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LU POROLI IN FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT... Lucille Poroli, benefits counselor in the Personnel Office, is the February Civil Service Employee of the Month. Lu, as she is known by her friends—and that includes just about everybody—is a 14-year veteran at Governors State. Before coming to personnel, she worked in the University Library and the Business Office. She is one busy person representing GSU employees.



Lucille Poroli

She has been elected to her second four-year term on the State Universities Civil Service Advisory Committee to the Merit Board. Besides traveling throughout the state for meetings, Lu also is an *ex officio* member of the

Civil Service Senate and does a great job of keeping the Senators informed on rule changes and values of the merit system. She served on the original University Assembly and was part of the constitutional convention which devised the current system of three separate senates. Another contribution was teaching the ten-week course, EXCEL, for office personnel. Lu has volunteered a great deal of time in the past 12 years as a campus representative and board member for the Will County Schools Credit Union.

Lu was surprised and shed tears of happiness when informed of her newest honor. She said it lets her know that she is doing a good job to provide the best she can for GSU employees. She describes herself as a "mother hen" and thinks of the staff as her family. In typical Lu fashion, she wants to donate the \$50 award that goes with the honor to the library for the purchase of retirement planning materials.

A highlight for Lu has been meeting and marrying **Matt Poroli**, a plant operating engineer at GSU. Another reason for her attachment to GSU is that she earned her bachelor's degree here two years ago. That Cadillac you see her tooling around in was a gift from Matt for achieving her goal.

Hobbies used to include needlecraft, but since she was elected trustee for Crete Township, there is little time. She also is on the board of director for Crete's sesquicentennial, and she serves as chair for the Republican Central Committee of Will County.

Congratulations to a super, busy service-oriented employee!

RETIREMENT HELP ON ITS WAY... Thinking of retiring or have somebody close to you who is? Then you might be interested in a series of five workshops on "How To Enjoy Your Retirement Years" beginning on Feb. 18. Investment Center Inc., Olympia Fields, and the College of Health Professions are co-sponsors. The sessions will

continue on Feb. 25, March 4 (two sessions) and March 11 in the evenings at the Matteson Holiday Inn. Registration for the entire series is \$60 for individuals or \$75 for married couples. For specific topics and other information, call **Virginia Bixby**(OCW) on extension 2436.

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FEBRUARY
EMPLOYEE
OF
MONTH

LET US HEAR FROM YOU, CIVIL SERVICE... Of the many suggestions that came out of the sessions on "Reviewing the Past and Previewing the Future," as reported in a recent memo from **Dr. David Curtis**, provost, one in particular caught the editor's eye; to wit, "Inscapes—too limited—not enough news about Civil Service staff." Good point. There ought to be more news from that important segment of our family. But where does *Inscapes* get its news? From the readers, that's where. It would be nice if we had a staff full of investigative reporters, but our budget (what budget?) is too tight. We print "all the news that fits," to paraphrase the New York Times motto. If something is newsworthy and you submit it, it very likely will get printed, no matter who you are. Just type or print legibly the who, what, when, where, why, and how if it and send it on up to *Inscapes*, University Relations. Thanks from a grateful editor.

ALUMNI OFFICE STILL SEEKS TELETHON VOLUNTEERS... **Ginni Burghardt**, executive coordinator of alumni relations, is still looking for volunteers to help with the annual Alumni Phonathon during the weekday evenings of March 10-27. You don't have to be an alumnus. Some of the biggest producers in the past have been students, faculty and staff. The goal this year is \$40,000 to be used to support satellite video conferencing, the library and scholarships. Give Ginni a call on extension 2215. You'll be glad you did.

IT'S A BRAVE NEW WORLD... Speaking of teleconferencing (above), we'll get a taste of it right here when the Board of Governors meets at GSU on Feb. 20. By means of a satellite hook-up, members of the board will be able to speak directly with **U.S. Sen. Paul Simon**, D-Ill., and **Dr. Ronald Kimberling**, acting assistant secretary for secondary education in the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. (That's what that big dish outside the ICC studios is all about.) It is believed that the interview will be the first time a governmental unit such as the BOG has used a satellite link to conduct such an activity.

About 20 media representatives are expected to cover the event. They will also conduct a press conference with Simon and Kimberling, asking the government officials questions from the ICC TV studio.

BAND CONCERT TO FEATURE TV NEWSMAN... **Bob Petty**, well-known newsman on WLS-TV Channel 7 will be a special guest performer with the GSU-Community Symphonic Band at a free concert on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. According to **Dr. Charles Hicks** director, Petty will be the narrator for a composition by **Jerry Bilik** called "They Walked in Darkness." The text speaks of the black experience from African freedom to enslavement to emancipation and the struggle for freedom and equality.

The entire program is by American composers, both black and white, Hicks says. **Martin Lamkin**, who earned as master's degree in music at GSU, will be trombone soloist in "Morceau Symphonique," by **Alexandre Guilmant**.



There were at least 52 musicians in the family of famous composer Johann Sebastian Bach

DICK GREGORY HIGHLIGHTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH...Dick Gregory, human rights activist, comedian, author, social satirist, entrepreneur and nutritionist, will make his second lecture appearance at Governors State on Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in the GSU Theatre. He appeared here during Black History Month four years ago.

Gregory is credited with being the first black comic to be exposed to white audiences at a time when blacks were not permitted to work in white nightclubs. That was in 1961. His rise in popularity was swift. He moved into the center the protest movements in 1967 when he went on a hunger strike against the Vietnam War. Since then, he has recorded between 75 and 100 fasts for other causes. This led him into the field of nutrition where he is considered an expert today. In the process, he developed his own line of dietary foods, which, according to "Dollars & Sense" magazine, has made him a millionaire several times over.

The program is sponsored by the Office of Student Life. GSU students are admitted free. Admission for faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens is \$3 in advance at the Cashiers Office or \$4 at the door.



Dick Gregory

TREESIDE CAFE BACK IN FULL SWING...Michael Blackburn (SL) and the Student Program Action Committee (SPAC) have resurrected the Treeseide Cafe, a series of free entertainments in the Hall of Governors which was popular a couple of years ago. The next attraction on Feb. 17 will be Harvi Griffin, a classically-trained harpist who plays a wide variety of musical styles. He will play between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. SPAC serves light refreshments during the show. Between them, the SPACs and the MENCs (see Jan. 31, p. 3) are making the HG/Cafeteria area the place to be at lunchtime. Try it. You'll like it!



Harvi Griffin

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. PIUCCI...Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president for administration and planning, was presented with the official medallion of the University of Sassari in Sardinia. He served the university as a distinguished visiting professor during his administrative leave of absence. The only other persons to receive this award in 1985 were Pope John Paul II and Pres. Francesco Cossiga of Italy. That's prestigious company, Dr. Piucci!

VETERANS OF INNOVATION...Congratulations to the following Governors State University staff members celebrating their anniversaries during February:

1970	
Leona Erickson, UL	20
1971	
Lowell Culver, CBPA	1
1972	
Kenneth Wieg, CE	1
1973	
Elizabeth Glascoff, UL	1
1975	
Marlene Anderson, BO	17
1977	
Mohammed Kishta, CAS	1
Mary Jane Butler, BOG	2
Michael Knabjian, PPO	21

1978	
Sue Sturmon, BO	9
Virginia Bixby, OCW	16
1979	
Joyce Newman, SP&CE	16
1981	
Randall Waselewski, BO(CD)	16
Roberto Ruiz, PPO	18



Forerunners of newspapers in Roman times were written newsletters sent by Roman scribes to businessmen and politicians in cities far from the center of the empire.



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NOTES FROM JANUARY 1986 BOARD MEETING

Presidential Search Initiated at Northeastern - The Board accepted Dr. Layzell's recommendation to begin a presidential search process at Northeastern. As a result of the changes the Board made in its policies at the October, 1985 meeting, the Chancellor is responsible for managing and directing the presidential selection process. Dr. Layzell indicated that in developing his recommendations, he modeled them closely on the two most recent presidential searches at Chicago State and Eastern.

The search process for the next president of Northeastern calls for the Board to function as a committee of the whole and Dr. Layzell will perform the initial screening functions acting with the advice of a Campus Advisory Committee. Board action included approval of the Chancellor's recommendation for the Campus Advisory Committee to be composed of 17 members representing the constituent groups of the university.

The Chancellor stated that he plans to bring the Board at least three candidates and no more than six final candidates for interview in July 1986. He will report to the Board at each Board meeting between February and July 1986 about the status of the search and will provide the Board with information that is pertinent to the search. Advertising for the position began immediately following Board action on the search process. The search is necessary due to the recent death of Ronald Williams who had served as President at Northeastern since 1976.

Board Becomes its Own Commercial Insurer-- The Board was presented with additional quotations for property and liability insurance coverage. Dr. Layzell indicated that after nine months of research by the System Office and university staff, insurance coverage for property and casualty risk continues to be unavailable at a reasonable price. As a result, the Chancellor recommended three actions: the creation of a self-insurance fund, the approval of a depository to administer that fund, and the approval of a claims management contract. Dr. Layzell also indicated that a legislative solution to the problem of liability insurance is likely since this problem is shared not only by governmental units but also by private businesses.

The BOG paved the way for the self-insurance fund when it urged the introduction of Public Act 84-10 in June 1985. This initiative which was sponsored by Representative James Keane (D-28), Senator Aldo DeAngelis (R-40), and Senator Vince DeMuzio (D-49), permits public university systems to create self-insurance indemnification programs. Public Act 84-10 was signed into law by Governor James R. Thompson on June 30, 1985.

At the January 1986 meeting, board action on the self-insurance included the immediate deposit of \$125,000 on a prorated basis from the universities to cover claims and expenses from the period January 1 through June 30, 1986. Depending on the actual FY87 funding for the BOG, it is estimated the FY87 fund level would be \$630,000 minus any claims or expenses found in FY86. The Board's losses for the past 11 years totalled \$450,201. On the basis of this experience, Dr. Layzell indicated that the deposits proposed for FY87 should be adequate. Following a thorough discussion of the various components of the Chancellor's proposal, the Board approved the above recommendations. Dr. Layzell will bring the Board guidelines for settlement of claims for review and action at a future meeting.

Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities System:

Chicago State University • Eastern Illinois University, Charleston • Governors State University, University Park
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago • and Western Illinois University, Macomb

Students, Faculty and Staff to be Offered Additional Benefits -- The Board was advised about a plan to purchase IBM Personal Computers for resale to its students, faculty, and staff at a substantial discount. An agreement with IBM was recently negotiated on a systemwide basis thereby qualifying the BOG for discount rates not available to any single campus in the System. The discount rates to faculty, students and staff are up to 37 percent less administrative costs and are the maximum available to us. Details on the computer resale are expected to be available at each campus in late March.

BOG System Receives Highest Percentage Increase for FY87-- The IBHE budget recommendations for FY87 were reviewed. Dr. Layzell pointed out that the BOG System received a recommendation for a 10.3 percent increase in the operating budget. This is the highest percentage increase recommended for any of the public university systems. In addition, Chicago State and Northeastern received the highest percentage increase of any university for the operating budget. The IBHE recommendations also call for a six percent increase in tuition and an eight percent increase in salaries. The next step in the budget process is for the General Assembly and finally the Governor to take action on the system's budget request. The Board of Governors will be considering tuition and fees for action at the April meeting.

BOG to Assume Control of Mid-Illinois Computer Cooperative -- Essentially, the BOG will inherit the academic computer center that is known as the Educational Computer Network (ECN). The ECN provides a primary source of instruction and research computing for nine state universities. Last spring SIU at Edwardsville and the Board of Regents gave notice of their intent to phase out of the cooperative thereby leaving only the BOG System in the network. The FY87 IBHE budget recommendations include an adequate initial level of funding for the BOG System not only to maintain the existing services at the Center but also to add IBM capability. Representatives from each campus are planning a smooth transition to the new organization.

Report of the Chairman of the ad hoc Committee on Board Bylaws and Policies-- Mr. Dominick Bufalino reported that the Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, February 20 prior to the Board meeting. At that meeting the Committee will discuss its schedule for the completion of its work. The charge to the Committee includes a review of the current bylaws and policies to determine the additional revisions necessary as a result of creating the Chancellor/President structure.

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