Governors State University
OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship

F.Y.I.

11-23-1992

F.Y.I., 1992-11-23

Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: http://opus.govst.edu/fyi

Recommended Citation

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the University Newsletters at OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in F.Y.I. by an authorized administrator of OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. For more information, please contact opus@govst.edu.
Ostenburg elected state representative

John Ostenburg, director of university relations at Governors State University, was elected state representative from the 80th Illinois House District Nov. 3.

He will take office Jan. 12.

The Democrat defeated Republican incumbent Robert Regan by more than 3,000 votes. It was the third time Ostenburg had campaigned against Regan for the office.

This is Ostenburg’s second public office. He served as a trustee for the Village of Park Forest from 1985 to 1990.

Although Ostenburg will be resigning his position at the university, he plans to work diligently for the needs of public higher education. He said a major effort will be coordinating a south suburban Democratic Legislative Forum on Higher Education that will work for the interests of GSU and other public colleges and universities.

Ostenburg has been director of university relations since 1985.

GSU joins others in developing educational television network

Governors State University is joining with junior colleges and private universities in the area in developing an educational television network.

GSU will act as the hub for the project that is funded in part with a $110,000 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

“Fortunately, the days when people were put off by learning through modern technology are behind us,” GSU President Paula Wolff said. “We will use this system to meet the educational needs of the people in this region and of the local organizations or industries which will receive the material we transmit.

“Bringing education to people using technology-based or technology-assisted methods is important,” Wolff said.
Governors State University

F.Y.I.

November 23, 1992

Community shares perceptions of GSU

(Continued from page 1)

The leaders are asking Dr. Wolff to become a partner with the community. They recognize GSU's ongoing outreach work, for example the "Reading Recovery" program, the workshops The Institute for Public Policy and Administration offers for township officials, and the internships with health care facilities by communication disorders students.

But, "There is a sense that the university has the potential of being a significant player in the south suburbs," she explained. "They'd like us to extend beyond where we have been in visibility and involvement."

Ostenburg elected

(Continued from page 1)

iversity relations at GSU since 1984. He was responsible for all marketing and public relations work at the university. He was director of community relations and executive director of the college foundation at Prairie State College from 1978 to 1984, and director of alumni affairs at Lewis University from 1974 to 1978.

He also was an adjunct member of the faculty at GSU, PSC and Lewis University, and is a former newspaper reporter and editor.

GSUings...

...Joanne Sandberg (SD), serving on a coordinating committee for the 1992 South Suburban Business Expo ...Mary Lou Tomaszewski (CBPA), giving a workshop at Kankakee County Teachers Institute in October ... Dean Esthel Allen (CBPA) and Mary Lou Tomaszewski, preparing a paper, with Mike Ritter, titled "Encouraging Vocational/Technical Students to Pursue a Baccalaureate Degree," to be presented at a national conference of the Academy of Business Administration in February 1993 ... Professor Jane Andringa (CE), presenting two papers with Dr. David Suddick (CE) at the 1992 Midwest Educational Research Association Conference in Chicago. Papers were titled "Paraprofessionals in Special Education: Trends and Issues" and "The Differing Sequence and Ages of Rendering Assistance to Three Groupings of Students Identified as Eligible for Special Education: Its Implications for Students with Learning Disabilities." Also attending the 1992 Illinois Council of Administrators in Special Education Fall Supervisors Conference on "Inclusion" and the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Fall Conference on "A New Era (Continued on page 3)

GSU collaborates on television project

(Continued from page 1)

instruction or training is a high priority at GSU and is critical to making our region competitive and preparing our citizens for the economic challenges confronting all of us," Dr. Wolff added.

The Federal Communications Commission awarded GSU a 10-year license for two Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) channels.

ITFS uses non-broadcast frequencies to send television signals to locations that have special antennas and equipment. The two channels will allow GSU to relay teleclasses and telecourses, videoconferences, special events and other programming directly to business and industry, school systems, cable television company distribution centers and other agencies and organizations.

Dr. Mel Muchnik, special assistant to the president at GSU and project director, called the ITFS project "exciting," saying he believes "it will give our region new and dynamic educational opportunities. We hope to have the system operational by September 1993."

"This project will permit us to develop a local and regional network that will extend our substantial and successful telecommunications-based instructional delivery system, and will provide a first step toward GSU/regional participation in a statewide telecommunications system," Dr. Wolff said.

Governors State will be working collaboratively on this project with other members of the South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium. The ITFS project and the consortium are both funded under the Higher Education Cooperative Act (HECA).

Other members of the consortium are Joliet Junior College, the College of St. Francis, Kankakee Community College, Lewis University, Moraine Valley Community College, Olivet Nazarene University, Prairie State College, St. Xavier University and South Suburban College.

"We envision a communications infrastructure that allows us to share resources. We will be able electronically to access classes and programming from the state system or regional or national sources, as well as from our own campus and from members of the consortium," Dr. Wolff explained.

Dr. Muchnik said the $110,000 grant will cover about half of the costs, including nearly all the required equipment. Private funds will cover the design and installation of the system and the transmitting tower.
Faculty Profile

CE prof works to shed light on human relations

The emotional, physical and psychological interactions between people have long intrigued Dr. David Matteson, professor of psychology and counseling.

Since his first studies on adolescence in the late 1960s, human relationships have been the focus of his research. It was his 1979 study on marriages in which one partner was bisexual that brought Dr. Matteson to the attention of the Centers for Disease Control, and led to his selection as a research/investigator for CDC in its work on the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus.

After completing the first year of a two-year study on the relationships of bisexual Asian men for the CDC research project, Dr. Matteson presented preliminary findings at the VIII International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam, Holland, in July.

His data on how bisexual Asian-Americans live within their community is expected to offer information that will be used in developing programs on AIDS prevention.

The professor laments that his social science study is one of only a handful of efforts ongoing in the United States to discover more effective ways to inform the public about the risks of AIDS. Effective prevention programs, he argues, should be a component to medical research in the fight against AIDS.

"Unless we want to see a high percentage of teens contract AIDS in the next few years, we must start doing much more explicit sex education in our schools," he warns.

"I don't believe we can stake the next decade of our response to AIDS on the assumption that we'll develop a vaccine. Even if one is found, new types of AIDS may develop. We must continue developing the social, psychological and educational tools to turn this epidemic around," he says.

At the VIII International Conference on AIDS, Dr. Matteson learned of ongoing education efforts in Africa and Europe that appear to have worked in getting the message about AIDS prevention across to the public.

"Most heterosexual Americans are still in denial," he stresses. "Americans still think of AIDS as a gay disease, though for the past two years the majority of heterosexual women who have contracted HIV has gotten the disease from heterosexual male partners, not from gay or bisexual men," he reports.

"Is it necessary for heterosexual Americans to undergo a high percentage of deaths before people can get the message and change their behavior?"

Change has often been the catalyst in Dr. Matteson's human relation studies. His work on adolescence in the late 1960s and early 1970s looked at young people moving away from the family, and the changes in youths' attitudes toward parents and towards impersonal authority. "My original study showed that Freud's predictions were wrong," he explains, "in that young people's growing criticism of impersonal authority is not related to conflict or rebellion against parents."

A study in Denmark included direct observation of family interactions with youth—one of the first such studies of normal families. Dr. Matteson also has consulted on a similar study in Holland, as well as key-noting an identity conference in Portugal. With his study of bisexual marriages, beginning in the early 1980s, his focus moved from identity issues to intimacy issues. In 1990, the professor was given professional development leave to study youth decisions regarding marriage in India. Because most marriages are arranged and most newly married couples live with the groom's parents, Dr. Matteson attempted to look at the connections between identity and intimacy within and outside those customary guidelines.

Although he has a small private practice and ongoing research, Dr. Matteson stresses his love for teaching and Governors State University. It was GSU's innovative approaches in the 1970s that drew him to University Park. Although much has changed since then, "the tradition of learning through doing, as well as reading, is still here," he notes.

GSUings...

(Continued from page 2) of Educational Assessment." ...Tony Labriola (CELCs), playing the lead in the Drama Group's production of "Amadeus" in Chicago Heights...Dr. David Ainsworth (CELCs) Tony Labriola, Dr. Suzanne Prescott (CE) and Gary Fisk (CELCs), attending the Telelearning '92 Conference in Denver October 21-24. Ainsworth and Labriola presented workshops at the conference on GSU's model of teleclass development. Prescott presented her use of the Digital Professor telephone system. Fisk marketed GSU teleconferences to other colleges and universities, premiering the new "Dealing with Diversity" teleclass. On the return trip, Fisk stopped in Des Moines, Iowa, to meet with other university media center directors at the Consortium of College and University Media Centers...Dr. Carl Stover (CBPA), chairing a panel presentation on "Constitutional Law and the Judiciary" at the annual Conference of the Illinois Political Science Association in November at Bradley University and giving an October presentation on "State, Church, Society and Ethics" to the Adult Fellowship Group of Trinity Lutheran Church in Park Forest...Dr. Paul Green (IPPACBPA), moderating an October debate on the Nov. 3 referendum asking voters whether to change the way Evanston's mayor is elected. The debate was hosted by the Evanston League of Women Voters and the Evanston Review.
Blood shares computer expertise with disabled

Governors State University Professor David Blood recently put his talents to work on behalf of the multiply disabled as a volunteer computer teacher.

With assistance from South Metropolitan Association (SMA) teacher Julie Chapman, Dr. Blood taught LOGO basic computer programming to the five SMA college-age students.

The South Metropolitan Association is a cooperative association of elementary and high schools that provides special education services for children with low-incidence handicaps through age 21. SMA's Center for Adaptive Programming (CAP) offers the students training for maximum functional independence.

This is the second year the CAP group of 18- to 21-year-olds is on the GSU campus, and Chapman thought computer training would be another way of integrating SMA students into the university environment.

In five lessons, Dr. Blood is teaching the basic commands to help the students learn to follow his directions, sequencing and moving the cursor directionally by degrees. "These are simple instructions, but the classes help build self-esteem in the students," Dr. Blood explained.

The students also constructed pin wheels to help reinforce his lessons in moving the cursor 90-degrees, 180-degrees, etc.

The initial lessons were enough to get the students interested in what they could do. Chapman said during one break period she found a student in the computer room experimenting. Another shared his enthusiasm by writing a letter to his pen pal about the class.

"It means a lot to students to have a college professor work with them," Chapman added.

President's salary increase to benefit GSU students, faculty

Governors State University President Paula Wolff will donate her $3,900 raise to programs benefiting students and faculty.

Following her announcement, Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations, said the GSU Alumni Association will match the president's donation.

The salary increase was approved by the Board of Governors Universities at its meeting Oct. 29. Presidents at each of the five universities under its jurisdiction—Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois, Northeastern Illinois, Chicago State and Governors State—received the raise. The annual salary will now be $107,940.

However, Dr. Wolff said she will continue at the $104,040 salary. The pay raise will be given to the GSU Foundation to be returned to the university for academic enhancement directed by agreement of the deans, division chairs and provost in consultation with the faculty.

"The central priority of GSU is teaching, and I want this money to be used to benefit the students," Wolff said. "The division chairs, deans and provost will have the best ideas how to support our already strong teaching here at GSU."

The $3,900 gift from the alumni association is in addition to the $25,000 given annually in Alumni Faculty Development Awards.
Civil Service staff invited to attend celebration

The Civil Service Senate invites all civil service employees to its 1992 Civil Service Day celebration. The program will begin at noon, Dec. 4, in the GSU Theatre with introductions and commentary. A luncheon is planned from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. followed by a variety of “how to...” workshops including sweatshirt design by Cathy Swatek, wood crafts by Jane Siefker, ceramics by Ellen Zalewski, floral arranging by Janice Schultz, dress scarfs by Judy Rietsma, knitting by Brenda Chapman and holiday wreath-making by Jo Shaw. The workshops will be held in the Hall of Governors.

The Civil Service Day planning committee is Bural Wilkerson, Brenda Chapman, Susan Inman, Debbie Conway, Vivian Sherman and Diane Flowers. Volunteers are needed. Please call a committee member for details.

Closing date for Silent Auction changed to Dec. 11

The Division of Fine and Performing Arts faculty is extending your opportunity to do a bit of holiday shopping. The Infinity Gallery’s Silent Auction closing date has been changed to 5 p.m. Dec. 11. The bid openings will begin at 5:30 p.m. Top bidders need not be present.

All invited to join in annual holiday tree trimming

Mark your calendars for the annual holiday tree ceremony. The spruce will be lit at 3 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Hall of Governors. GSU staff members are invited to hang ornaments on the tree, and the Child Care Singers will entertain. Refreshments will be served.

Division of Science colloquia series underway

The Division of Science has begun its colloquia. Two talks will be given each trimester. In October, Dr. Mohammed Kishta, Dr. Reino Hakala and Dr. Shensheng Zhao presented a discussion of artificial intelligence. The second presentation was by Dr. Shelly Kumar, professor of organic chemistry, who discussed his work this past summer on Buckminsterfullerene, the newest carbon discovery.

Chorale concerts good way to begin holiday season

You may want to begin the holiday season with the GSU Community Chorale and Orchestra presentation of Handel’s “Messiah.” The chorale, under the direction of Dr. Rudolf Strukoff, will give two concerts. Tickets are available for the 4 p.m. Dec. 6 presentation at Hope Lutheran Church in Park Forest, and a second presentation will be given at 5 p.m. Dec. 13 at St. Cajetan Church in Chicago. For details call Dr. Strukoff on extension 4020.

IPPA to hold 14th Annual Irish Coffee holiday party

The Irish will be singing for you at The Institute for Public Policy and Administration’s 14th Annual Irish Coffee holiday party from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Dr. Paul Green reminds the GSU staff that there will be plenty of Irish coffee and soda bread, a surprise grand marshal and entertainment by “Seems Like Old Times.” The party will be in Engbretson Hall.

Cafeteria Menu

(Week of November 23 to 27)

**Monday**—Chicken barley soup. Mostaccioli with meat sauce and garlic bread, mushroom Swiss burger.

**Tuesday**—Beef rice soup. Salisbury steak platter; grilled chicken breast sandwich.

**Wednesday**—Cream of chicken soup. Mexican steak burrito; grilled Reuben sandwich.

**Thursday**—Thanksgiving Day. University closed.

**Friday**—Thanksgiving Holiday. University closed.

(Week of November 30 to December 4)

**Monday**—Cream of broccoli soup. Italian chicken cacciatore platter; grilled ham and cheese sandwich.

**Tuesday**—Beef barley soup. Turkey Oriental over rice; Sloppy Joe.

**Wednesday**—Chicken noodle soup. Baked meatloaf platter; Monte Cristo sandwich.

**Thursday**—Turkey rice soup. Veal parmesan with spaghetti, red sauce and garlic bread; bacon cheeseburger.

**Friday**—Manhattan clam chowder. Fried catfish nuggets, coleslaw and fries; grilled cheese sandwich.

*Menu subject to change*

**Thank You**

On behalf of the Columbus Carillon Committee and my office, I wish to thank the GSU community for its cooperation and support during the recent convocation/dedication/conference. The success of this activity is the result of the support of many individuals and groups.

—Virginio L. Piucci
Employee of the Month

Computer trouble shooter recognized

Pat Longtin knows that most of us want only to know that when we turn our computers on each morning they are operable.

The November "Employee of the Month" is one of Governors State's computer trouble-shooters in Academic Computing Service (ACS) doing work behind the scenes that benefits all computer users on campus.

He does the repairs, set-ups and equipment moves as well as some programming. Longtin also is the GSU-Educational Computing Network (ECN) user coordinator. That doesn't sound like much, but when you need something, Longtin will probably be the one at your side.

"Technical support of the computer software and hardware used in service units like Contract and Training Services (CTS) is critical to the function of the unit," Roger Paris, director of CTS told the nominating committee. "When a problem develops, we are completely dependent on Academic Computing Services to regain function."

"Fortunately, Pat Longtin has consistently and repeatedly responded to our needs with extraordinary efficiency and good-natured courtesy," he notes. "He is willing to go out of his way to help in every way, and when a problem is too large to be handled immediately, he will bring and install loaner equipment to keep us functioning."

Longtin was a lifesaver for Paris when his computer blew recently. Luckily, ACS had a spare computer to get CTS back on line.

"We usually have a little bit of surplus (equipment) to try and keep things working," he explains. Scavenging boards and other parts was something Longtin learned from Jeff Gilow, computer utilization analyst III for Information Services.

Longtin was under Gilow's tutelage when he began working in ACS as a student in 1987. "Jeff would take a few student workers aside and show them how to do repairs and swap boards," he recalls. "Today if I get stuck, I fall back on Jeff. He's our human encyclopedia when it comes to computers."

Raised on a farm in Manteno, Longtin didn't think seriously about a career until he was at Kankakee Community College (KCC). "I love math, and it was at a career night that I talked to someone about working with computers," he says. He received an associate's degree from KCC and transferred to GSU, earning a bachelor's degree in applied science in December 1988.

He was first hired by the Cooperative Computer Center, and later worked for a programming business in Kankakee. In February 1990, Longtin got a full-time position in ACS.

One of Longtin's biggest tasks has been helping Gilow establish a new computer network for the university's word processing system. Each word processor is getting a personal computer and new software, which Longtin is installing.

The Bourbonnais resident married in August. He and his wife, Traci, are expecting their first child in May.

Veterans of Innovation

November 1992

1971 Carolyn Moore (DPS)
1972 Shannon Troy (UL), Jordan Tsolakides (CBPA), David Burgest (CHP)
1973 Larry Bonner (DPS), Francis Kanupke (DPS), Barbara Basler (UP Shop), Ralph Kruse (CELCs)
1974 Sylvia Wilson (REG)
1975 Efraim Gil (CBPA), Marie Turak (PO)
1976 Shirley Grant (CE), Dora Hubbard (REG)
1977 Robert Leftwich (CHP), David Weinberger (FA), John Mulder (CELCs)
1978 Constance Edwards (CHP), Doris Johnson (CHP), Willia Mae Smith (PPO), Susan Jillson (PPO), Beverly Goldberg (IPPA/CBPA), Harold Newling (PPO)
1980 James Massey (CHP), Judith Reitsma (A&P)
1983 Bural Wilkerson (FA), Diane Kjos (CE)
1984 William Kelly (PPO), Robert McCann (PPO), Dee Hommena (CE), Jeanne Costa (BO)
1986 Rita Mannon (BO), Nasim Ali (CHP), Marilyn Thomas (UR)
1987 Nick Battaglia (ADVIS), Loretta Calcaterra (CAS)

Congratulations

To Dr. Lowell Culver (CBPA) on the birth of his first grandchild, Adriana Culver-Hopper, in Hawaii Oct. 27.

Thanks

From Dr. Leon Zalewski (CE) for the cards, kind words and contributions to the GSU Alumni Minority Scholarship Fund in memory of his mother, Blanche.