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Original Employees Honored for 20 Years of Service to GSU

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Happenings at GSU

1. University Chorale, 8 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall. Also on April 8.
2. Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Also on April 9.
3. FPA, Senior Project Exhibition Reception, 6 p.m., E-Lounge.
4. University Curriculum Committee, 1 p.m., D17 02. Also on April 19.
5. Artform Lecture, 7:30 a.m., F1 200.
6. Division Chair Council Meeting, 10 a.m., Hall of Honors.
7. University Planning Committee, 10:30 a.m., Hall of Honors.
8. Colloquium: Dr. David Blood, 12:15 p.m., Hall of Honors.

New phones planned for mid-September

Central Management Systems (CMS) and GSU have approved a contract with Fujitsu Business Communications Systems for a new communications system for the university.

Chuck Nebes, coordinator of information systems, said work on the project is expected to begin in May. The phone system should be in place by mid-September.

GSU’s current rotary dial phone system, with its 600-plus lines, is at capacity. It limits the ability of staff to interact with voice-mail and other technological features available at other state-supported universities, as well as with outside businesses and contacts. Replacement parts also are becoming scarce.

Over two years ago, GSU administrators began planning for a new phone system. Questionnaires were sent to staff and department heads, asking for

Indoor landscape makes beautiful difference

I think that I shall never see
a poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast.

Joyce Kilmer

Governors State University’s indoor garden didn’t inspire the early 20th century poet, but its gracing the Hall of Governors has made a difference to many of us.

In the building’s architectural drawings, the space was designed for an indoor garden, says Jo Shaw, landscape gardener. A basement was never dug under the Hall of Governors. The trees were planted in the dirt and clay from the site.

The first ficus trees were about the size of large bushes. Unfortunately, they died shortly after they were planted in January 1974. Ila Gallagher of PPO remembers them being delivered in a big semi-truck. Transporting them from a southern state into the January cold of University Park killed the trees. “They like a consistent temperature,” Jo explains. The second set has thrived here.

The ficus trees that grace the hall are a variety of the fig family. Today

Original employees honored for 20 years of service to GSU

For the first time, GSU staff members have been honored for 20 years of service to the university during the annual service recognition program in February. GSU was organized in July 1969. These staff members, who came to GSU in 1970, were among the original organizing team. They include Dr. Daniel Bernd, Ginni Burghardt, Dr. David Crispin, Leona Erickson, Barbara Flowers, Dr. Carl Peterson, Gwen Siebert, Mildred Toberman, Frieda Vazales and Dr. Dick Vorwerk.

Staff members honored for 15 years of service were Marlene Anderson, Professor Teresa Barrios-Aulet, Dr. Tom Byrne, Dr. Ed Cehelnik, Gloria
Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations to the following employees who celebrated their anniversaries in February:

1970  Leona Erickson (UL)
1971  Lowell Culver (CBPA)
1972  Ken Wieg (CE)
1973  Ann Glascoff (UL)
1975  Marlene Anderson (PERS)
1977  Mohammed Kishta (CAS), Michael Knabjian (PPO)
1982  Beverly Kyser (SPCE)
1984  Marie Bertz (CHP)
1985  Elaine Sherman (DPA)

...and to those employees who celebrated their anniversaries in March:

1971  Henry Jablon (BO)
1973  Paul Schranz (CAS)
1974  Michael Reilly (PPO), Mary Taylor (CHP)
1975  Colette McHale (BO), Adrienne Kelly (CAS)
1976  Alice Gardner (ASR), Pamela Zener (SD), Haddon Anderson (REG)
1977  Margo Ellman (ASR)
1978  Willette Jones (PERS), Mary Smith (PPO)
1980  Michael Purdy (CAS), Rose O'Neal (CAS), Lynn Desliere (CAS), Judith Gustawson (ADVIS), Brenda Chapman (CAS)
1985  Dee Woods (BO)

Nuclear reactor used to unravel Aztec mysteries

A nuclear reactor is helping GSU graduate student Laurene Lambertino-Urquizo unravel the mysteries of Aztec colonization in 15th century Mexico.

She has received grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy and the GSU Foundation for neutron activation analysis of ancient Mexican pottery at the University of Missouri's Research Reactor Facility in Columbia, Mo.

Neutron activation analysis (NAA) is sometimes referred to as "atomic fingerprinting." It is an extremely sensitive scientific method of testing various materials for very subtle amounts of trace elements. This then allows researchers to compare results with other findings to determine the probable origins of the materials.

NAA will enable the Steger resident to determine the clay makeup of approximately 60 pieces of Mexican pottery in the Field Museum of Natural History's Starr Collection.

The clay samples come from Aztec and Matlatzincan ceramics which are part of the 1,400-piece Tecoteppec Collection. The pieces were brought to the United States in the 1890s by anthropologist Frederick Starr.

Lambertino-Urquizo hopes the "fingerprinting" will allow her to tie Aztec clay samples from the site in the Valley of Toluca to clay samples from the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan, which lies today under Mexico City.

She has spent the past 18 months working on this project, which is her graduate thesis. Dr. Art Bourgeois, chairperson of the Division of Fine and Performing Arts, is her thesis advisor.

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Staff Directory Changes

To reach Professor Jay Boersma, call his office, extension 2462. If he cannot be reached on this extension, call extension 2461.

Employees honored for 20 years of service

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Chu, Bill Erickson, Dr. Efraim Gil, Bill Gregory, Mark Hampton, Dr. Joyce Kennedy Hayes, Adrienne Kelly, Franchon Lindsay, Dr. David Matteson, Colette McHale, Dr. Vinicio Reyes, Dr. Sang-O Rhee and Marie Turak.

Ten-year honorees were Brenda Chapman, Chris Cochrane, Dr. Judy Cooney, Clark Deffler, Lynne Desliere, Judith Gustawson, Dr. Reino Hakala, Elizabeth Helsel, Dr. Jeff Kaiser, Larry Lewis, Dr. Jagan Lingamneni, Dr. Jim Massey, John Morton, Rose O'Neal, Dr. Mike Purdy, Judy Reitsma, Ursula Sklan, Catherine Swatek, Virginia Thurston and Bob Woodard.

Staff members with five years service were Professor Mary Bookwalter, Barbara Conant, Carl Cross, Virginia Eysenbach, John Fedak, Professor Donald Fricker, Dr. Deborah Holdstein, Jean Johnson, Dan Kriedler, Dr. Cheryl Mejta, Andriette Montague, Dr. Linda Proudfit, Elaine Sherman, Professor Al Smerz, Kim Tobeck-Sit, Dr. Harvey Varnet and Dee Woods.

Trees make difference

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they stand approximately 40 feet. The trees are watered weekly by Barbara Lane of the PPO staff who uses two water spigots located in the Hall of Governors flooring.

General maintenance is minimal, according to Jo. The trees are sprayed with water as a method of cleaning "only because they aren't cleaned by rain." It's also a method of keeping fungus and other plant diseases from developing.

The trees are pruned into their lovely shapes and height by members of the PPO staff who scale scaffolding to reach into the trees. Once an outside contractor was hired to prune the trees. "He did such an awful job it took years for them to recover," Jo says.

At one time, ground cover was planted in the tree wells, but the trees shade the space, and the plants couldn't survive, Jo explains.