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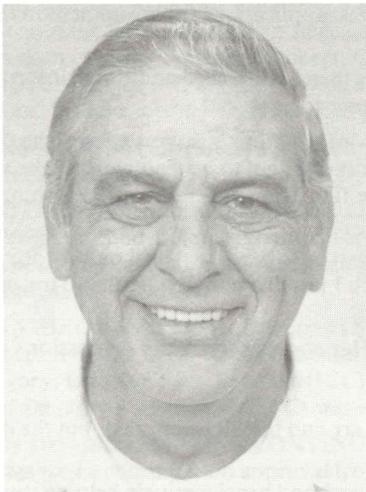
ALUMNI AWARDS SUPPORT FACULTY DEVELOPMENT... Faculty Development Alumni Awards for 1987-88 totaling \$19,000 were recently given to twenty-two GSU faculty members.

Funds are made available as a result of the annual spring alumni Phonathon and allow faculty to attend professional conferences, complete research and buy equipment necessary to enhance classroom learning. In addition, remaining funds were used to purchase several portable computers for faculty use. Information on their availability will be provided soon.

This year's recipients are **Dr. Joseph Addison (CAS), Dr. Carolyn Conrad (CHP), Dr. Karen D'Arcy (CAS), Ms. Louise Diodato (UL), Dr. George Garrett (CE), Dr. Bethe Hagens (CAS), Dr. Reino Hakala (CAS), Dr. Deborah Holdstein (CAS), Dr. Barbara Jenkins (CE), Dr. Mary Eleise Jones (CHP), Dr. Young Kim (CAS), Dr. Phyllis M. Klingensmith (CAS), Drs. Judith and Michael Lewis (CHP/CE), Dr. William Prince McLemore (CE), Dr. Paul O'Brien (CBPA), Mr. Robert Press (CE), Dr. Hugh Rank (CAS), Dr. Vinicio Reyes (CE), Dr. Winfried K. Rudloff (CAS), Dr. Ali Setork (CAS), Dr. Donna Diemro (CAS), and Dr. Buford Wilson (CE).**

The 1988 Alumni Phonathon is scheduled for Monday through Friday evenings, March 7 to March 25. Faculty, staff and alumni will soon receive a request from **Ginni Burghardt**, director of alumni relations, for volunteers to staff the phones during the three-week period. This year, according to Burghardt, the Phonathon goal is \$60,000 earmarked for faculty development, scholarships, and the University Library. "This goal can only be reached with your help," she says. "As always, it will be a fun evening starting with dinner provided by the Alumni Association and a brief training period. Bring a friend and join the fun."

TONY HELPS SPRUCE UP GSU...The best wishes **Tony Ziccardi (PPO)** has extended to others are being returned to him as January's Employee of the Month.



Tony Ziccardi

Ziccardi jokes about being identified by his white uniform. As GSU's painter, he is the only tradesman in a white uniform. Others say he should be recognized for more than that.

"Just look at your surroundings, and Tony is the one responsible for making your office area brighter. There isn't a place in the university that hasn't been touched by Tony," **Ila Kline (PPO)** told the nominating panel. "Thanks to Tony's efforts, the university provides a well maintained environment which greatly influences behavior, and is a strong and positive contribution to the educational process."

In fact, Tony's brush or roller has probably colored your walls more than once. When he started at GSU in 1979, Tony became part of the remodeling crew that organized GSU into offices and classrooms as the "open" concept changed. He remembers spray-painting ceilings and rolling paint onto drywall.

Tony's been in the business long enough—thirty-plus years—to know all the tricks of the trade. Most have saved him time and effort, especially today when he's asked to paint furnished classrooms. "Those are the times when you have about a foot and a half of space to move in," he said.

The work is made easier, though, by improvements in the business.

"When I first started, we used oil-based paint and brushes and if you stopped, it left lap marks. Now we use rollers, sprayers and latex paints that make the job easier."

One of the more tedious jobs Tony did was the stripping and refinishing of the wood railings along the staircases last year. The project started in February and went into the summer. "There had to be nine miles of railing there," he laughs. "And I had to use quick-drying stain so the students wouldn't have it on their hands."

Tony says he likes his job. The smells of paint and varnish don't bother him because he works with them so often.

After work hours, though, painting is just another household task. "I know what painting is. It's a chore, and if I can make the job easier for anybody, I will. I give advice freely, and I can help save time and money," he said.

Tony and his wife, **Dolores**, live in Chicago Heights. They have two daughters, a son and five grandsons.

VETERANS OF INNOVATION FOR FEBRUARY... Congratulations to the following employees who celebrated their anniversaries this month: 1970—**Leona Erickson (UL)**. 1971—**Lowell Culver (CBPA)**. 1972—**Kenneth Wieg (CE)**. 1973—**Elisabeth Glascoff (UL)**. 1975—**Marlene Anderson (BO)**. 1977—**Mohammed Kishta (CAS)**, **Michael Knabjian (PPO)**. 1978—**Sue Sturmon (BO)**, **Virginia Bixby (OCW)**. 1979—**Joyce Newman (SPCE)**. 1981—**Randall Waselewski (BO)**. 1982—**Shannon Arends (UL)**, **Christy Crosman (BO)**, **Beverly Kyser (SPCE)**.

CONDOLENCES...To **Barbara Basler (BO/UPS)** whose aunt, Louise Bonas, died Jan. 23... And to **Colette McHale (BO)** whose father, LeRoy D. Stevens, passed away on Jan. 16.

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TWO SHARE TOP HONOR...The dedication, service and talents of **Beatrice Grant** of the Admissions Office and **Monica Johnson** of Academic Computing Services resulted in a tie vote for Employee of the Year 1987.



Monica Johnson and Bea Grant share award.

Bea was the employee of the month in March and Monica in September. While others at GSU recognize Bea for her special talents, one nomination in particular points to her concern for her job and the students.

"Mrs. Grant was very helpful when I arrived at the Registrar's Office to pick up a copy of my transcript. Mrs. Travis was at a Christmas party, and no one knew exactly where my transcript was," recalls **Herbert C. Favors**, an economic development representative for the city of Chicago. "Mrs. Grant took it upon herself to locate Mrs. Travis by phone to find my transcript. Mrs. Grant's effort to assist me was exceptional because I came from Chicago. I appreciated her sensitivity and understanding of my situation. I commend her efforts because she located by transcript," he told the selection committee.

"Bea Grant is the epitome of quiet authority and competence—the apotheosis of the good civil servant at GSU," wrote **Dick Pride**, director of admissions and student recruitment. "As our chief processor for admission, she takes the initiative and is always willing, without hesitation and often without asking, to do whatever it takes to get the job done."

Others who nominated Bea commend her for her calm nature in times of crisis, her dependability and her pleasant personality.

Beatrice's job isn't for everyone. It can be hectic and burdensome, but as the student applications processor, she enjoys taking students through the initial steps to become students at GSU. She'll process as many as 800 applications for enrollment in the fall term—the peak of her workload.

"First, I review the application to make certain all the information requested is there. If we need additional information or records, I send that note out. If not, applicants get a letter saying their application is being processed," she said.

From there, the application goes to the Registrar's Office where the student's information is put on microfiche. If there is a question about a transfer student's records, the file then goes to the credentials analyst. "It really does get to be teamwork," she said. "And often, although I may never see the applicants, I feel like I know them because I've handled the file. The application process should take two to three weeks if everything's in order, but there are always those that take longer."

The University Park resident is proud of the fact that her job here at the university is her first—and only—job. "I came in as a trainee back when we were in the warehouses. All that was asked for was typing skills which I had from high school. All my other training has been on the job."

A fifteen-year employee, Bea said she was "very surprised" by the award. Her co-workers in the Admissions and Registrar's Offices have helped her celebrate the honor at a local restaurant.

Ask most people what WordStar, Lotus 1-2-3, dBase II Plus, and Appleworks are and they'll be puzzled, but the directions become clear when **Monica Johnson (A&P)** lends her expertise.

Monica's nomination letters all commend her for her time, her efforts, her patience and her sincerity in helping students, faculty and staff work through their computer nightmares.

"Monica's always available to help trouble-shoot computer problems as well as being one of the best teachers I've come across. She has written numerous invaluable training aids for computer software packages that the staff uses so that we all become proficient in using the necessary packages," **Susan Bell** in the University Library told the nominating committee.

"Monica has the positive attitude employees need to get the job done right," wrote **Charles Barnett** of SAS. "Most people do enough to get by, but Monica does the extra bit. She is extremely helpful to the departments she supports and is always looking for ways to cut costs to make ACS and the departments with computer services run smoother and more cost effectively."

The surprising thing to most people is that Monica is primarily self-taught in her field. She started learning computers when she was with State Farm Insurance. "It was one of those deals where I was interested, so I got the computer training to train others," she recalls.

Today her job at Governors State includes not only choosing and ordering software for the microcomputers and keeping an inventory of that software, but also being responsible for training faculty, staff and administrators on how to use the software.

She's set up computer systems throughout the university, and has been designing the training sessions to get employees ready to use the equipment. "Too many people—at first—have a fear of the computer. Once I can get them past that, they become involved."

Several professors have called on Monica to help them integrate computers into their classrooms. **Dr. Sheldon Mendelson (CBPA)**, for example, wanted to teach his students Lotus for accounting because Lotus allows the user to design his own forms and procedures, as well as do calculations. Monica became the teacher giving Mendelson lessons and being an on-site instructor for several of his classes.

A resident of Park Forest, Monica has taken advantage of the tuition waiver her and earned her bachelor's degree. She's now working on a master's degree in instructional and training technology.

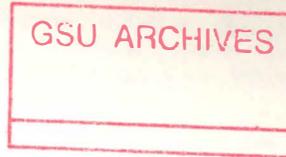
Monica admits to being just as surprised by this 1987 honor as she was when she was named the September Employee of the Month.

"I'm the one who usually makes the banners announcing the winner, but I never thought it would be me. It's a great surprise and a very nice one."

STAFF DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS... Rosemary Krol (UL) is now head of the Circulation/Media Dept., and Barbara Conant (UL) is head of the Education and Materials Center Library.

Change the following University Library extensions:

Barbara Conant, Ext. 2329
Rosemary Krol, Ext. 2325
Mari Ellen Leverage, Ext. 2236
Nick Battaglia, Ext. 2333
Margaret Gessner, Ext. 2327



There is a notation in the Staff Directory under **Mari Ellen Leverage's** name that states she is only in the office after 4 p.m. This is no longer true.

CONGRATULATION TO... Linda Smith (UL) and her husband, Joe, on the birth of their son, Chad Jarrett, on Jan. 31. Chad weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21 inches long.

GSU COLLOQUIA CONTINUES... "Why Schools Continue to Fail," a program presented by **Dr. William Rogge** (CE), is scheduled for Feb. 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Bring your lunch, and a beverage will be provided. Admission is free for the GSU Colloquia series. Mark your calendar for the March program which will feature **Dr. Art Bourgeois** (CAS) speaking on African art.

CAFETERIA MENU

Week of Feb. 15—MONDAY-Chicken noodle soup w/1 pkg crackers; Chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Roast beef aujus; Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, garlic toast; Seasoned peas and carrots; Whipped potatoes. TUESDAY-Split pea soup w/1 pkg crackers; Chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Chuck wagon steak w/brown gravy; Oriental chop suey over rice, roll and butter; Corn O'Brien; Whipped potatoes. WEDNESDAY-Garden vegetable soup w/1 pkg crackers; Chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Liver and onions; Five fried wing dings w/fries and cole slaw; Seasoned spinach; Whipped potatoes. THURSDAY-Beef barley soup w/1 pkg crackers; Chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Potted luncheon steak jardiniere; Italian sausage, tomato sauce, peppers on French bread; Seasoned cut broccoli; Whipped potatoes. FRIDAY-Manhattan clam chowder w/1 pkg crackers; Chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Fried perch w/fries and cole slaw; Baked macaroni and cheese; Vegetable dejour. Cafeteria hours are—Mondays through Thursdays, Breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Lunch and Dinner from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fridays, open 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

GSUings... **Dr. Dominic Candeloro** (OCW) being elected president of the Italian Cultural Center of Stone Park, Ill. for a one-year term...Also being elected president of the Italian Historical Society of Staten Island, N.Y.

167 OUTSTANDING MINORITY SCHOLARS SELECTED... GSU will have 167 outstanding minority students named to the Academic All-American Collegiate Scholar Program. Students were selected for maintaining 3.3 grade point averages or better on a 4.0 scale. The students will be recruited for various scholarships available to outstanding minorities. The top students were selected by their colleges and are both graduate and undergraduate students.

GSU WINS FIRST PLACE IN VIDEO FESTIVAL... Governors State won a first place award in the International Television Association's annual video festival for its production on the latest trends in health care. The video placed first from among 38 entries in the corporate, educational and industrial video category. Director **Tony Labriola** (ICC) was singled out to receive the award. **Dr. James Massey** (CHP) was the content expert for the project, and **Dr. David Ainsworth** (ICC) was the instructional developer.

DIV. OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS WINS CONTINUATION APPROVAL... The Division of Communication Disorders in the College of Health Professions has won a continuation approval from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to sponsor continuing education classes.

These classes, including programs in sign language, language disorders, voice disorders, and stuttering, are geared toward practicing professionals. Credit is given for classes, workshops and conferences sponsored by the division, and persons attending can earn credit toward an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Award for Continuing Education. This status has been awarded by the association through Dec. 2, 1990.