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This Week at GSU

- 3 "Corporate America and the Environment" videoconference, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 3 "Black Family" videoconference, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 6 "Treating Alcoholism: Clinical Skills Training," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., F1107.
- 8 "Mozart Requiem," performed by University-Community Chorale, 4 p.m., St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet.

CHP hosts 2nd job mart

The College of Health Professions is hosting its second annual "Health Job Mart" from 4 to 8 p.m. April 10.

Representatives from major Chicago area hospitals, home health care organizations, senior citizens care representatives, health maintenance organizations, clinical labs and service groups will be represented. Their displays will be set up in the Hall of Governors.

The representatives will be allowed to recruit future employees. The "Health Job Mart" is free and open to persons training for jobs in the field, those looking for new job opportunities and the public interested in information on health services.

Representatives of Governors State University also will be on hand to explain the various programs in the College of Health Professions.

For further information on the "Health Job Mart" contact Marie Bertz in CHP on extension 2152.

Nobel prize winner to speak via satellite for CAS series

Dr. Rosalyn Yalow, the second woman ever to win a Nobel Prize, will be a guest lecturer April 12 in the College of Arts and Sciences' "Distinguished Scholar-Statesman-Scientist-Artist Lecture Series."

Dr. Yalow, a medical physicist, will discuss her uphill battles as a woman in the field of physics, her pioneering research into radioimmunoassay (RIA) that has led to numerous discoveries in medicine and forensics, and her selection for the 1977 Nobel Prize in medicine.

Dr. Yalow's talk at 7 p.m. via satellite from New York, will be given in the GSU Theatre. After her talk, she will accept questions from the audience.

She attended Hunter College majoring in physics, but studied typing and shorthand after advisors told her she wouldn't land a job. The prophecies were unfounded, however. Dr. Yalow accepted a teaching fellowship in physics at the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1941, where she was the only woman among 400 men on the College of Engineering faculty.

In 1945, she became only the second woman to receive a doctorate in physics from the University of Illinois.

In 1950, she was named physicist and assistant chief of the Bronx VA Hospital's radioisotope service, teaming up with the late Dr. Solomon A. Berson, an internist. Together they pioneered a host of new discoveries,

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Office of Continuing Education will undergo major revamping

The Office of Continuing Education will undergo a major revamping this summer, according to Dr. Richard Venneri, dean of special programs and continuing education.

The major thrust of the reorganization is to give the four colleges a greater role in developing off-campus courses and recruiting faculty to teach those courses. The change has been approved by Provost David Curtis.

"The Office of Continuing Education will become more of a service function (operation) and less of a program function (operation)," Dr. Venneri explained.

The shift means the elimination of the administrative positions of continuing

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of April 2 to 6)

- Monday** - Chicken noodle soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: liver and onions; spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic toast; seasoned peas and carrots.
- Tuesday** - Split pea soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: chop suey over rice; veal cutlet Parmesan; seasoned spinach, whipped potatoes.
- Wednesday** - Garden vegetable soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast beef aujus; five fried wing dings w/ fries and cole slaw; corn O'Brien; whipped potatoes.
- Thursday** - Beef barley soup w/ 1 pkg crackers; Entree: potted luncheon steak jardiniere; Italian sausage, tomato sauce, peppers on French bread; seasoned cut broccoli, whipped potatoes.
- Friday** - Menu specials will be posted in the cafeteria.
(Menu subject to change)

Condolences

To Helen Spencer, secretary in the Business Office, on the death of her mother, Mattie Robinson, March 22.

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Faculty Feature

Innovative ideas coaxed prof to GSU position

By Roxane Geraci-Roche

It was fate that brought Dr. Michael Stelnicki, professor of communication in the College of Arts and Sciences, to GSU in 1974.

Looking at his early academic background, one wouldn't think that a bachelor's degree in psychology and English literature from DePaul University would lead him to instructional and training technology.



Michael Stelnicki

"I originally planned to get a doctorate in clinical psychology, but after I went to a juvenile delinquent home for boys, I decided that a degree in psych wasn't for me," says Stelnicki with a chuckle.

It was his associate editor's position on DePaul's newspaper that helped plant the seed for further study and a career in communications.

Between 1962 and 1966, Stelnicki was on the staff of two trade magazines at the Florists' Publishing Company in Chicago. He knew the business because his dad was a florist on Chicago's north side.

Stelnicki took graduate courses at the Art Institute of Chicago, Syracuse, Loyola and Northeastern Illinois Universities before enrolling at Northwestern University. He earned a master's degree in radio, television and film from NU in 1968.

In 1966, Stelnicki left Chicago and his publishing job for an instructional television producer-director's position at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha, Wis.

In 1970 he was promoted to instructional resources coordinator and assumed responsibility for the admini-

stration of libraries, audiovisual production facilities, instructional television studio and printing.

He liked living in Wisconsin, but a 1974 GSU ad in a professional magazine advertising for a production manager intrigued him. The Chicago native knew nothing of the south suburbs or the new university, but he'd read that GSU was a place of new ideas and experimenting philosophies.

"I sent my resume in March and didn't hear from them (GSU) until September when they asked me to come in for an interview," says Stelnicki, adding that when he came for the ICC production manager interview, he was also asked to interview for a position in the College of Human Learning and Development (now the College of Education).

Needless to say, he was offered both positions, but accepted the position in CHLD.

"One of the reasons I really came here (GSU) in 1974 was that I had gone as far as I could go at Gateway - and what really excited me was competency education. That really appealed to me," says Stelnicki.

Around 1980, GSU went through a revision of programs. Stelnicki and Dr. Ken Silber, now associate director of institutional technology at Applied Learning Inc. in Naperville revised their Educational Technology (ET) Program to the Instructional and Training Technology (ITT) Program. They also moved from CHLD to the College of Arts and Sciences.

While the ET program was geared toward teachers and media administration, the ITT program focuses on individuals who wish to design and develop training courses and materials. It has been a successful program. "Our people do get jobs. The program has an excellent reputation," says Stelnicki who

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The Grapevine

Child Care Center sponsors 'bunny hop' for charity

The Springtime Bunny will be leading the hop April 11 when the children at the GSU Child Care Center hop for United Cerebral Palsy in the Hall of Governors.

The children will hop for two minutes starting at 3 p.m. as their symbolic way of helping others. Those who want to join with them can make pledges or send checks made payable to United Cerebral Palsy to **Geri Dalton** at the Child Care Center.

This event is in conjunction with the Child Care Center's annual "Spring Program."

Mozart's 'Requiem' will be performed by Chorale

Mozart's "Requiem" will be performed by the GSU-Community Chorale at 4 p.m. April 8 at St. Raymond Nonnatus Cathedral in Joliet. This is the chorale's third appearance in the "Cathedral Concert Series." **Dr. Rudolf Strukoff**, professor of music, will conduct the 65-voice choir and the 42-piece orchestra for this special concert.

GSU faculty and staff joining him will be **Dr. Bethe Hagens**, professor of anthropology, a violinist who serves as concertmaster; **Karen Blunk**, adjunct professor who is the soprano soloist; **Marilyn Bourgeois**, adjunct professor who is accompanist on the church's 58-rank pipe organ; and chorale members **Dr. Maribeth Kasik**, professor of education; **Jean Juarez**, editor of *The Innovator*; **Dottie Legge** of the Registrar's Office; and **Wilhelmenia Moore** of the Division of Health and Human Services.

Tsolakides to discuss theories on leverage buy-outs

Leverage buy-outs are the latest trend in corporate strategy, says Dr. Jordan Tsolakides of the College of Business and Public Administration. The leverage buy-out has stirred the placid waters of American corporate management. But can the leverage buy-out approach work for small business, or does size have too much to do with the option?

Dr. Tsolakides will outline his theories on this newest business operations option during the April 12 "Colloquium" presentation at noon in the Hall of Honors. Refreshments will be served.

Donohue, Ostenburg winners in March 20 primary

You can address **Peg Donohue**, director of community college relations, as "madam 4th Congressional District Committeewoman." She won the right to the title and all that it entails during the March 20 primary. This is her first elected office.

John Ostenburg, director of university relations, won the Democratic nomination for state representative from the 80th district. He will challenge **Rep. Robert Regan** for the seat in the November general election.

GSU Jazz Band to perform in GSU Theatre April 8

If you like jazz, you'll want to be a member of the audience for the April 8 concert given by the GSU Jazz Band.

The 8 p.m. program in the GSU Theatre will include new selections and favorite standards. The program is free. The band is directed by **Martin Kocman**.

Field of physics is topic of CAS lecture series

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including radioimmunoassay (RIA) in 1959.

RIA is believed to be one of the most important postwar applications of basic research to clinical medicine. RIA uses radioisotopes and immunologic methods to measure substances in the blood or other bodily fluids that in the past had been considered impossible to measure.

The pair initially used their discovery to measure the insulin levels in the blood of diabetics. Today RIA has become the preferred method for screening blood in blood banks, for determining the usage of illicit drugs and the benefit of rabies shots to a bite victim, among other uses.

For information on Dr. Yalow's presentation, contact the CAS Office at extension 244 1.

April marks Medical Laboratory Week

The next time you have a throat culture done, or you have your red blood cell count checked, thank the lab technician. Without that trained professional, the doctor wouldn't know if you have strep throat or anemia, or a host of other illnesses that can be detected by the tests the laboratory technician performs.

Governors State University medical technology students and faculty will join with the 250,000 certified laboratory personnel in the United States who will mark Medical Laboratory Week April 8 through 14.

The week recognizes the work of pathologists, medical technologists, medical laboratory scientists, specialists, technicians and assistants in clinical laboratory science working in more than 12,000 medical labs.

The medical technology program at GSU is headed by **Professor Clementine Coleman**, chairperson of the Division of Health and Human Services, and **Professors Joan Ratke** and **Janice LaReau**.

Major reorganization due this summer in Continuing Ed

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education coordinators **Sandra Mensch, Polly Bernd, Grace Lefebvre** and **Odessa Nolin**. Dr. Venneri has argued that despite the work in developing courses and hiring of faculty by these staff persons, they are not seen as peers by the faculty.

And, Dr. Venneri added, the four were each assigned to a geographic area, such as Grace working for Orland Park and its surrounding communities, rather than working for a specific discipline, such as education.

Under the new plan, starting with

the fall trimester, each college will have its own director of continuing education (a faculty equivalent position) who will be asked to plan off-campus curriculums for a period of at least one year; hire adjunct faculty and provide services to them; and work with the Registrar's Office on a schedule of credit classes on and off campus.

The Office of Continuing Education will develop and schedule continuing education courses, such as the alcoholism workshops GSU has presented; administer regional extension centers; provide services to students; and pro-

mote the programs and provide marketing services. Those positions will be held by Civil Service employees.

Dr. Venneri said the change also will allow his staff to develop new certificate programs or professional series programs for persons who want to update their skills through short courses rather than return to school for a degree.

The approved changes are not affecting Special Programs and Continuing Education's other two units the Board of Governors Degree Program and the Office of Extended Learning.

Experimenting philosophies bring prof to GSU

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received his doctoral degree in instructional technology with a cognate in adult education from Northern Illinois University in 1980.

What Stelnicki likes best about his position is the ITT program itself, and working with the returning adult student.

"We're (helping them) upgrade professional skills," says Stelnicki, "and the whole idea that our program helps people get good jobs is very rewarding to me."

The recipient of a 1989 Faculty Excellence Award for superior teaching and service, Stelnicki feels that it is rewarding to be recognized by his peers and students.

He believes he has a good relationship with his students because they

know immediately what is expected of them, his outside consulting work leads him to teach "real world" skills, and his touch of humor in the classroom goes a long way.

Besides consulting, Stelnicki does presentations and workshops, is a frequent jury member at the Chicago Chapter of the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences - and is currently authoring a book with Dr. Silber on training and design using instructional materials.

Stelnicki enjoys the opera and theatre, but one of his favorite activities is running - something he has been doing for 28 years. He's run four or five

Published

Professor Eli Segal of the College of Arts and Sciences having his short story "The Great Zapper-Eating Contest" published in the *Tinley Park Arts Alive Literary Review* after a juried competition.

marathons and says he's "mentally committed" to running one this year to celebrate his big 50th birthday.

He lives in Homewood with his wife, **Bonnie**, who is a learning disabilities specialist. They have two children. **Carrie** is a senior at the University of Illinois, and **Mike** is a freshman at the University of Miami.

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