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Happenings at GSU

- 11 Leona Zylka, Mezzo Soprano Senior Recital, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 13 New Works: Community College Faculty Invitational Exhibition, Opening Reception 6 to 8 p.m., May 14, E-Lounge.
- 15 GSU Information Session, 7 to 9 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 16 Civil Service Constituency Meeting, 1 p.m., Theatre.
- 17 Lambda Lambda Chapter Sigma Theta Tau Induction Ceremonies Tea, 4 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 21 Fax Sheltered Annuity, Equitable and IDS staff sign up, 10 a.m., Hall of Governors.

Zero growth budget means tough choices

Thomas Layzell, chancellor of the Board of Governors Universities (BGU), said a zero growth operations budget for next year means higher education will need to make "tough choices regarding high priority initiatives and planned maintenance and equipment purchases.

"Relative to what happened to other sectors and agencies, we appreciate the governor's recognition of the importance of education," Layzell said. "The universities do not face cuts, and the increased funding being recommended for early childhood programs will ultimately benefit higher education, as well as the entire state," he added.

The chancellor said the five BGU institutions—Chicago State, Governors State, Northeastern Illinois, Western Illinois and Eastern Illinois—will assess the impact of a zero growth budget on salary and tuition issues. Layzell said

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President appoints Varnet, Abbott to new positions

GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II has appointed Dr. Harvey Varnet to the newly created chief information services officer position and Glen Abbott as assistant to the president/affirmative action officer.

Dr. Varnet, director of the GSU Library, will be responsible for information service policy, management and control.

As chief information services officer, Dr. Varnet will manage the GSU Academic Computing Services, administrative computing, telecommunications, the library and the Office of Institutional Research.

He will continue as director of the GSU Library. He also will be the university's representative in its cooperative work with the Cooperative Computer Center and the Educational Computing Network.

The chief information services officer is a mandated position at GSU, created under the direction of the Board of Governors Universities.

Glen Abbott, assistant to the president/affirmative action officer, will help plan, direct and coordinate responsibilities for all policies, procedures, programs and activities that affect the quality of human relations in relation to faculty, staff, administrators and students at Governors State University.

His primary responsibility will be developing and implementing policies and procedures to enable the university to achieve its goal of establishing a culturally diverse community with a strong respect for human dignity.



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Summer sequence of classes offered in early childhood education

This summer, Governors State University will begin offering an early childhood education sequence of classes.

The Illinois State Teacher Certification Board unanimously approved the early childhood education concentration for both undergraduate and graduate students. College of Education Dean Leon Zalewski and Program Advisor Jean Johnson addressed the board in Springfield before the vote.

GSU students graduating in the concentration will be eligible for state teacher certification for early childhood education, working with children birth through third grade.

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of May 13 to 17)

Monday - Minestrone soup. B.B.Q. chicken platter; meatballs in mushroom sauce over noodles, Italian submarine sandwich.

Tuesday - Corn chowder soup. Roast beef roulade platter; Oriental pork over rice; grilled bratwurst.

Wednesday - Chicken barley soup. Veal cutlet piccata platter; stir fried turkey, rice; French dip sandwich.

Thursday - Beef noodle vegetable soup. Fried chicken wings platter; beef pepper steak over rice; grilled chicken fillet sandwich.

Friday - Seafood gumbo. Fried perch fillet platter; crab, shrimp Mornay over pasta; tuna melts sandwich.

(Week of May 20 to 24)

Monday - Turkey rice soup. Veal cutlet parmesan, spaghetti; Oriental chicken, rice; Philly cheese sandwich.

Tuesday - Beef barley soup. Turkey breast divan platter; sweet tamale pie with vegetable; mushroom Swiss burger.

Wednesday - Cream of broccoli soup. Carved honey ham platter; beef Stroganoff over buttered noodles; Turkey fillet sandwich.

Thursday - Chicken noodle soup. Grilled Salisbury steak platter; stir fried chicken, rice; Footlong hot dog.

Friday - Manhattan clam chowder. Whole fried catfish with fries and cole slaw; broccoli noodle casserole; grilled cheese with tomato.

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Comings & Goings

Lawrence serves as SPCE acting dean

By Marilyn Thomas

Dr. Otis Lawrence is serving as acting dean of the Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education (SPCE).

He succeeds Dr. Richard Venneri who resigned in February. Dr. Lawrence is familiar with SPCE operations because the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program Office, which he continues to direct, shares first floor space with SPCE. Also, many of the SPCE courses and workshops are used by Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree-seeking students.



This is not the first time Dr. Lawrence has taken on special administrative duties. He came to GSU in 1972 as a member of the science faculty and served on a variety of committees and curriculum studies. For a time he also was the assistant dean of the College of Environmental and Applied Sciences (now the College of Arts and Sciences).

In 1978, Dr. Lawrence was named director of the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program.

"We plan to maintain and hopefully expand the special programs and the continuing education programs, but with a smaller staff than we've had," he noted.

Dr. Lawrence most recently completed a term as president of State Universities Annuitants Association.

The acting dean received both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Iowa and a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

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After 15 years at GSU, Dr. James Lohman has resigned his position as

assistant registrar.

He came to the university when it was still in its "innovative" stage. Years later he joked about his title—assistant director of admissions and records for records in the Office of Admissions and Records—which he called "the longest job title at the university."



When the records section became the Registrar's Office, Jim worked for Registrar Dick Rainsberger and then Dr. Sam Crawford.

Over the years, he helped develop computer systems for the office. Before he left, he was working on the prototype for phone-in registrations and a computer system that allows the Registrar's Office to assign a classroom to each class being offered.

Jim received a bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, a master's degree from Harvard and a doctorate from Boston University. He and his wife, Mary, live in Matteson.

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Jean Bernstein, an adjunct professor of language arts in the College of Education since 1984, has decided it's time for retirement. She came to GSU after a long teaching career and after serving as superintendent of School District 163 in Park Forest.

During her time at GSU, Professor Bernstein's assignments included working on a pre-student teaching program that gives students classroom experience early in their teacher education program. She also was an instructor for the teleclass "Literature for Children and Adolescents," affection-

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The Grapevine

Child Care Center raises funds for cerebral palsy

The children at the GSU Child Care Center helped raise nearly \$200 in the "Kids Hopping for Kids" fundraiser for United Cerebral Palsy. Geri Dalton, director of the center, sends special thanks to the members of GSU's Circle K Club which helped with the project.

Employee's 'Tiny Tim Village' wins ceramic award

Congratulations to Ellen Zalewski in the Business Office whose ceramic "Tiny Tim Village" won a first place ribbon, a first place "Best of Category" in the professional category and a trophy for "Best of Division" from the American Association of Ceramics. Contestants from throughout the Midwest entered the competition.

Ellen made the "Tiny Tim Village" for Barb Basler of the University Print Shop. It includes five characters, four buildings and five trees. Each piece has extensive hand-painted detailing, and each building is lit with little battery-powered lights.

Ellen promises to bring the village to campus one day. She and Barb have "a mutual understanding" that the village can be shared and shown in future displays and contests.

Sculpture park included in international art tour

Dr. John Payne, professor of sculpture and ceramics, will give guided tours of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park in conjunction with Chicago's International Art Expo. Dr. Payne's fellow members of the International Sculpture Center are including the Manilow Sculpture Park tour on their agenda for Sunday, May 12.

Later that day they will visit the sculpture studios of Richard Hunt, who has two pieces on display in the Manilow Sculpture Park, and the student foundry of Jerry Peart, who has a work in the park. Dr. Payne also has three sculptures included in the park collection.

GSU community invited to attend free recital

Dr. Rudolf Strukoff, professor of vocal music, invites the GSU community to the free recital of Leona Zylka, mezzo-soprano, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11. She is a graduate student at GSU. Her program will include gospel songs, a piano sonata by Mozart, ancient Sumarian verses set to music by Michael Leonard, selections from works by Aaron Copland, and pieces by Rossini and Vivaldi.

Village of Riverdale honors GSU director of OEL

The Village of Riverdale recently passed a resolution honoring Dr. Joseph Correa, director of the Office of Extended Learning in SPCE, for his time and efforts in helping the village develop a comprehensive personnel policy.

Initially, Dr. Correa agreed to help a GSU business student who was attempting a similar project on a smaller scale for the village. When it became a greater task than the student could commit to, Dr. Correa expanded and completed the project.

Retirement system announces new appointments

The State Universities Retirement System of Illinois (SURS) has announced two new appointments. James Beedie has been named associate executive director. He replaces Dennis D. Spice who became executive director. Judy A. Rathgeber has been named deputy director of participant services.

Tough choices ahead

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the largest variable now is the extension of the income tax surcharge.

"The recommended budget for the BGU is partially based on funds from the surcharge. Without the surcharge, we are no longer looking at holding steady for a year. We are looking at cutting over \$11 million from our budget."

The total operating budget for the Board of Governors Universities in fiscal year 1991 was \$218.1 million.

Veterans of Innovation

Congratulations to the following GSU employees who celebrate their anniversaries of employment in May:

- 1971 Joseph Gabrisko (PPO)
- 1972 Glen Claus (CS)
- 1973 Aida Shekib (CBPA)
- 1974 Benjamin Lowe (CE),
Brendan O'Rourke (PPO),
Michael Hassett (PPO), Neil Reidy (PPO)
- 1976 Donna Viramontes (SD)
- 1977 William Elliott (CS)
- 1979 Tom Dascenzo (SL), Barry Ryan (BO)
- 1980 Jagan Lingamneni (CBPA),
Virginia Thurston (PERS)
- 1984 Grace Lefebvre (SPCE),
Judith Lewis (CHP)
- 1985 Kim Tobeck-Sit (OCW)
- 1986 Christine Barberi (CBPA/
OEE), Ellen Kahn (PROV),
Barbara McLennan (ICC),
William VanDyke (PPO),
Lawrence Lewis (ICC),
Jeffery Gilow (ACS)

Condolences

To Donna Rutledge (ICC) on the death of her mother, Hazel Estill, April 24, in Springfield.

GSUings...

...Professor Donald Fricker (CBPA), presenting a session at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers national conference in Honolulu on the topic "The Uses of Out-Bound Voice-Mail for Student Services...Dr. Michael Stelnicki (CAS), attending the annual conference of the National Society for Performance and Instruction (NSPI) in Los Angeles in April where he presented a one-day workshop on "How Successful Instructional Designers Develop Training Materials to Change Trainee Attitudes," chaired a panel discussion on "Manual-Labor or Professional Guides: Corporate Instructional Designers' Standards in Action," presented a session on "Attitude Problems? Some Training Solutions," spoke on "Changing Trainee Attitudes" and received a 1990 NSPI Service Award for his contributions to the society throughout the last several years. Also attending the NSPI conference and receiving service awards were Dr. David Ainsworth (ICC) and Dr. Albert "Chip" Ingram (CAS)... Dean Joyce Verrett (CAS), moderating a panel on "The Job Search" at the annual fellows conference of the Illinois Consortium for Equal Opportunity Program (ICEOP) ...Mary Lou Tomaszewski (CBPA), presenting a workshop for the Executive Exchange at Olympia Fields Country Club...Christine Cochrane (SBDC), appearing on the WBBM-TV program "Newsmakers" May 12 to discuss the proposed third regional airport ...Professor Mary Bookwalter (CAS), exhibiting two other multimedia prints at the April North Shore Art League Print Show and attending the 9th Bilingual Print Symposium at Drake University...Dr. Henry Lowenstein (CBPA), being appointed to serve on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Select Committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry (CACI). and serving on the association's Aviation and Public Transportation committees.

Varnet, Abbott appointed to new positions

"I believe that with the appointments of Harvey Varnet and Glen Abbott the university will move forward with new direction," said President Goodman-Malamuth. "We call on them to use their expertise for not only the betterment of the working environment of faculty, staff and students, but also for the betterment of GSU and its partnership with the community.

"I'm anxious to work in partnership with them. I know I'll be relying on them for input and assistance in both the technological area and the area of human resources," the president added.

Dr. Varnet said this first year of his appointment will involve learning and planning. He knows he can learn from his staff, and he wants to meet with faculty to see how administrative and academic paths can work in concert.

"We don't exist for paper (reports), we exist for the students," he noted. "We need to get more information to people in a way that's convenient to them."

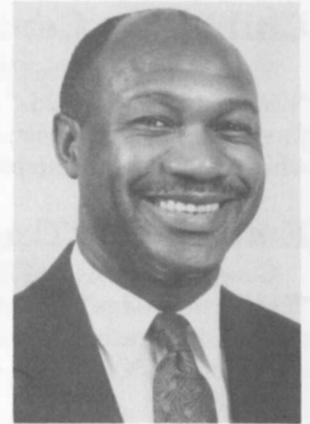
Abbott said he learned a multicultural environment "is a healthy, fruitful environment" when he attended a magnet high school in New York City. His class had 30 students of all races and various backgrounds.

Because of GSU's hiring freeze, Abbott's input on hiring will be limited for now. But he calls his job "a no-loss situation. I'll be working to bring harmony and peace among GSU staff and students through my work and by development of programs.

"We need to recognize and respond to changes to make a better environment for all of us," Abbott said. "I will build on people's strengths (to help us) better understand and appreciate (our) cultural diversity."

Dr. Varnet has been a member of the GSU staff since 1985. The native of

New Bedford, Mass., received a bachelor's degree in English from Southeastern Massachusetts University, a master's



degree in library science from Simmons College, a master's degree in instructional media from Bridgewater State College and a doctoral degree in library administration from Simmons College.

Before joining the GSU staff, Dr. Varnet was coordinator of the Sultan Qaboos University Project in Oman where he oversaw the development of the library, the Centre for Educational Technology and the computer center.

Dr. Varnet also was a Fulbright professor in educational technology at the University of Calabar in Nigeria and was a consultant for the development of the university's audiovisual center.

Abbott came to GSU a year ago as an admissions counselor/coordinator of minority recruitment activities. His appointment as assistant to the president/affirmative action officer is filling the vacant position at the direction of the Board of Governors Universities. It previously was held by Janice Schultz.

A native of the Bronx in New York City, Abbott earned a bachelor's degree in math and a master's degree in teaching from State University of New York-Binghamton. Abbott has worked as a math teacher, as assistant director of admissions at State University of New York-Binghamton and for IBM Corporation's North Central Marketing Division.

Published

Professor Maria A. Connolly of the Division of Nursing, an article titled "Communicating with Ventilator Dependent Patients" in the professional journal *Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing*, March/April 1991.

Persistence pays off for asst. director of ASR

How does a GSU secretary move up to the position of assistant director of the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment?

By being intelligent, personable, organized and a team player like **Dora Hubbard**.

In 1972, Dora left St. Louis to return to her home town of Chicago Heights. After graduating from Southern Illinois University, Dora was a Spanish teacher, but teaching wasn't a career she wanted to pursue. GSU offered her a secretarial/switchboard relief position.

"We were in the warehouse then," she says, "and my desk was right next to the switchboard, so I took on that work, too."

She moved from that front desk to the position of secretary to **Dr. Al Sherman**, dean of the College of Cultural Studies (now the College of Arts and Sciences).

When the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program was organized, **Dr. Betty Stanley**, the program's first director, hired Dora as the first admissions and recruitment officer.

Through that program, Dora met **Jack Porsche**, a Board of Governors B.A. student who was the affirmative action officer with the Illinois Department of Corrections. He encouraged Dora to move into an administrative job.

"He kept nudging me on. I kept saying I had no experience, but he persisted. So I went and applied for a job at the Joliet Correctional Center," she says.

Dora didn't get the job, but a short time later she accepted a position with the Department of Corrections school system. In 1975, she left GSU to become the first female teacher in the system. She taught basic algebra and elementary English to inmates at the Joliet prison.

"I have lots of stories from that time," Dora says. "I spent about a year there, and I wouldn't trade the experience for

the world."

But when she got a notice in 1976 that GSU would be testing for an Admissions and Recruitment Officer III position, Dora sat and passed for the exam, and was hired to work in the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment. She worked primarily with foreign students.

In 1983, **Cathy Taylor** accepted the position of assistant to the president/affirmative action officer, leaving the ASR assistant director's job open. At first Dora hesitated about applying for the position, believing she didn't meet all the qualifications, but it was an opportunity she couldn't pass up. She got the job.

Dora says she's continually meeting new challenges in her work. Besides her management of admissions functions in the office, she has been on a three-member team to establish an on-line transfer credit system for GSU.

The system helps counselors determine if a transfer student meets the 60-credit-hour requirement by reporting a student's credits from each institution attended, the grade point average, a cumulative grade point average and lower- or upper-division hours.

For nearly three years, Dora worked on the system's design with **Andy Anderson**, data processing analyst in ASR, former employee **Alis Ellis** and representatives of the Cooperative Computer Center based in Elmhurst.

"I'm very proud of this homegrown system," Dora says in describing the computer system they designed, tested, corrected and implemented.

"We had to deal directly with the techies (technical advisors) to tell them what it was we wanted and get them to understand how it would be used," she says, but she stressed it's operable because of teamwork. "That was the suc-



cess of the project."

The system was designed for use by not only GSU, but also Chicago State and Northeastern Illinois universities. Thus far, GSU is the only one of the three to be using the on-line admissions program.

Her next project, working with **Andy Anderson** and **Dick Pride**, director of ASR, is the implementation of an on-line admissions computer program.

"For me, the challenging part is developing these on-line systems. I'm enjoying it, and I'm learning a lot," she explains.

Dora is a GSU alumna. She earned a master's degree in comparative socio-cultural processes during her first years at GSU. In her spare time, the Park Forest resident has been an instructor at Joliet Junior College.

Consultant hired to coordinate phones

Vince Donahue Jr. has been hired as a consultant by GSU to coordinate the new phone system installation and changeover procedures.

He has been working on campus the past several weeks, familiarizing himself with the GSU campus and operations.

Donahue said crews from Fujitsu Business Communications Systems are expected to begin the phone cable installation work in early June.

The phones will be on display, he added, before they are installed at each work station or staff member's desk. The phones will have different features, depending on the staff member's needs. Each staff member also will be given training on phone operations before the switch to the new system in late August



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Lawrence appointed acting dean of SPCE

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ately referred to as "Kiddie Lit."

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Dr. Jerry Juska, professor of marketing in the College of Business and Public Administration, has resigned.

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Several Civil Service staff members have left GSU. **Ann Travis** from the Registrar's Office retired, and **Eleanor Kane**, who had served in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business and Public Administration, resigned.

Consultant hired

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or early September.

Donahue has been involved in the telecommunications industry for more than a decade. As a communications systems specialist for the state's Central Management Systems, he dealt with the 5,000 phone extensions at the State of Illinois Building in Chicago.

He also was a senior voice telecommunications analyst for Waste Management Inc., a consultant for a national management consulting firm and a project manager/sales engineer for Allcom Inc.

The Lansing resident has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in accounting/psychology from DePaul University.

Early childhood classes will begin this summer

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"We expect that this program will grow rapidly. Many schools have developed early childhood programs for children because of the positive impact on children's learning," Dr. Zalewski said. "We in the college see a direct connection between early childhood experiences and success in schooling."

"The college was very pleased to receive unanimous approval for the program from the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board. It marked the culmination of a lot of hard work by faculty and staff," the dean noted.

Staff members who worked with Dr. Zalewski on this project were **Dr. David Blood**, acting chairperson of the Division of Education, **Dr. Heather**

Harder, professor of education who helped coordinate the project, and **Professor Robert Press**, professor of education who supervises the student-teacher program.

Undergraduates enrolled in the bachelor of arts degree in elementary education program will be eligible for Illinois state certification in early childhood.

Graduate students who have a bachelor's degree in elementary education may complete the early childhood concentration separately or as part of a master of arts degree in education. Graduate students who do not now have certification to teach at the elementary level can complete the graduate program by taking prerequisites.

Congratulations

To **Joanne Fields**, University Library technical assistant, on her marriage April 20 to **Ronald Martin**.

Staff Directory Changes

Please change **Peggy Woodard's** extension to 2142 and remove **Ann Travis' name** from your directory.

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