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Happenings at GSU

- 1/25 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration featuring Yolanda King, 12:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 2/1 Opening ceremonies for African-American Heritage Month with Dr. Michael Brown, guest speaker, 5 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 2/3 Minneapolis Gospel Sound vocal presentation, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 2/3 "Internet" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also meeting Feb. 4, 10 and 11.
- 2/13 University closed — Lincoln's Birthday holiday.

Billboard brings GSU message to commuters

On Jan. 7, Governors State University began a billboard advertising campaign to I-57 northbound drivers.

Just north of the 147th Street exit, commuters can read "Continue What You Started" followed by the Governors State University name and a toll-free "800" number. Seated on the right side of the ad is an impression of Rodin's "The Thinker."

Constance Zonka, director of public affairs, got Patrick Media, which rents space on the billboards, to make a two-month donation to GSU.

The university did pay a \$2,000 fee to have the sign painted. Dr. William Dodd, vice president of development and public affairs, and Dr. Lee Zaborowski, dean of the Center for

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International, local discussions adding to teleclass perspective

BY MARILYN THOMAS



A GSU cameraman tapes Professor Linda Schmidt's remarks outside a German high school.

Governors State University's Communications Services crews have been traveling the United States and Europe developing the sixth Board of Governors Universities teleclass "Schools and Society."

Classroom instruction in the television studios at GSU begins this winter trimester when Dr. Linda Schmidt of Chicago State University has education majors discuss questions such as:

Is society asking schools today to be students' educator, parent and protector? Is privatization the way to revitalize American education? Why do students in European schools have better academic records than Americans?

Producer David Ainsworth, GSU coordinator of instructional development, has been working with Dr. Schmidt on the curriculum and the preparation of videotaped interviews that will help stimulate classroom discussion.

Schmidt and the television crew have spent time talking with educators, parents, students and experts on major educational issues — everything from the parents' role and the involvement of business in schools, to the benefits of field trips and after-school and support programs.

Their visits included trips to Chicago focusing on the effects of gangs in schools, to Sauk Village examining the pros and cons of school uniforms, to

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Governors State assists districts with 'Goals 2000' partnerships

Governors State University is assisting 14 elementary and high school districts in developing partnership applications for a share of "Goals 2000" funding from the U.S. Department of Education that will be dispersed later this year by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Goals 2000 is a plan to improve education by achieving eight national goals outlined originally at the Governors Conference convened by then President George Bush. The conference chairperson was then Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas. The monies being made available through the states are meant to assist schools in achieving the eight goals.

Because multi-district project proposals will be given preferential review,

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Business major named Lincoln Laureate recipient

Julie Jones, a business major at Governors State University, has been named the 1994 Lincoln Laureate Award recipient.

Jones was recognized by Gov. **Jim Edgar** at a special ceremony at the Illinois State Capitol where she received the prestigious medallion as the outstanding student from Governors State University. She was nominated for the honor by GSU President **Paula Wolff**.

The Lincoln Laureate Award, given by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, is intended to recognize, encourage and seek to further the outstanding contributions of Illinois citizens working for the betterment of humanity. One outstanding student from each of the state's public universities is presented with the award.

The mother of two young children enrolled at GSU to complete a degree after being passed over for several promotions. "Although I was working in the accounting field, I couldn't move up

without a degree," she recalls.

Jones quit her job to stay home with the children, and decided to return to college. Her initiative and abilities



GSU President Paula Wolff (left) and Gov. Jim Edgar offer their congratulations to Julie Jones (right), GSU's Lincoln Laureate recipient.

were soon recognized, and she was selected for the College of Business and Public Administration's (CBPA) Honors Program. She also was the first

recipient of the CBPA Endowed Scholarship, and received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Altrusa Club of South Suburbia, an annual award the club makes to women returning to complete their educations.

The Homewood resident has been listed in "Who's Who Among Students" and was named to the National Dean's List.

Aside from her studies, Jones has been a volunteer for a regional literacy group, and works part time for the Homewood Police Department. She continues to volunteer with the Homewood Elementary District PTA, is a classroom volunteer, a member of the CBPA Student Advisory Board and an ordained deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Homewood.

Jones says she couldn't have come this far without the support of her husband, **Gary**, a police officer with the Village of Hazel Crest, who is now enrolled at GSU. "I got him hooked," she jokes.

Filming begins on sixth BGU teleclass

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a public school in Milwaukee examining a humanitarian approach to education known as the Waldorf Philosophy, to Baltimore where a number of public schools are being managed by a private corporation, and to Hartford, Conn., where the entire school district will be managed by a private corporation.

They also did filming in Germany examining the school system, which has one of the world's highest per pupil expenditures, to gauge its benefits.

GSU goes into production with an excellent track record. Each of GSU's past teleclasses in the BGU series has been purchased for national distribution. "Schools and Society" will be available during the winter 1996 trimester, and Dr. Ainsworth expects the same positive response as the others have received.

"Education is one of the burning social issues now. Instructors and students want to know what the latest trends are in education, what works now and what some of the new experiments are," he said.

"Teleclasses are a wonderful learning option because students get the feel for the classroom discussion at their own pace, usually viewing the class on videocassette in their homes," Dr. Ainsworth noted.

Donation helps GSU present message on I-57

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Extended Learning and Communications Services, **Dr. Leon Zalewski**, dean of the College of Education, and **Ginni Burghardt**, director of alumni relations, agreed to underwrite the cost from their budgets. The design and production work was donated by Robert Wolf and Associates of Olympia Fields. **Robert Wolf** is past president of the GSU Foundation. Communications of Thornton, Ill., contributed time and costs in computer scanning and conversion of art work.

"The Image Policy Committee will be carefully analyzing this first attempt at outdoor advertising," Zonka explained. "Patrick Media's donation, equivalent to about \$14,000, is likely to prove invaluable to the university as we begin a new marketing campaign."

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Schools outline special projects for 'Goals 2000'

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College of Education Dean **Leon Zalewski** organized breakfast and afternoon meetings over a six-week period to help local school administrators discuss ideas and build coalitions for writing proposals.

"The university is not a direct beneficiary of this. All the money will be funneled to the school districts," Dr. Zalewski explained. "But we at GSU believe in assisting districts wherever possible. Helping develop links between districts and letting administrators know that we can be of assistance is one of our outreach aims."

School administrators came up with a wide range of special interest topics to be included in the three grant areas — staff development, school improvement and pre-service education for teachers. They collected data and wrote proposals to submit to ISBE.

One proposal GSU will assist districts with focuses on a collaborative university-multidistrict partnership to improve teacher education through on-site cooperative ventures. GSU will work with South Holland District 150,

Sauk Village District 168, Glenwood District 167, Midlothian District 143 and Dolton/Calumet City District 149 on interdisciplinary curricular areas.

Another is a staff development proposal focusing on authentic assessment. If the grant is approved, staff in Dolton/Riverdale District 148, Ford Heights District 169 and Evergreen Park Community District 231 will be joined by Districts 168, 150, 167 and 149 in using multicultural diversity as a foundation for increasing knowledge and utilization of learning styles and multiple intelligences.

A third proposal calls for building stronger parent ties. Staffs plan to develop parent partnerships through parent workshops and cooperative teacher and parent training to increase the academic achievement of students. Prairie Hills District 144 and Justice District 109 will be joined by Districts 150, 148, 168, 167, 143 and 149 on this project.

School districts routinely do try to offer staff new information and training in current issues in education through staff in-service workshops.

However, limited budgets and time constraints make extensive training impossible. It is hoped these grant proposals will supplement what schools now offer staff and parents.

For example, **Steve Racz**, superintendent of Glenwood District 167, said his "Goals 2000" group looked at authentic assessment, a state mandated program. "Right now, we're trying to do the things the state's asking us to do on a limited budget," he explained. If the team's idea is approved, the "Goals 2000" proposal will give districts the chance to develop a team of trainers who will then go on to train others in their districts.

King joins GSU in MLK celebration

The public is invited to hear **Yolanda King**, daughter of the late Martin Luther King Jr., lead the Jan. 25 Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration at Governors State University.

The actress and producer/director will be the featured speaker for the 12:30 p.m. program in the Sherman Music Recital Hall on campus. She will be joined on stage by members of the Thornton High School Choral, Hickory Grade School singers, the Chicago Children's Choir, and the Gavin School Steppers.

The first-born child of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, Yolanda King has participated in numerous civil and human rights demonstrations and has been a guest speaker for countless religious, educational, civic and human rights groups.

Since receiving her bachelor's degree in theatre and African-American studies from Smith College and a master's in fine arts from New York University, King explained that she has been developing her artistic talents as a means of "altering the hearts and minds of both the privileged as well as those who have been too long denied."

Five faculty begin winter sabbaticals

Five members of the GSU faculty will be on sabbatical leave during the winter trimester.

Sabbatical leave is awarded by **President Paula Wolff** to professors with at least five years of full-time service, and is granted only once every seven years. It is designed to give professors a chance to update their skills, develop new areas of expertise, or conduct research.

Dr. Arthur Bourgeois, professor of art history, will be examining critical theories on non-Western art, and he will begin work on a computer-based course, "Worlds of Art," for the Internet that will feature images using CD Rom. Dr. Bourgeois also will be lining up art scholars and historians throughout the world who will be able to lecture and join the discussion via Internet.

Dr. Deborah Holdstein, professor

of English, will be working on a new book that will use an anthology of literature for composition with cross-disciplinary exercises for student writers, and she also will write an introductory section on the writing process.

Dr. Michael Purdy, professor of communication, will use his time away from GSU to complete a book, "A Time to Listen," which he started several years ago. He also will work on articles on ethics.

Dr. Ali Setork, professor of computer science, will work at RDI Technologies in Des Plaines, an applications and database development company, learning new trends in databases.

Robert Press, professor of education, is continuing his fall trimester sabbatical researching teacher mentor programs.

Egyptian professor begins international faculty exchange

BY MARILYN THOMAS

As Governors State University begins to internationalize its curricula, **Dr. Fouad El-Saied El Meligui** of Egypt is the first foreign exchange professor to teach and work at GSU.

The accounting professor from Alexandria University has been team teaching and researching two income questions as part of a faculty exchange. He is examining United States income tax procedures for a comparative study of the American tax system and the Egyptian unified tax. That tax serves as an umbrella for Egyptian taxes on commercial and industrial profits, wages and salaries, non-commercial professions, agricultural land, and rental and other properties.

He also is doing a comparative study of charitable giving to learn how Muslims, Christians and Jews follow religious practices on alms for the needy. The "Zakat El Mall" is outlined in the Muslims' holy book, The Quran, as a sharing of wealth with those less fortunate. Dr. El Meligui is examining how Zakat is calculated on the various forms of wealth — everything from savings to livestock, how Zakat is distinguished from an income tax, and the distribution of Zakat.

While the winter temperatures have left a lasting impression on the professor who is used to a warm, arid climate, he is buoyed by the opportunities he finds.

Dr. El Meligui is delighted by the



Dr. Esthel Allen, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, welcomes Dr. Fouad El-Saied El Meligui of Alexandria University, foreign exchange professor, to GSU.

research possibilities he has through GSU. The library's facilities, as well as access to documents at other universities through inter-library loan, is something new to him. And the immediacy of obtaining information has greatly

increased his abilities to discover the in's and out's of the American tax structure.

The professor finds teaching at GSU similar to his work in Egypt because the faculty of the Commerce Department established a new department in which all classes are taught in English. However, the American education system appears less rigid to him, and students are more apt to question a professor to probe into the topic or get a better grasp of the material, he said.

Dr. El Meligui's visit begins what Governors State University administrators hope will be a long-standing exchange of ideas and faculty. During the winter trimester, **Dr. Aida Shekib**, a GSU accounting professor, will teach in the English-speaking program at Alexandria University.

February is African-American Month

Governors State University will celebrate African-American Heritage Month with a line-up of programs throughout February.

Feb. 1 — **Dr. Michael Brown**, managing editor of *The Chicago Defender*, guest speaker for 5 p.m. opening ceremony, Hall of Governors.

Feb. 1 — Model African-American village on display, noon to 8 p.m., Hall of Governors.

Feb. 3 — Minneapolis Gospel Sound, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

Feb. 6 — "Ghosts in Our Blood" presentation by **Professor Jan Carew**,

Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, 7 p.m., Engbretson Hall.

Feb. 14 — "African-Americans and the Contract on America" presentation by **Dr. Julianne Malveaux**, 4 p.m., Engbretson Hall.

Feb. 17 — Presentation by **Clifton L. Taulbert**, author of *The Last Train North*, at 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

Feb. 21 — Music by black composers performed by the GSU-Community Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.



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Grapevine

Faculty PQP program opens with assessment

"Assessment of Student Outcomes," the first of several workshops that will help faculty fulfill their PQP contractual obligation, will be offered Jan. 26 and 27. **Eliot Elfner**, professor of management at St. Norbert's College in Wisconsin, will be the workshop leader. Materials related to his presentation are available on e-mail.

This workshop meets from 1 to 7 p.m. Jan. 26 and includes a dinner, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 27. It is presented by the Office of the Provost and the GSU Faculty Development PQP Committee. Reservations are being accepted by **Dr. Dominic Candeloro** on extension 4098.

GSU Christmas plants bring joy to area shut-ins

After we enjoyed the Christmas beauty on campus, we shared it with residents at area nursing homes. Poinsettias and Christmas mum plants were delivered by Physical Plant Operations staff to Woodside Manor in Chicago Heights, Prairie Manor in Chicago Heights, Anchorage of Beecher in Beecher, Applewood Manor in Matteson, Glenshire Nursing Home in Richton Park and Peotone-Bensenville in Peotone.

Congratulations for two new 'doctors' on GSU staff

When you see **Catherine Balthazar**, professor of communication disorders, and **Jane Andringa**, professor of special education, you can address them as "doctor." In December Balthazar successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on short-term memory in children with language disorders. She was awarded the doctoral degree from Indiana University in Bloomington. Dr. Balthazar joined the GSU staff in 1993.

Dr. Andringa successfully defended her dissertation at Loyola University of Chicago on a comparative study between GSU's telecourse and regular classroom instruction in special education. She determined no differences were evident in course knowledge and attitudes toward special education students. The doctorate is in curriculum and instruction with minors in special education and administration.

Shaw leads arboretum workshop on prairie plants

Got a question about your spring planting? **Jo Shaw**, a landscape gardener in PPO, can probably offer you valuable information. She will be teaching a workshop, "Incorporating Prairie Plants into Your Landscape," for The Morton Arboretum this spring. Shaw will offer her expertise in using prairie plants in landscape, as well as proposing solutions to common design problems in suburban yards.

Alumni Association raises nearly \$123,500 in 1994

Congratulations to the GSU Office of Alumni Relations. It closed out the 1994 fundraising year with nearly \$123,500 in hand exceeding the \$90,000 goal set by **Ginni Burghardt**, director of alumni relations, and the GSU Alumni Association board of directors. The staff is gearing up for the 1995 fundraiser. The phonathon will be March 5 through 27.

Cafeteria menu

(Week of Jan. 23-27)

DAILY—Pizza; potato bar.

Monday—Ham, cheese on croissant, hash browns. Vegetable soup, chili; Philly cheese steak; roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable; fresh pasta and sauces.

Tuesday—Eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast. Chicken confetti soup, chili; Italian submarine; open face hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, vegetable; the wokery.

Wednesday—Eggs, pancakes, bacon or sausage. Minestrone soup, chili; cold turkey on French roll; baked mostaccoli, vegetable; grilled chicken Caesar salad.

Thursday—Pancakes with bacon or sausage. Cream of mushroom soup, chili; BLT club sandwich, beef stew over biscuits; taco salad.

Friday—Ham and cheese omelet, toast, hash browns. Crabby Swiss soup, chili; French dip sandwich; fish dinner, macaroni and cheese with vegetable.

(Week of Jan. 30-Feb. 3)

DAILY—Pizza; baked potato bar.

Monday—Sausage and egg biscuit. Chicken vegetable soup, chili; tuna melt; beef Stroganoff over noodles, vegetable, roll; fresh pasta.

Tuesday—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Tortellini soup, chili; Italian beef sandwich; BBQ chicken, potato, vegetable; the wokery.

Wednesday—Egg, ham and cheese on English muffin. Cream of vegetable soup, chili; chili dog, fries; roast pork, potatoes, vegetable, roll; tuna casserole, roll.

Thursday—Egg, bacon and cheese on croissant. Potato and leek soup, chili; Johnny Rib BBQ, fries; taco salad bar; chicken Caesar salad.

Friday—Ham, egg and cheese on croissant. Tomato rice soup, chili; grilled cheese sandwich; fish dinner, au gratin potatoes, vegetable.

Employee of the Month

Judy Reitsma helps make first impressions for GSU

BY MARILYN THOMAS

The first person one meets in the administrative wing on the third floor is **Judy Reitsma**, secretary for the Office of Administration and Planning. And all with whom she works agree that Judy makes a wonderful first impression.

When the wall at the entrance was knocked down in summer 1994, Reitsma found herself turned around to face the public, but the additional responsibility as "GSU greeter" isn't something that bothers her. She believes a person meeting another person is a nice introduction to the university.

And Reitsma can tell you about quite a few — from the Federal Express delivery man to the honored doctorates at commencement.

A host of administrators have rotated through the area during her 14 years here. Reitsma can go through the litany — **Dr. Virginio Piucci, Dr. Jay Kahn, the late Dr. Jerry Baysore, Allen Bennett, Jennifer Mulden, Peter Ewell, Dr. Susan Morriss**. But during all those changes, reorganizations and shuffling of offices, the January "Employee of the Month" has been situated at the same location for the past 13 years at Governors State.

The secretary has taken care of everything from ordering flowers for commencement ceremonies to assisting with the paperwork for curriculum realignment and budgets. The tasks are many, and varied, which keeps Reitsma busy throughout the day.

"During the downsizing of the support staff at the university, Judy's position has expanded significantly," **Frieda Vazales**, administrative

assistant to the vice president of administration and planning, said in her nomination. "Judy has assumed



Judy Reitsma

new duties with a very positive attitude, never complaining but just trying to help make things run smoothly and get the job accomplished in the best possible way.

"She has become someone

that many people depend on because of her excellent ability and knowledge about GSU and how things work," **Vazales** continued. "Judy does not like to 'not be busy.' Although that is seldom the case, when she has a few minutes to spare she is looking for some way to be of assistance to anyone who might need help."

Now Reitsma is working not only for the Office of Administration and Planning but also handling budgets, requisitions, Central Stores orders, travel arrangements and other miscellaneous paperwork for Institutional Research, Public Affairs, the President's Office, the staffword processors, the GSU auditor, and others who need her assistance.

Her responsibilities will be lightened somewhat this year because commencement will now be handled by the office of the dean of Student Affairs and Services. "I will miss it because the climax of all the work is seeing the joy in the graduates' faces," she said. "Few

realize the amount of time that takes. We would start in January and continue right through commencement day. You have to think of everything from having an ambulance on campus in case of an emergency to getting the musicians, the interpreter, the cap and gowns for faculty, framing the certificates for the guests."

Reitsma has become famous for her candy jar that's open to all who pass by. "That was something I started a long time ago when we were doing curriculum realignment," she explained. "There was lots of frustration sometimes, and many missed lunches, and the candy seemed to help people get through it all."

She also is generous with her baked goods that staff gets to sample at least once a week. "I share it because I enjoy it," she smiles.

Governors State is someplace Reitsma likes to be "because there are a lot of nice people, good people, giving people, who are very giving to the university."

Outside the university, the Peotone resident enjoys spending time with her family, daughter **Lisa Weber** and her husband, **Frank**, and their daughter, **Arianne**, and son **Kevin**, now in medical school, and his wife, **Patti**, and their two children, **Luke** and **Maggie**.

Kidd serving as ACAA secretary

Lamonda Kidd, coordinator of student organizations and services at GSU, is serving as secretary for the Association of Campus Activities Administrators (ACAA).

The group of student activities professionals from colleges and universities in the Chicagoland area meets on a

regular basis to share resources, provide professional development opportunities, create networks and plan an annual student leadership conference.

At GSU, Kidd's major responsibility is coordinating and supervising activities and programs sponsored by student clubs and organizations.

Condolences

To **Delores "Dee" Hommema** (CE) on the death of her father, **Dorance Barbero**, Jan. 4.

To **Dr. Charles Hicks** (CAS) on the death of his mother, **Mary**, in Michigan Dec. 8.

To **Marsha Brobrs** (ASR) on the death of her mother, **Marilyn Jean Elliott**, Dec. 23.

To **Dr. K.C. Wong** (CAS) on the death of his father in Taiwan Jan. 7.