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Happenings at GSU

- 7/18 Workshop: "Alcoholism and Black Americans," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. F1107.
- 7/20 Sculpture Park Tour, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Rain Location Engbretson Hall.
- 7/24 Workshop: "Building Healthy StepFamilies," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., F1107.
- 7/25 Workshop: "Contemporary Chicago Writers," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., E1601.
- 7/28 Workshop: "Kids at Risk: Intervention," 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E1702. Also on July 29.

Piucci recognized by AAUA for innovation in administration

Dr. Virginio L. Piucci, vice president of administration and planning at Governors State University, has been selected the national winner of the American Association of University Administrators 1992 Tosney Award.

The annual award is given to a college or university administrator whose innovation in administration is considered outstanding. Dr. Piucci was the unanimous choice of the selection committee whose criteria included problem solving abilities, leadership in an institutional setting and professional participation at the local, state and national levels.

A staff member since 1971, Dr. Piucci's current responsibilities include forecasting and long-range planning, maintenance and supervision of GSU facilities, and serving as vice president in charge of the business, personnel,

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Scholarship winner sets lofty goals

Sharon Evans says she always wanted a college degree, but didn't give education her full attention because she was raising a family.

Now, however, things have changed for the mother of four who is the winner of the spring/summer trimester Civil Service Scholarship. The scholarship is given each trimester to an employee or dependent who is enrolled and in good standing in a college or university degree program.

Evans, a secretary in the GSU Admissions Office, will complete her 60 credit-hours at Prairie State College in August and has set some lofty goals for herself.

She will enroll in the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts degree program in the fall and "when my education is completed, my career goals are to open a home-based day care center for abused children, and to provide guidance and support for young adults and teen-aged mothers," she said.

Evans has gotten a first-hand look at the problems of the young through her volunteer work the past four years as a Sunday school teacher at Outreach Church of God in Christ. She also helps cook meals in Harvey for the needy and homeless. In addition, she served on the GSU Child Care

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Sharon Evans, recipient of the Civil Service Scholarship is completing a bachelor's degree.

Faculty members win tenure for excellence in classroom

Faculty members Dr. Diane Kjos, Dr. Jagdish Dave, Dr. Jon Carlson, Dr. David Blood, and Dr. Ronald Small, all of the College of Education, and Professor Elizabeth Hansen-Shaw of the University Library were awarded tenure in May.

Tenure is based on the professor's teaching, student evaluations, service to the university and/or community, education and research.

Dr. Kjos, professor of psychology and counseling, joined the GSU staff in 1983 as an outreach counselor in GSU's Student Affairs and Services office. She also

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SBDC expanding services to aid in financing

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Governors State University is expanding its services to help current businesses meet their financial needs for expansion.

SBDC has been helping entrepreneurs bring their business ideas to fruition with special training seminars and the development of loan packages that enable them to get financing to start or expand their businesses.

Now the site at Governors State University also will house the South Towns Business Growth Corporation, a Small Business Administration (SBA) certified development company that helps businesses get financial approval through the SBA 504 program.

William J. Gordon, former loan officer and president of Heritage Glenwood Bank, will be serving as a liaison/counselor for both SBDC and SBA loan packages. Gordon will be counseling business developers seeking SBOC help or current business operators needing SBA loans, as well as preparing loan packages and pro forma statements.

SBA funding may be provided to businesses for real estate, construction, renovation/leasehold improvements, machinery or equipment, or related costs, such as legal and architectural fees.

The South Towns Business Growth Corporation will be serving businesses

between 119th Street on the north, the Kankakee County line on the south, the Indiana State line on the east and Ill. 45 or Ill. 43 on the west.

"We are delighted to have Bill Gordon join our staff," said Chris Cochrane, director of the Small Business Development Center at GSU. "He brings expertise that is invaluable, and he is someone that I know business representatives will enjoy working with."

"The move of the South Towns Growth Development Corporation to GSU is also a plus for us," she added, "in that we can now serve not only prospective businesses but current, active businesses in the greater south suburban region."

GSUings...

...Professor Jane Andringa (CE), presenting at the 1992 Conference of the Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities at Rosary College, River Forest, on the topic "Collaborative Teaming"...Dr. Mary Geis (CHP), being elected to her first term as vice chairperson of the Advisory Council, South Suburban Area Agency on Aging...Dr. Marsha Katz of the College of Business and Public Administration, presenting her paper titled "Managerial Liability for Health and

Safety: Is It a Crime? A Review of Court Cases" at the April 24 Midwest Academy of Management Annual Meeting and having the paper published in the proceedings...Dr. David Burgest (CHP), speaking at a March presentation on "Cultural Exploration" at Thornton Township High School in an honors social science class...Dr. Jon Carlson (CE), presenting a paper on "Family/Work Conflicts and Marital Satisfaction in the Executive Marriage" at the 145th annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association on May 4 in Washington, D.C....Dr. June Patton (CAS), serving as featured speaker at a symposium held May 3 at the University of Chicago, the theme of the symposium being "A Celebration of Excellence: African-American Women at the University of Chicago in the First Fifty Years" ...Dr. Harriet Gross (CAS), speaking on "The State of Feminism Today" at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Park Forest in April...Dr. Efraim Gil (CBPA), being chosen as village planner by the trustees of Monee in April and serving as planning consultant to Kankakee and Kankakee County.

GSU practicum students at rehabilitation center eligible for \$2,000 stipend

The Rehabilitation Achievement Center (RAC) of Hazel Crest has established an award program for students in the communications disorders program.

The center will recognize outstanding students for their work as practicum students at RAC by providing \$2,000 stipends, according to Dr. John Lowe III, Division of Communications Disorders chairperson.

RAC provides services to adults and children who have sustained neurological impairments. Governors State speech-hearing-language pathology students who are accepted for RAC practica work at least three days per week for most of the 15-week trimester.

Paula Williams of Chicago was the first cash award recipient. She received a \$2,000 stipend. Williams had been working as a speech therapy assistant for the Chicago Public Schools before returning to GSU full time.

Richard Green, program director of RAC, said he first learned of GSU students' abilities after hiring a GSU graduate and agreeing to supervise GSU students during their practica.

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Five gain faculty tenure

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was a part-time professor and administered a 1985 grant from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for assessment services for the unemployed and underemployed.

Dr. Kjos became a full-time professor in September 1988. She helped establish a career counselors' lab for student counselors and has led numerous workshops on working and employment trends. Her papers on careers, employment trends and computer software for counselors have been widely published.

Dr. Dave, a professor of psychology and counseling, joined the GSU staff in 1979. The native of India has taught all facets of eastern and western psychology, motivational theories and other human relation disciplines.

The professor has been involved in various community projects, including working with inner-city students, initiated and developed interdisciplinary and intercultural experiential seminars, and was a co-trainer and leader in human relations labs for college students.

Dr. Carlson, a professor of psychology and counseling, joined the GSU staff in 1989. Besides his teaching, Dr. Carlson is responsible for reorganizing the student counselors' training labs and has given numerous workshops at the university, including a national videoconference on marital relationships. He is the author of 15 books, including "Taking Time for Love: How to Stay Happily Married." He has published numerous articles and is widely quoted in national publications. The professor received a GSU Faculty Excellence Award in 1991.

Dr. Blood, chairperson of the Division of Education, has been a GSU staff member since 1986 when he joined the staff as a professor of education and coordinator of computer education.

Besides his teaching at GSU, Dr. Blood conducted research on student/teacher relationships with Minooka Schools. The project won the 1990

Rural and Small Schools Consortium Exemplary Program Award. Dr. Blood also was one of 40 American teachers and administrators selected to participate in a 1990 tour of Russia hosted by the United States Comparative Studies Association.

Dr. Small, a professor of educational administration, joined the GSU staff in 1986 after retiring as superintendent of Calumet City School District 155 where he had been a staff member since 1968.

As the educational administration program has grown at GSU, Dr. Small has taken on greater responsibilities within the program. His work won him a 1991 nomination for a Faculty Excellence Award.

Professor Hansen-Shaw, chairperson of information services, is responsible for reference and circulation services and the education library in the University Library. She joined the GSU staff in 1986.

A major undertaking on her part was indexing and compiling the "Sourcebook of Library Technology," a reference book for library systems newsletters that keeps librarians current on new technology uses.

Media Coups

• **Dr. Larry Levinson**, professor of political science, was the guest on the WVON Radio program "Africa, the Mother Continent" April 4. Topics of discussion were sanctions against Libya and South Africa.

• **Chris Cochran**, director of the Small Business Development Center, a member of the Third Airport Alliance and the supervisor of Monee Township, appeared as a guest on "Eye Witness Forum" on ABC-TV Sunday, July 5. Host was **Andy Shaw**, and the topic of discussion was the third airport.

Piucci unanimous choice for award by selection committee

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physical plant operations and public safety offices, and the academic and non-academic computer centers.

Among Dr. Piucci's major accomplishments at GSU, nominees cited his heading a curriculum realignment project that involved staff, students and faculty in a one-year re-examination of all course offerings; his designing the university's buildings to serve students and faculty better; his creative financing that allowed GSU to build a new facility for the state-operated Educational Computing Network on campus; his continued work for the development of student housing on campus; and his use of financial, legal and political innovations that have led to a public-private partnership development of a research park on the GSU campus.

Dr. Piucci also received a \$750,000 federal grant to develop a University Strategic Planning Process that the Illinois Board of Higher Education referred to as a "model for all Illinois universities." His insights in planning have been recognized internationally. Dr. Piucci has served as a consultant to educational systems in Jordan and England, and been called upon by universities throughout the United States.

Dr. Lawrence Freeman, associate vice president for academic affairs at GSU, told the nominating committee, Dr. Piucci's "approach to problem solving is not simply to get rid of a problem; rather he almost always approaches problem solving with a strong commitment to a set of values and concern about how the solution will affect the future of the institution."

Dr. Piucci also was recognized for his work with the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA). He is directing an international AAUA conference in Austria in September, and has been involved in the planning of meetings in Rome and England.

Professor initiates GSU/city program

Governors State University students are being offered the chance to work for the city through internships being organized by the Chicago City Council and The Institute for Public Policy and Administration at GSU.

Dr. Paul Green, director of The Institute, said this unique opportunity offers GSU undergraduate and graduate students the chance to work for Chicago aldermen 15 hours per week for academic credit during one 15-week GSU trimester. The project begins with the fall trimester.

Students may indicate a special interest in criminal justice, health care, education, urban studies, seniors' rights, ethics, economic development, disabled rights, environment, community or minority rights.

Scholarship winner sets ambitious goals

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Center Advisory Board, and as secretary for the Intersarsity Christian Club.

Classes at Prairie State are of special interest to her. She is learning the psychological and behavioral development of children, which she says is very satisfying. "The developmental steps from infancy to toddler are especially important for children," Evans said, "and these courses are giving me a basis of understanding."

Thompson relief joins distinguished company



Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II (left), president of Governors State University, joined former Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson at dedication ceremonies of a Thompson relief. The walls of the Hall of Governors at the university are lined with reliefs of past governors. The university was named in honor of Illinois' governors.

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Grapevine

Green top fundraiser for GSU Alumni Phonathon

Dr. Paul Green (IPPA/CBPA) gets the GSU Alumni Association's top fundraiser honors with \$901 received in solicited pledges from the 1992 GSU Alumni Association Phonathon. Coming in second was Mel Muchnik (PO) with \$775 in pledges. Tony Labriola (CELCS) was fourth with \$460, and Dr. Jeff Kaiser (CE) raised \$420.

Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations, said totals are as of May 31. Alumni association board members and supporters rounded out the "Top 10" list.

Civil Service Senate elects officers for 1992-93 year

The GSU Civil Service Senate has elected Bural Wilkerson (FA) its president for the 1992-93 year. Serving with him will be Vice President Susan Inman (CAS), Treasurer Brenda Chapman (CAS) and board members Diane Cole Flowers (REG) and Deborah Conway (SL).

CELCS shares information with English university

The Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services (CELCS) last month hosted two representatives of Sheffield University Television in England. John Webster, director of audio-visual and television services, and Gil Cowie, chief engineer of audio-visual and television services, were on campus to learn how GSU designs, produces and distributes teleclasses, satellite events and videoconferences.

The pair met with Ralph Kruse, director of CELCS, Dr. Mel Muchnik, special assistant to the president for new communications technologies, and CELCS staffers Dr. David Ainsworth, Gary Fisk, Ed Flowers, Tony Labriola, Larry Lewis, Sally Petrilli, Tom Sauch, Bob White and former staff member Barbara McLennan.

Office of Student Life has discount movie tickets

When you make plans to see "Batman 2," "Far and Away" or any of the other summer movies, remember that discount movie tickets are available through the Office of Student Life. General Cinema tickets are \$4 and Cineplex Odeon tickets are \$4.25. Some restrictions apply on when the tickets can be used.

Kasik appointed to represent higher ed in Illinois

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has appointed Dr. Maribeth Kasik to represent higher education in Illinois at The Comprehensive System of Personnel Development Collaboration in Auburn, Ala., Aug. 16 through 19. She will be one of six persons representing Illinois. Dr. Kasik was nominated for an appointment because she is the newly elected chairperson of the Higher Education Advisory Council and has been an active participant in the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children.

Dr. Kasik and the others will be sharing their insights on inservice training for teachers, administrators and parents, and learn from other participants in an effort to develop an Illinois strategic plan for training to be presented at a state Higher Educational Advisory Council meeting in September.

Cafeteria Menu

(Week of July 20 to July 24)

Monday - Garden vegetable soup. Oven roast chicken platter; Maxwell Street Polish sausage sandwich.

Tuesday - Chicken rice soup. Roast round of beef platter; Western ranchburger sandwich.

Wednesday - Beef noodle soup. Fresh taco salad; Turkey melt sandwich.

Thursday - Navy bean soup. Chicken chow mein over rice; B.B.Q. beef sandwich.

Friday - Potato chowder soup. Baked fillet of scrod platter; Italian style submarine sandwich.

(Week of July 27 to July 31)

Monday - Turkey barley soup. Fried chicken platter; bacon cheeseburger.

Tuesday - Chicken gumbo soup. Spaghetti w/meat sauce; hot dog.

Wednesday - Beef vegetable soup. Roast pork platter; Italian sausage.

Thursday - Minestrone soup. Baked potato/toppings; Chicken sandwich.

Friday - Cream of tomato soup. Poached fillet of pollack platter; tuna melt.

Get Well Wishes

To Ray Gayton (CS) who is recuperating from surgery. Cards can be sent to him at his home at Rt. 2, Box 237 C, Beecher, IL. 60401.

An Invitation

GSU students and staff are invited to the GSU campus farewell party for President Leo Goodman-Malamuth II on Wednesday, July 29. Convocation begins at 11 a.m.

A barbecue luncheon will be served following convocation.

Employee of the Month

Good deeds routine for education secretary

Good deeds may be part of the job for **Virginia Lenart**, but students have come to know and appreciate that special trait.

Lenart was nominated as the July "Employee of the Month" by former graduate assistant **Paul Preuss** who told the nominating committee the secretary to the Division of Education has befriended many students.



Virginia Lenart

"Because Mrs. Lenart is an expert in her field, I have witnessed numerous occasions where her knowledge was utilized to assist students and faculty with problems and concerns," Preuss said. "She would directly help the one in need or direct that individual down the correct path. Many times, due to her wisdom, Mrs. Lenart would solve the problem, alleviating precious time from being wasted."

Lenart acknowledges the compliment, saying, "I'm always trying to be the student's friend. If that meant walking them to a classroom or finding someone for them to talk with, then I would. I've always tried to make them aware that I was willing to help."

On more than one occasion, she's received thank you notes from students and been given hugs and introductions at commencement parties. "Those are the things that make you feel good inside."

After working for a temporary agency, Lenart accepted a position at Governors State. The past 15 years here "have been wonderful. The people here are just great," she said.

Her time at GSU has been spent in the College of Education, although when

she first arrived, it was the College of Human Learning and Development (HLD). She went through the reorganization and has worked for several division chairs.

The students in the Division of Education have changed with the times as well. After a slump in enrollments, Lenart believes education in general, and the role of the teacher in particular, are receiving the national attention they deserve. Today's GSU education majors are attuned to the demands placed on their vocation and its role in the country's future, she said.

Preuss also recognized Lenart for her "wonderful innate ability to foresee. She always knows when to take the initiative which keeps the harmony of the department. For example, whether it's sending a memo to avoid confusion or securing a room for a faculty member, Mrs. Lenart's foresight and initiative are always appreciated."

"I try very hard to weed out things so that the chair can take care of pressing issues," the secretary said.

Faculty members would add their own accolades because it is Lenart who works to keep all correspondence, student competency and qualifying test scores, student records and other data current not only for the division chair and faculty but also for state agencies which can be very specific in their requests.

Lenart, who loves to do needlepoint and knitting, has been an active member of the Civil Service crafts group. Her work has won the praises of many on campus and in her community. She also calls herself "an avid reader."

After regular working hours, Lenart can often be found on campus for GSU-Symphonic Band concerts to hear her husband, **Joseph**, perform. The couple, who lives near St. Anne, has three sons.

Veterans of Innovation

for July

- 1970 **Ginni Burghardt (AR)**
- 1971 **Ronald Brubaker (CAS), Andrew Petro (CBPA), Virginio Piucci (A&P)**
- 1972 **Hugh Rank (CAS)**
- 1973 **Barbara Clark (PERS)**
- 1974 **William Dodd (DPA), Richard McCreary (CAS), John Payne (CAS), Bethany Harms (BO)**
- 1976 **Thomas Stepke (BO), Josephine Wiater (UL)**
- 1978 **Douglas McNutt (FA)**
- 1979 **Evelyn Georgiadis (BO)**
- 1980 **Catherine Swatek (BO)**
- 1981 **Ellen Zalewski (BO), Maureen Bendoraitis (UL), Jean Cox (UL)**
- 1982 **David Curtis (PROV)**
- 1985 **Barbara Conant (UL), Jean Johnson (ADVIS)**
- 1986 **Stanley Hetmanski (PPO), Raymond Gayton (CS)**

Thanks

• To the GSU community for its cooperation and assistance in the GSU commencement June 6 and 7, from **Dr. Virginio Piucci**, vice president of administration and planning, and the GSU Commencement Committee.

• From **Tom Dascenzo**, director of the Office of Student Life, for the cards and get well wishes during his recent recuperation after suffering a heart attack.

Congratulations

To **Jacque Hemingway (CELCS)** on the birth of her grandson, **Gage Thomas Foley**, June 11.