough to get a job working with some fantastic people in that building. The building that I am referring to is called the Outreach and Technology Services (OTS) building. The Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services (CELCS), Technology Services, and the South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center (SMRLC) or Regional Leadership Center (to shorten the title) are housed there. The Regional Leadership Center, headed by Larry McClellan, will celebrate its five-year anniversary in May. I know that some of you may wonder what is the significance of this article to you; I will explain. Many of you are working students that have ties to the local community and are often involved in events that relate to your jobs or concern you as parents. The Regional Leadership Center co-sponsors several events ranging from the recent Open Space Congress held on Saturday, March 11, 2000 to the Early Childhood Conference scheduled for March 18, 2000.

The South Suburban Association for the Education of Young Children, SSAEYC, will be holding its annual conference. The Regional Leadership Center, working with GSU faculty in early childhood education and a regional planning group have teamed up to put together another conference for the south region. The early childhood annual conference is an in-service experience for early childhood educators from birth to grade three. There will be workshops geared toward infants, toddlers, preschool and kindergarten. This also includes topics of interest for special education teachers, child care centers staff and directors, family child care providers, including parents.

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Black Spectrum

Tahitia Smalling, BSA president, presenting poetry at "Black Spectrum"

As African American History Month came to a close, Governors State University witnessed the grand finale on Saturday, February 26th, "Black Spectrum," the 3rd Annual Black Stu- dents Association (BSA) dinner dance, was well planned and organized by Tahitia Smalling, president of the BSA. Smalling extended a warm welcome and thank you to the crowd for their support, followed by a guest speaker, Craig Hodges, former member of the Chicago Bulls. He shared words of support and scholarship with the celebrants of the event. The festivities included a wide variety of music, an extensive dinner buffet, and shared poetry and music experiences. Several students, faculty and staff members, and friends of the GSU community attended the celebration. The evening was enjoyed by everyone.

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to student access will limit human contact and create a void in communication regarding oral presentations that commonly involves groups of students that learn to speak in front of an audience and convey messages. This is essential in the workforce.

After the presentation of the "Illinois Virtual Campus," given by the administration of CLC, I gave each member of the executive board representing various Community Colleges, Private Institutions, and Public Universities a copy of the latest GSU student publication called INNOVATOR. Many of the Executive Board members said that the paper was better than their school's newspaper. I would like to congratulate the editor-in-chief of INNOVATOR and her staff on a job well done.

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Don't kill the messenger!

by Cindy Kansoer-Schneider

The news media seems to be caught in a “Catch 22” situation of “It’s all your fault!” If someone is not screaming: “This happened (perhaps a shooting) because you report too much of this stuff!” then someone is howling: “This wouldn’t be going on (perhaps a gang-related shooting) if you had reported more on the problem!” Either way a person looks at the situation, what happened is the media’s fault, right? WRONG.

There is a multitude of reporters dedicated to accurate, informative, and responsible journalism. The earmarks of these incredible entities are in insatiable curiosity and the undaunted need to share. The investigative reporter goes one step further in that she/he must discover the source of a happening and, goes one step further in that she/he must mark all of these incredible entities are an over-simplification of perspectives, but it presents somewhat of an idea of what drives a reporter to findings in the interest of informing the audience. But a reporter must report with objectivity; this perspective was driven into the heads of reporters by a mentor, if not within a classroom; a fair opportunity to meet with international scholars, activists, and journalists who had bought into the White House ‘spin’ on earlier accusations. They were embarrassed and responded with the same fury that marked the Watergate coverage. This may have been overkill, but not to the reporters and news media who take their jobs and responsibilities to their audiences seriously.

If it seems that the news media is unpredictable, ask most journalists, editors, and news production personnel how predictable the audiences of the news media really are. Rivers summoned it up nicely when he stated that the audiences “... will continue to expose their minds largely to that with which they already agree... see what they want to see... guard their prejudices with selective perception... retain precisely what they want to retain so as to remain in unjaded possession of their quirks and idiosyncrasies.”

Next time you react to a story you read or view, check out what your perspective was before you were exposed to the story. Better yet, Thomas Kunkel, American Journalism Review, Jan./Feb. 2000, proposed “A contract with the media.” It seems that a colleague stated that, perhaps, it was time for someone to write about the people’s obligation to the press. I have to admit this does seem a bit backwards from the usual way of thinking. In fact, Kunkel may have been right when he suggested that this line of thinking was a matter of “man bites dog.”

This may not be such a bad idea—a contract (appears on page 6) between the media and news consumers—when you think about it. It may even promote understanding of what’s happening around us and it certainly beats killing the messenger.

The 26th Annual Third World Conference

Third World and Global Development: Continuing the Search for a New Paradigm

March 16-18, 2000
Swissotel, Chicago

Since its inception in 1975, the Third World Conference series has accumulated an impressive history of dedication to the discussion of challenges facing the development of the Third World and to seek possible and practical solutions to the problems of the Third World and Diaspora.

The Third World Conference Foundation’s Mission Statement is: By the end of the 1990s the hopes and the aspirations of a significant number of nations of the Third World are floundering upon the realities of the global economy. By inviting the nations of the world to be part of the annual Third World Conference the Third World Conference Foundation is presenting a unique platform for discourse and exchange about the problems and future prospects for Third World development.

The first conference was held on the campus of Governors State University on April 26, 1975. The focus was "Conflict and Career Opportunities of African, Asian, and Latin American Studies Programs" with a goal to identify contributions to Third World development. The keynote speaker was Dr. Victor Uchendu, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Since that time, the Conference has expanded at a remarkable rate.

March marks the 26th anniversary of the Third World Conference that features “Third World and Global Development: Continuing the Search for a New Paradigm.” The Swissotel in Chicago is the site where issues in economic, political, cultural, educational, environmental, and several other social perspectives will be examined and addressed in keynote sessions and workshops. The Conference will pursue new thinking with regards to the concept of ‘Third World’ from perspective of changing global order.

The 26th Annual Third World Conference begins Thursday, March 16th and continues through Saturday, March 18, 2000. Participants of the Conference are afforded the opportunity to meet with international scholars, activists, leaders, writers, and policy analysts through panels, workshops, and exhibits to discuss and share experiences involving global Third World and Diaspora development.

Undergraduate and graduate students can earn three elective credit hours by participating in this event. Refer to the winter academic schedule or consult with the Registrar’s office for registration information. Registration for non-credit participation can be made on site daily for those who cannot attend the entire conference.

The history and archives of the Third World Conference Foundation, as well as information on the 26th Annual Third World Conference program, can be accessed at www.twcfinternational.org.
Conceptions of substance abuse

by

Bill Olson

New York Yankee Darryl Strawberry is in trouble once again. A recent drug screen came up positive for the third time this year. Strawberry has a long history of substance abuse, so the latest test results should come as a shock to no one.

Last week, Strawberry seemed at ease when reporters questioned him of the results of his drug screen and his subsequent meeting with Bud Selig, commissioner of Major League Baseball. In no way did Strawberry show himself to be an irresponsible or deeply apologetic criminal addict. His answers reflected a very frank and up-front disposition, conveying a sense of understanding and admission of his condition. Perhaps this is the first sign of the end of ignorance when it comes to substance abuse.

People are just now beginning to understand that substance abuse has nothing to do with one’s character or moral sense. The efforts of health professionals to inform the general public that substance abuse is a legitimate medical condition have finally begun to bear fruit. Instead of “just saying no,” we are asking, “Why?” And science is offering some insightful answers.

The issue of substance abuse is too complex to offer any sweeping generalizations, but researchers have discovered that there is more to the story than economic status and social stressors. Drugs added to the bloodstream have the potential to permanently alter neural pathways. This means that once you have ingested a drug, there is no turning back. Scientists say that once the brain becomes accustomed to being administered a drug, the continued acquisition of the drug becomes the primary motivator of behavior. In a sense, the need to get high short-circuits the brain, rendering all other life pursuits secondary.

Getting to work, getting the kids to school, or getting the rent paid takes a backseat to getting high. Thus, it is not so much the psychoactive properties of the drug itself that is the cause of aberrant or antisocial behavior characteristic of drug abusers. Rather, it is the overriding need for the drug that supersedes everything else, driving people to all ends to satisfy their craving.

The reasons people use drugs in the first place is equally complex. But the latest evidence points to chemical deficiencies in the brain. Whether it be low levels of dopamine, serotonin, or adrenaline, people begin to use drugs because the biochemistry of the brain predisposes them to do so. And once that initial dose is taken, the slippery slope begins.

Drug abuse in America is, unfortunately, a highly politicized issue. The percentage of prison inmates incarcerated for drug related offenses is staggering, as is the amount of ignorance toward those struggling with chemical dependency. Hopefully, the travails of Darryl Strawberry can serve as an example for others to come to the realization that substance abuse is no longer the mark of a criminal or weak person.

For the sake of the individuals afflicted with any sort of addiction, it is time that substance abuse be understood as a debilitating condition brought on by physical conditions mostly out of the control of the abuser.

Opinions from our readers............

What exactly are our children watching?

by Katerina Stergiopoulous

Today, more than 2.5 billion people regularly watch television on 740 million sets in more than 160 countries. Everyday 250,000 new television sets roll off production lines. Critics of television call it the “idiot box”, but television remains a truly remarkable invention.

Problems are erupting from children who are watching television. Some say that the conflict develops with children watching too much television, and then repeating some of the violent acts and language of a television role-model. The amount of television a child can absorb is much greater than before. In many households today, the TV set has become an electronic baby sitter. There are close to 90 million television sets in the United States, being used on the average more than seven hours a day.

There are definitely solutions to some of these problems, especially violence. The most recent solution that our government sees a step in the right direction is the V-Chip. In every 13 inches or larger, the V-Chip must be included enabling viewers to program their televisions to block out content with a common rating. Even though the V-Chip has been signed into law, there are still obstacles to overcome before it appears in our television sets.

In my opinion, I believe that it won’t make a difference in the content of television programming children are exposed to. As a parent, it is our responsibility to monitor what our children are watching, not a V-Chip.

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College of Arts and Sciences

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GSU APICS Club tours O'Hare
by John W. Grabinski II and David A. Parmenter

Did you know that O'Hare International Airport is an alternate emergency landing site for the space shuttle? This is one of the many interesting facts learned by the members of the GSU Student Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) when they toured O'Hare on Saturday, February 5.

APICS is an international organization focused on the improving the management of business operations. The tour of O'Hare was designed to allow students to learn more about airport operations.

Mr. George Vicksa, an operations supervisor for the Department of Aviation, City of Chicago, guided the 16-member group on a behind-the-scenes bus and walking tour that visited all corners of the huge facility. We even got to go up in the control tower!

Exactly what are operations? To put it simply, operations at an airport consist of the umbrella of operations and building and equipment maintenance.

Keeping the planes moving is both crucial and complex tasks at a giant airport like O'Hare. O'Hare has seven runways (six of which intersect) handling approximately 2,600 flights per day. When it is busiest, there is a take-off or landing approximately every twenty-two seconds.

The highlight of the tour for many of us was a trip to the control tower. This is the true command center of the airport.

The air traffic controllers make use of an extensive array of computerized equipment to manage incoming and outgoing flights. The controllers must work closely together. For instance, on an outgoing flight one controller supervises the plane's movement from the gate to the runway and then another controller supervises the take-off. The controllers must handle a wide variety of information for each airplane, including airline, flight number, origination, destination and the various control towers that will take a role in supervising the flight.

Handling emergencies is one of the most crucial operations tasks. In Chicago, "emergency" frequently means "snow." Vickas showed us a large warehouse filled with expensive snow removal equipment. O'Hare needs to have the best equipment possible, and plenty of it, because the airport is so busy that it can't afford to have any of its runways closed down for long periods of time. Clearing the runways during a heavy snow requires a carefully choreographed dance involving dozens of pieces of large equipment. First, plows push the snow into a long line that can be piled as high as six to eight feet. The giant snow blowers travel down the line of snow, throwing it as much as 300 feet off the runway. The inch or two of snow is then pushed off the side of the runway by a series of giant sweeping machines. Finally, de-icer is applied to the runway surface. All of this activity has to occur as quickly as possible because the control tower wants its runway back.

Operations personnel have to handle occasional non-weather emergencies as well. And when an emergency involves something as large as an airliner, it often requires many people and a lot of time to fix the problem. A large plane ran just off the end of the runway. Its wheel sunk down deeply into the soft ground and it took eight hours to dig the wheel out. This little accident delayed 500 flights.

On another occasion, a plane missed the runway. Operations needed to build a new road and bring in a huge crane with a special cradle in order to remove the plane from where it came to rest. This action took 38 hours. After the plane was removed, the ground around the site had to be excavated so that the soil could be treated for jet fuel contamination.

Some of the other points of interest we saw at O'Hare include:

- The fire training facility, one of the top five such facilities in the country. It consists of a classroom building and two large mock-up planes, one of which is used to simulate whole-plane fires and one of which is used to simulate localized fires.
- Firefighters come from all over the country to train here and participate in an annual competition.
- One of the three O'Hare firehouses manned by the Chicago Fire Department. These facilities are strategically placed so that, per NTSB rules, personnel can respond to an emergency anywhere in the airport within five minutes.
- The pressurization chamber, which simulates the environment found at high altitudes, that is used to test any luggage or cargo suspect of containing explosives that would be triggered by altitude.
- The area for cargo-only carriers, including Federal Express, United Parcel Service and DHL. Evidence of a rapidly growing portion of the air-cargo carriers, each housed in a building the size of a ten-car garage, that together provide enough power to supply the entire airport. To avoid emergency situations, this alternate energy source is activated whenever bad weather suggests that ComEd might have an impending outage.
- The recently created military area (O'Hare was originally a military airport facility known as Orchard Field) now used for VIP's. Its location remote from the main terminals makes it a prime location for security reasons. This is where Air Force One lands when it's in Chicago.

There are several major improvement projects at O'Hare that are either ongoing or in the planning stages. One current project involves the development of a chemical containment system. Because of the dangerous nature of both jet fuel and the propylene glycol used to de-ice the planes, the Environmental Protection Agency mandates that O'Hare must develop the capability to capture and treat every drop of water that falls on its grounds. Future projects include Mayor Daley's World Gateway Program that proposes two new terminals and federal inspection facilities.

The average, 180,000 passengers pass through O'Hare daily. Inevitably, some of them complain. Interestingly enough, the most common complaint doesn't concern things like delayed flights, long walks from the parking area to the terminals, or expensive food. The most common complaint involves the bathrooms. Thus, the airport has put a lot of effort into improving them.

O'Hare, which is run by the City of Chicago, "makes a profit." And thus it helps to balance the city's budget. Everyone felt the tour worthwhile as it provided an educational experience with practical applications in a real setting. We had a lot of fun, too. If you would like more information about the GSU Student Chapter of APICS and upcoming events, please contact Dr. Parmenter at (708) 534-4961, or in his office, room C3356. Or tackle him in the hallway.

To: All Club leaders and members

From: Student Fee Board

Thank you for your participation in Friday, February 25th meeting. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated. Your time and energy will assist us in better serving the students of Governors State University. We still are faced with hard choices, but we know that at least all of us understand the task.

We are looking forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Student Fee Board
Thomas Kunkel's Contract with the Media

In a democratic society, perhaps the people should feel a certain obligation where the news media are concerned—if not for us, exactly, then for themselves.

In that spirit, then, I advance a modest proposal, a kind of Contract with the Media:

1. Bring an appetite. Today's "media" constitute an astounding smorgasbord, so walk around a bit and sample the offerings. Salon, the provocative online magazine, is apt to have a very different take on the budget surplus or HMO reform than the National Review or the New York Times or Rush Limbaugh. Don't make the mistake of relying on one venue exclusively for your information. Seek out some thoughtful contrarianism.

2. Be skeptical. With all these choices, naturally there's a lot of junk out there. Understand and differentiate these outlets for what they are. Dazzling as they are, online media are our own Wild West. Most syndicated political radio is really entertainment. Cable TV's 24-hour news shows have to fill a great maw; they're more speculative (often irresponsibly so) because they have to keep talking. If the world is really lumping together Gerhardie and David Brinkley, David Brokaw these days, the fault belongs at least as much to an inattentive public as to the media for confusing it.

3. Be discerning. When you find the good stuff, come back to it. Tell other people about it.

4. Put in some effort. Just because you're not in Miss Klemperner's current events class anymore doesn't mean you have to pay no attention. Bomb Kosovo, check it out on a map. Make some time to read about it.

5. Get your kids to read. Show them where Kosovo is. Teach them the art of staying informed.

6. Demand substance. If your local TV station leads every newscast with the crime du jour, or if your paper refuses to print stories about what's happening in Russia or Indonesia (or at your state capitol or even down in city hall), holler some more. Like entertainment programmers, managers of news have gotten into the habit of winning at all costs and treating the audience with a species of contempt. While they're not necessarily evil, they are woefully insufficiently wary. They always get away with it.

7. Don't let us stampede you. In September the Pew Research Center found that people were so enervated by the 2000 presidential campaign that fewer than half could name one of the two Democratic candidates. Good! At the time, the election was still 14 months away! Many pundits, some of whom actually attended and wrote about something called the Iowa straw poll, found this dismaying, but it's just another example of the people trying to pull the yapping class back to a saner place. Keep them there.

8. Speaking of which: Unless it's a Robert Altman movie, don't watch any show where more than one person at a time is talking.

9. Give us a break. Understand that we are just like you—fallible, prejudiced, worried, time-stressed to the max. Journalists make mistakes and plenty of them; lately we've done more apologizing than Bill Clinton. Bust most of us are good old goofs, not cynical, premeditated calculating doves in league with the guys dispatching the black helicopters.

10. Keep the faith. We appreciate your patronage, but what we cherish is your respect.

Added information: Thomas Kunkel wrote this afore-printed contract as part of an article, "A contract with the media," that appeared in the Jan./Feb. 2000 issue of American Journalism Review. For two years, he has been editing a series for the magazine addressing the unsteady state of the American newspaper industry. Kunkel is also editor and director of the Project on the State of the American Newspaper.
Humor?

From: lucent.com
Subject: Professions Defined

A statistician is someone who is good with numbers, but lacks the personality to be an accountant.

An actuary is someone who brings a fake bomb on a plane because that decreases the chances that there will be another bomb on the plane. (Laurence J. Peter)

A programmer is someone who solves a problem you didn’t know you had in a way you don’t understand.

A mathematician is a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat which isn’t there. (Charles R. Darwin)

A topologist is a man who doesn’t know the difference between a coffee cup and a doughnut.

A lawyer is a person who writes a 10,000-word document and calls it a “brief.” (Franz Kafka)

A psychologist is a man who watches a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor.

From: Chitownet@aol.com
Subject: e-mail from God...

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the evil that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to Earth to check it out. So he called one of His best angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time. When she returned she told God, yes it is bad on Earth, 95% is bad and 5% is good. Well, he thought for a moment and said maybe I had better send down a second angel; to get another point of view. So God called another angel and sent her to Earth for a time too. When the angel returned he went to God and told him yes, the Earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good. God said this was not good. So, He decided to E-mail the 5% that were good and He wanted to encourage them, give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what that E-mail said? You didn’t get one either, huh?

If you have a joke, humorous story, or captioned picture to share with the GSU community, email it to cyndil@worldnet.att.net.
Reflections

Literary Supplement

Voices in Verse

In celebration of African American History Month, the Black Student Association held a poetry competition, Voices in Verse. Several poets, primarily students, gathered in Engbreton Hall February 24th to share their poetry and compete for great prizes.

The winners and corresponding prizes are:

Sylvester Wright - first place - palm pilot
Marcus Gentry - second place - attaché/laptop computer case
Nicole Perry - third place - electronic organizer

Voices in Verse was one of several events organized and presented by the BSA, Tabia Smalling, president (bottom, center picture, viewers right) in February in honor of African American History Month. The BSA is thanked for sharing their events with the GSU community.
Untitled
by
Alexis

The dialectical pursuit
of becoming the spawn of an unwed couple
who quixotically caresses
the sinorous sound of homonymic phrases
that means more than what is said
to derive and contrive words that create
sentences bombarded with subliminal messages
a clash of colloquialism
that construe statements and decipher the simple
engravings on the heart
the simple fact remains
The Fact remains
But, the fiction rides off into the sunset
The valid becomes validated to the tenth power
A child is born
And the colloquial
Well that still remains a suspense of rhetorical
arguments
having answered the answerable questions
unable to grasp the truth about things unanswered
But, the fact still remains
A child was born
The dialectical pursuit is for winning your favor
above everyone else
Thus, obtaining your heart
To give you an understanding of my heart
I must enter your mind in hopes of affecting your heart
Because my body response is to the sensuality of the circumstances
But, my heart response is the result of an overview of our relationship over time
While, time does play a part in our courtship
It doesn't necessarily perceive or put into proper focus, the condition of the heart
You and I will love the child that God created because this child is apart of us
That child is a fact as well as the circumstances
But, the colloquialism and homonymic speeches just confuses what can easily be stated
However, the Circumstances complicate the answers that are from your mind and your heart
So, let the dialect reflect all the relics of phrases that are on the heart
And, with the engravings of the heart, I will judge the circumstances
The circumstances doesn't always reflect the hearts but it does reflect ACTION
No phrase can change the course of action that we are pursuing

Verily Vernal
by
J.W. Amory

The first glimpse of Spring, I saw it, 'twas there.
I rose as my instincts suit the foison of the year.
We sat, prayed, touched and spoke without talk
As far Orion o'er the Pacific did walk.

I tossed and turned as I lied next to you
While Aurora scorched the earth, burning anew.
I relied on your heat as I pressed against thee;
For the chill of the night still lingered in me.

But as every Winter does have its end,
The lengthening days spreads warmth over land,
And lends to this life its primal drive
So that our progeny's progeny will surely survive.

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Your comforting expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated
and will always be gratefully remembered.
Please keep us in your prayers as you will remain in ours.
Recently, I attended the Black Student Association annual dance, "The Black Spectrum." This was the last event to celebrate February as Black History Month at Governors State University. All Month there have been cultural and educational activities for the entire student body.

It was a lively group who came out to support BSA. Tahtia Smalling, President of BSA thanked everyone for attending and being a part of the celebration. The cost of the ticket included a great buffet and an excellent DJ who played a variety of music. Also we were treated to an outstanding talent show which featured poets, singers, and an instrumentalist.

During the night a special guest, Craig Hodges former NBA player with the Chicago Bulls, made an appearance. He also coached the men's basketball team at Chicago State University.

Hodges attended the event to give words of encouragement and to share his knowledge with us. He told Smalling that she should continue to be a voice on the campus of GSU. He challenged us to help our younger brothers and sisters and lift them up.

Hodges also mentioned that the dance was a celebration of culture and life and that the whole GSU community should have been there not just the African-American population. In addition to this he said that economic gain comes through education.

I had a wonderful time at the BSA 3rd annual dance. Many people worked hard to create the event and I would like feedback on why you did—or did not—attend. Please e-mail me at crook.p@mailcity.com or at tbluc29@blackplanet.com. This is a chance to voice your opinion.
What used to be a dilapidated eyesore of Chicago's lakeshore has been transformed from 'a pig's ear into a silk purse.' Navy Pier, sadly neglected, was the site of worn-out warehouses where a handful of boats, cruise vessels, and visiting ships were tied. Other than visit one of the vessels tied there, embark on a dinner cruise, or walk along the pier people watching, there wasn't much to do.

Navy Pier's new face attests to the changes. The original architecture that marked the beginning and end of the pier has been preserved. The solid brick structures tout gable, light fixtures, and towers reminiscent of years gone by. The modern architecture has been blended with the brick buildings to create a continuous flow.

Beyond the arch welcoming visitors and marque announcing events and features on the pier, the Children's Museum is first to greet visitors. Interactive and educational activities are regularly scheduled with Gumby's World currently operating through May 7th. This exhibit allows children to walk into giant books in the same fashion as Gumby began his adventures in his television show.

Navy Pier's IMAX theater, Loews Cineplex, is located in the Family Pavilion at the entrance. The five features 440-seat, the largest flat movie screen that enhances 2D and 3D films, and surround sound and special effects equipment with Personal Sound Environment Digital Sound system. FANTASIA 2000 is now playing at the IMAX.

The newest attraction, the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows is the first museum in the United States dedicated to stained glass windows. Approximately 80 percent of the anticipated 150 windows have been installed. The religious and secular windows are divided by artistic themes: Victorian, Prairies, Modern, and Contemporary. The windows provide insight into Chicago's cultural, ethnic, and artistic history.

The newest attraction, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, recently opened October 1999 on Navy Pier, is the new home for the Shakespeare Repertory. The 550-seat thrust stage theater was patterned after the Swan Theatre of the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority invested $12 million to cover the project's design fees and exterior construction. The Shakespeare Repertory anticipates raising over $10 million over the next three years to develop the interior of the complex and to establish the site as a permanent home.

Jim Reilly, CEO of the MPEA expressed pleasure in seeing the Shakespeare Repertory at Navy Pier since it (repertory) established itself as one of Chicago's top nonprofit producing theater. The theater company is committed to education, youth, and families.

He stated, “The addition of a year-round theater to Navy Pier has been our dream since the new Pier's inception...”

The lobby and reception area provides views of Lake Michigan and Chicago's skyline. The corner of the lobby houses The Pub where many people gather before and after the show for refreshments and good conversation. The Booksetl, a joint venture with Barbara's Bookstore, can be found in the same area. Shakespeare's works, critiques, garments, and other memorabilia are available for purchase.

A Midsummer Night's Dream will run until April 1; All's Well That Ends Well will run from April 20-June 11. Ticket and time information can be obtained at (312) 595-5000.
Did you know....?  
by 
Dennis Lee Thom  

1. When the first women flight attendants started working (1930) they had to be nurses and not married? What was the most they could weight? Can you get the correct answer within five pounds either way?  
2. D.W. Bliss was an army doctor who looked after two U.S. presidents who were assassinated? Who were these presidents? Their initials were A.I. and J.G.  
3. Is an argy-bargy a kind of jacket, a type of boat, or a lively discussion?  
4. What king first used his foot for the measure of one foot? (starts with a C)  
5. Do you know the actor who was nominated for the most Oscars, but never won one? (This person’s initials were R.B.)  

Crossword 101

"All In The Family" By Ed Casady  

ACROSS  
1 Tepid  
5 Treaties  
10 Social group  
14 Sandwich cookie  
15 Concerning  
16 Pueblo dweller  
17 “we forget  
18 Charleston, e.g.  
19 BBA course  
20 Family members  
22 Family member  
24 Vane initials  
25 Extra paycheck  
26 Save up  
29 Sea bird  
30 River in Paris  
34 Underestimates  
35 Commotion  
36 Not as fresh  
37 Mary Todd’s husband  
38 Family members  
40 007’s creator  
41 Good horseshoe rose  
43 Health ins. org.  
44 Turner and Cole  
45 Begin  
46 On a pension abbr.  
47 Pin point again  
48 Drill  
50 Really cool  
51 Family members  
52 First Lady Pat’s husband  
58 Attention getter  
59 Pitcher Ryan  
61 Director Kazan  
62 Que sera  
63 Monaco’s Princess  
64 Golf club  
65 Compensates  
66 Eye inflammations  
67 Tennis units  

DOWN  
1 Pack member  
2 Region  
32 ‘Way cool  
33 & Young  
36 Broadcast  
36 No seats available  

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predictions for March

**Pieces** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) It’s time that you unleashed your creativity. Now is the time to join the group or organization that you have for so long. Meet new people and have some fun.

**Lucky number:** 12 **Birthstone:** Aquamarine **Compatible signs:** Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio, Capricorn

**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) It’s the beginning of spring and Aries represents the latent life-force of the previous cycle starting to grow. Use this energy to renew yourself, be self-assurant, and set in motion plans to reach your primary objectives.

**Lucky number:** 1 **Birthstone:** Diamond **Compatible signs:** Gemini, Leo, Sagittarius, Aquarius

**Taurus** (Apr. 20-May 20) Taurans appreciate people, culture, and growth. Your down-to-earth qualities and ability to be totally focused will win you progress in these areas of endeavor. Enjoy people, share their culture, and grow.

**Lucky number:** 2 **Birthstone:** Turquoise **Compatible signs:** Cancer, Virgo, Capricorn, Pisces

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Now is a good time to travel. You feel fresh when you can move around unrestricted mentally and physically.

**Refresh your imagination; leave your cellular phone behind and seek adventure and amusement.**

**Lucky number:** 3 **Birthstone:** Camelian **Compatible signs:** Leo, Libra, Aquarius, Aries

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Rely on your feelings and emotional perception. Your brooding could be dispelled with a heart-to-heart talk with those who have hurt you. Emotional balance may well be re-established.

**Lucky number:** 13 **Birthstone:** Moonstone **Compatible signs:** Virgo, Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus

**Leo** (July 23-Aug 22) Others depend on you for leadership. Create ways to gain the position you desire. Others will acknowledge your abilities and authority if you act now.

**Lucky number:** 5 **Birthstone:** Amber **Compatible signs:** Libra, Sagittarius, Aries, Gemini

**Virgo** (Aug 23-Sept 22) You have to analyze everything down to the last detail before taking action. Don’t be so fault-finding, especially with yourself, and harmony will return.

**Lucky number:** 24 **Birthstone:** Agate **Compatible signs:** Scorpio, Capricorn, Taurus, Cancer

**Libra** (Sept 23-Oct 22) Libras are known to make wise decisions quickly, but you find yourself bound in indecision. Take time out to ponder and refine your thoughts or you are liable to strike out at that special someone without reason.

**Lucky number:** 7 **Birthstone:** Sapphire **Compatible signs:** Sagittarius, Aquarius, Gemini, Leo

**Scorpio** (Oct 23-Nov 21) You are a mixture of contrasts and extremes and there is no middle-of-the-road playing around with you. Be honest with yourself and others. Express what is bothering you and move on.

**Lucky number:** 17 **Birthstone:** Topaz **Compatible signs:** Capricorn, Pisces, Cancer, Virgo

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22-Dec 21) You have your feet on the ground and your head in the clouds. Give in to your quest for adventure, express yourself, and erupt your spirited energy. Many stand to learn from you this month.

**Lucky number:** 9 **Birthstone:** Amethyst **Compatible signs:** Aquarius, Aries, Leo, Libra

**Capricorn** (Dec 22-Jan 19) Capricorns have a concern for the welfare of the community and family this month. Reassure yourself by gathering friends and family together at a special event. Your fears are unfounded.

**Lucky number:** 28 **Birthstone:** Onyx **Compatible signs:** Pisces, Taurus, Virgo, Scorpio

**Aquarius** (Jan 20-Feb 18) Aquarians’ keyword is enlightenment. You stubbornly envision a future in which everyone treats each other equally. Ponder the most expedient way to inspire understanding before you act or your ideas may not be well-received.

**Lucky number:** 29 **Birthstone:** Garnet **Compatible signs:** Aries, Gemini, Libra, Sagittarius

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Thanks!
March is Women's History Month

Don Bell, Special Projects director of Student Life, informing Diane Nadler, librarian, of upcoming events during the reception honoring Women's History Month.

The month's activities and events will culminate with the Phenomenal Women dinner Friday, March 31, honoring the women that play an important role in the students' lives.

Additional information for the dinner and/or other activities can be obtained by calling X4550.

Strange news

Two missing space station oxygen tanks — whose loss NASA originally blamed on a careless forklift operator — may instead have been sold as scrap. That's according to Keith Cowing of the independent but highly respected "NASA WATCH" Web site, who says NASA "may have actually sold the two ISS tanks at a surplus property sale for $50."

Cowing tells UPI he had two good sources at NASA who confirm this new conclusion. If true, the tanks may well be retrieved and returned to the International Space Station project. This assumes they've not already been cut up for scrap.

The accident happened last month at NASA's Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. This is the main assembly site for most of the modules to be carried into space aboard shuttle launchings from Florida. NASA insists the tanks were "surplus." But UPI has learned the tank in fact would have been used in the assembly of replacement modules made necessary by Russia's failure to deliver its own promised units on time.

Illinois' Democratic and Republican primary elections are Tuesday, March 21st. Don't forget to vote!
PROVOST FORUM
MARCH 22nd, 2000

To all Student Leaders:

You are invited to a Special Forum of Student Leaders scheduled to meet with the Provost on Wednesday, March 22nd, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Student Commons, Second Floor, Room A214B. You will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the Provost and other Student Leaders.

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