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Test changes debated

by Denise Graham

Changes in the English and Math competency tests, and test policy, are being considered by the University Standards Committee.

According to David Curtis, GSU Provost, the Committee is giving "very serious" consideration to the language arts portion of the competency tests, requiring a writing sample rather than testing the student's editing abilities, which, he noted, "is what the earlier test did."

Curtis said, "The great bulk of the Committee's time is devoted to writing rather than math."

He added that "as soon as the issues regarding the writing are clarified, the Committee will look at math."

Regarding the implementation of these changes in the competency tests, Curtis said that "hopefully there will be a change by fall-more probably in English—but hopefully in both."

Curtis said that alternatives for those students failing the tests have not yet been completely decided upon. He stated, however, that he is much less optimistic about offering a math course for credit as an alternative than he is about providing an English credit course.

According to Curtis, "tentative authorization for the addition of a position for a writing specialist—someone whose specialty is teaching writing—has been given."

A search for that specialist is going on now, he said.

Regarding math alternatives, Curtis said that math workshops and tutoring from the Center for Learning Assistance (CLA) will still be available for those students unable to pass the Math Competency test.

Regardless of the alternative taken, though, students will still need to prepared for the CLA Math Competency exam. Curtis said, "If we will be separate and apart from the course."

Revising the Math Competency test is going to be "much, much more difficult," according to Burton Collins, Chairperson of the Committee, "because English is standard. English is English," he said.

"We are going to have to address ourselves to the prerequisites in terms of competency," Collins commented that different majors require different levels of math skills, and this is something that has to be taken into account.

The Committee is looking at "math-reasoning kinds of exams," said Collins. (The current competency test is an algebra exam.) "If the student fails the test, Collins asked, "how do we remediate it?" The treatment, he said, may need to be different for different areas of education.

"Right now what is happening," Collins commented, "is we are contacting testing companies. Donna Siemo (faculty committee member) is contacting several associations to find out what we have and what we know in these areas."

Collins remarked that it may take some time to get this data collected.

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Former GSU Vice President named BOG Director

by Thom Gibbons

Thomas P. Layzell, a former assistant vice-president at GSU, is the new Director of the Board of Governors.

Layzell succeeds Dr. Donald Walters who is leaving the post to become President of Trenton State University in Montclair, New Jersey. Walters was the Executive Director for nine years.

The B.O.G. is the governing body for GSU and for four other universities in Illinois. The others are Northeastern Illinois, Chicago State, Eastern, and Western Universities.

The board consists of nine members who are appointed by the Governor. At the same meeting, Layzell was appointed to a two year term as chairman. He succeeds Dominic Bul­ talino who served in that position for four years.

Among his duties, he is the chief negotiator for the BOG with the Board of Governors (BOG), which represents all of Illinois public higher education.

Layzell was a member of the original Board of Governors, which helped to set up GSU. He served under the late Dr. Keith Smith, vice-president for administrative affairs.

Layzell continued to serve at GSU until 1976 when he joined the BOG's administrative staff. Currently, he is the Deputy Director for administration and fiscal affairs.

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Forty-nine candidates filed applications for the job. The search committee consisted of board members, two university presidents and two student members.

Layzell will assume office on July 1. Meanwhile, Walters will continue to work for a short time and use vacation during the month of July.

The new director says that he has no plans for immediate changes. He has been active in public education for about twenty years.

Dr. Thomas P. Layzell, the new Executive Director of the Board of Governors.

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Simon speaks at housing meet in GSU
by Thom Gibbons
Illinois senatorial candidate Paul Simon was the guest speaker when the South Suburban Housing Center held its annual meeting in the Theatre at GSU.

At the same meeting awards were given to local residents who contributed to the advancement of fair housing, and a new South Suburban Journal was launched.

In his opening remarks, Simon termed former President Richard Nixon's attempts at having annual meetings with the Soviet leadership "a sound idea." He criticized the Reagan Administration for failing to have a meeting with the Soviets since he became president in January of 1983.

Simon admitted that such meetings might not have dramatic effects on the arms control. However, he sees such meetings as an opportunity to "rich forward," because the leaders will get to know one another on a personal basis.

Simon describes open housing as areas "in which both black and white and people of various colors are buying." However, he distinguishes between suburbs that have integrated housing, but do not have economically integrated housing.

He told of his personal experience with integrated living since he went to Washington as a Congressman. He first lived in the city in an integrated area, but found that the schools were not good, so he moved his family to an integrated area.

After the children left home, he and his wife decided to move back into Washington D.C., they live in an integrated area near the Capitol. The area is economically integrated as well as being racially integrated.

He offered some suggestions to his audience as to what can be done to promote integrated housing:

- An area can promote integrated housing, even with modest investments.
- If you are moving, tell the real estate agent that you want to move into an integrated area.
- Speak out—even in conversations when people of a different race move into an area bring a loaf of bread and welcome them.
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GSU hosts sexual assault conference

A two-day conference on "Sexual Assault: Investigation and Initial Intervention" will be held at GSU on June 18-19. Dr. Nicholas Groth, director of the Sex Offender Program for the Connecticut Department of Correction at Somers State Prison, will be the main speaker.

The Women's Resource Center at GSU and the South Suburban YWCA are co-sponsoring the conference. They have planned the program for professionals as well as lay people in this field: such as police officials; juvenile officers; medical personnel; social workers and counselors; prosecuting and defense attorneys; domestic violence workers and students.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 18, Dr. Groth will conduct a discussion of the psychology of the sexual offender. Motivations and Patterns of Behavior: A Clinical Psychological view. Dr. Groth also is co-director of the St. Joseph Institute for the Treatment and Control of Child Sexual Abuse in West Hartford, CT. He has specialized in this field for 17 years. He has lectured at F.B.I. Academy and been on leading talk shows.


Morning workshop presenters include: Julie Hamos, Cook County assistant state's attorney, Barbara Engel, director of women's services, Loop YWCA; Virginia McCollum, assistant clinical manager, emergency department of Olympia Fields Obstetrical Hospital; and Linda Fergus-Pelini, crisis coordinator, YWCA CARES program.

The first day will conclude with "Litter Bear/Big Bear," a play by the Little Bear Project of the South Suburban YWCA. "Little Bear/Big Bear," a play by the Little Bear Project of the South Suburban YWCA. The play will be performed by the students' darkroom. Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, president (left), accepts the gift of a sheet of paper entitled, The Colors (cont.)...A special meeting is available to both undergraduate and graduate students. Eligibility requirements include extra-curricular leadership and service communication arts and in creative and performing arts. The Talent Waiver is available to students in BPA, BOG, CAC, ICC, CHP and Student Activities.

SENATE LACKS QUORUM by Sue Fagin

The Senate was unable to take any action at its regular meeting, due to the lack of a quorum. A special meeting was called for Wednesday, June 20 at 1 p.m. in Engberson Hall, for the purpose of passing the budget.

If there is no quorum at this special meeting, the Senate will constitute themselves as a committee of the whole, and act on the budget.

In his final report, outgoing Student Senate Treasurer Michael Blackburn, commended the body on having "managed our organization" during its two years in office. "I would like to thank the Senate Administration and the Executive Committee. Blackburn bedside partner, the GSU Student Representative, announced the election of Michael Blackburn as the new GSU Student Representative to the Board of Governors.

OBITUARY

Gloria Hernandez, a GSU housekeeper, died in an auto accident.

Ms. Hernandez died as the result of an auto accident that happened on US Route 30 in Frankfort, Illinois. A member of the Army Reserve, she was going home to Morris after a meeting in Joliet.

She came to work at GSU after graduating from Moraine High School in 1981. At the time she received an award from the American Legion.

Survivors include: her parents, Hugo and Evangelina Herman­ dez, Joliet; two brothers, Edward of Kankakee, Hemedia Dhit, Hilda Amado and Teresa­ all of Moraine; three brothers, Pedro and Emesto of Moraine and David of Fort Biss, Texas; and her paternal grandmother, Guadalupe Sainas of San Diego, Texas.

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"Financial Aid is still available to GSU students for the 1984-85 academic year," according to a Financial Aid Representative. Available funded scholarships include the $200 Alumni Academic Scholarship. This will be available to GSU undergraduate or graduate students with a cumulative GPA of 2.75. Applicants must be enrolled full time for the 1984-85 academic year, and applications must be submitted before August 13, 1984. The American Logistics Association Scholarship is available to degree-seeking individuals living within a 50 mile radius of Chicago. This is limited to non­ traditionally discharging veterans.

Recipients: The Community College Scholarship Program is available to new GSU students who have just recently graduated from high school or other community colleges: Joilet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Morton College, Glenview College, Other Harvey College, Prairie State College, Richard J. Daley, Kennedy-King, Thornton Community College, and Moraine Valley.

Four hundred and $500 for transportation are available for each academic year. Applications and information about this scholarship are available at all area community colleges.

Privately funded scholarships include the Illinois State Board of Education's Teacher of Secondary and Math Scholarship. This is open to Illinois residents who have won Illinois teaching licenses. Recipients must already be certified in science and math.

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Colors (cont.)

At the Office of Student Affairs and Services, one spoke to the dean's pretty secretary. She also didn't know what the school colors were. I didn't care either. I was happy talking to her. She had heard, though, that someone one had once written a school history. Maybe it was there in the library. She too, looked like a trustworthy person, so I went up to the main section there.

In the library I asked the reference librarian if anyone had once written a history of GSU. "I'd like to see it because it could answer my question about the school colors and what they stand for," I said. She smiled, took me into an office on one side of the library, and had me sit down. She handed me a sheet to someone in the office and brought me a small notebook, "I'll have look, about two and a half pages, thick," written by Delmas Vorwerk, Assistant Vice-President Ted F. Andrews. She didn't say anything. She just handed it and left.

I had only got through the first page when I hit a 20 minute when she came back and gave me a sheaf of paper entitled, The Colors. The school colors were red and white. It was a 1962 memo from William Dodd, then Director of University Relations. And there on the bottom was one sentence devoted to this topic. "Now that there is agreement about the school colors and what they symbolize..." She said. "The colors chosen for the school and the University—black and white—on a flag the colors—the student, staff and faculty," That librarian was truly a trustworthy person.

Crime exists

Lock your cars

by Denise Graham

Crime does exist on the campus of the College, whose radio-cassette player was stolen from his car while he was in the library.

On Wednesday, May 23, between 3:30 and 4 p.m., a Jensen FM radio-cassette player was stolen from Ingram's 1968 Chevrolet Impala. The car was parked in a lot, south-east of the GSU campus.

According to Ingram, the perpetrator must have had burglar's tools to pull off the job, because the cassette player was bolted to the car's dashboard. The ignition was not hard­

ocked, Ingram said, because some time ago (not at GSU) his locked the ignition for a reason, and the window. Ingram said that he'd rather have a random car thief open the door then break the window to get in.

After discovering the theft, the GSU police were called to the campus, and to make a report. Ingram does not have insurance covering the radio-cassette player.

Responding to a query about the car stereo, an on-duty roll call radio player, Ingram smiled and said, "About $2.75—but I told them I'd rather have an on-duty roll call radio player because the radio portion worked.

Ingram noted that he was up-to-date on his car's value with more to him than the dollar value of his stereo, "I'm not that dumb, I know how many times I went to turn it on," he asked, referring to the roll call radio player as the night after the theft.

I asked him about his car's ability to play a cassette in the Harvey area and a reporter for the Innovator. To attend class on Wednesday he brought a cassette tape with his sign that now that there is nothing left in his car to steal, he had locked the doors.

Ingram said, grinning all the while that, "Nothing is left in his car to steal, he had locked the doors.'
Three Governors State University professors from the College of Business and Public Administration (BMAD) have been invited to go to the People's Republic of China as part of the Citizen Ambassador program of People to People International. Dr. John Appel, Robert Hart, Prof. Marilyn Hart along with 100 other “citizen ambassadors” will spend two days in Chicago for orientation, and then leave for China on Aug. 7. They will return to America on Sept. 1. The delegation, mostly experts in the Operations research, will exchange technical expertise with their Chinese counterparts.

The ultimate goal, as I understand it, says Tsolakides, “is to foster understanding, mutual respect and friendship between the two countries.”

The group will visit Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Chengdu, and Guangzhou. In each city, the group will participate in Science and Technology Commission of the People's Republic of China, will arrange professional meetings, field trips and discussion sessions.

At the request of the Chinese government, GSU is utilizing a private citizen effort, it has been endorsed by every president of the United States, to engage the most able, active and energetic people to “leaves falling off a tree and the other one who after years of therapy can only "roll over," in Lamm’s words. The educatable retarded would be the next in line. The effort was on rehabilitation for the educatable retarded, are fit only for menial jobs such as dishwashing, janitors, would be better spent on less trivial endeavors.

The one common factor which all of the afore mentioned groups share is that they are regarding what it is to be a male. Thankfully, the feminist society defines male, “meaning in plain Russian, “it is none of your business.”

This points out one of the great differences between the United States system of voting and that of the Soviet Union. In very simplistic terms, they can silence someone, but we can’t. And since the government does not have the power to remove an individual from the public forum. Although someone’s views are popular or not, the United States states that a person has a right to be heard.

This is one of the rights that compelled our revolutionaries to go back and forth to the Framers of our Constitution, it was so important that it was placed in our Bill of Rights. It is the mark of a free man that he is able to dis-
Letters

Editor

Thanks

To the Editor,

I would just like to take this oppor-
tunity to express my gratitude to the
entire GSU community for the
support and warmth they have shown me during my two
years as Student Senator. Presi-
dent, GSU students, faculty, staff,
and administration have all made
the past two years a rewarding and enjoyable ex-
perience. It has truly been an
honor to represent the GSU stu-
dent body, both on and off the
campus.

I look forward to continuing service to GSU in the role of Stu-
dent Representative to the Board
of Governors. I will make every ef-
tort possible to accurately repre-
sent, and be a credit to, the GSU
student body. If I can be of assis-
tance to anyone at GSU please
feel free to contact me through
the Office of Student Activities.

Again, thanks to all

Michael J. Blackburn Sr.

The boys (and girls) of summer

It's worth it!

Before graduation, many people spend time
debating whether or not to come to the gradu-
a tion ceremony and receive their diplomas. Ac-
tually, it is not a diploma, but a cover for the
diploma which is being mailed to the gradu-
at e.

Lost on many is the thought of the importance
of ritual in our daily lives. We look forward to wed-
gings, graduations, and inaugurations, because
they demonstrate a rite of passage. Although the
ritual is not necessary, it is still something that
shows to both the participants and the audience,
that something important has happened.

It is a way of officially recognizing achieve-
ment. A diploma sent in the mail does not have
the affect of the pomp and circumstance of the
University President shaking your hand, saying
congratulations and handing you your "diploma."

It is also a time to share a moment of joy with
people who have studied by your side. Gradua-
tion is not a solitary moment. The graduate can
receive the diploma and then go back to friends
receive theirs. It is a time, perhaps the last time,
that a student will have the opportunity to say
congratulations to fellow students. This was, and sti l l
is, incorrect. ANY student, regard-
less of what program you are
studying, is eligible for mem-
bership in the Psychology Club.

We also understand that there is a rite of passage, which is that
the Club is for under graduates
only. This is not true. Our presi-
dent is a graduate student, our
secretary will be a graduate stu-
dent, and that all. Ag ain we apologize for all the misinforma-
tion. We would also like to invite
ALL ANY st udent to our
meetings. You will not be turned
away.

Sincere apologies,

Becky Paquette
Public Relations Office

Refutes Article

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this oppor-
tunity to refute the article in the
Governor's State University news-
paper, Innovator, May 14, 1984
issue, page 8. The article in-
cludes comments attributed to
Dr. Virginia J. Piucci, Vice Presi-
dent, Administration and Plan-
ing, GSU.

Dr. Piucci alleges that the pro-
posal to lay off two (2) Depart-
ment of Public Safety dispatchers
is in accordance with directives
from the Illinois Board of Higher
Education (IBHE). The Depart-
m en t of Public Safety had a meet-
ing with Dr. Piucci on Mar.
27, 1984 regarding the pro-
posal to lay off two (2) Depart-
m en t of Public Safety dispatchers.
At that time, he did not mention
that the IBHE specified layoff within the Depart-
m ent of Public Safety. The Board
according to Dr. Piucci, only
stated that additional money had
to be saved within GSU. In the ar-
ticle, he did not mention that

Student Speaker

The graduation ceremony is over. The Hon-
orary, master's, and bachelor's degrees, have
been awarded for this year. Speakers have
spoken. The graduates have been con-
gratulated. However, one voice was not publicly
heard at this year's commencement cere-
m onies—the students.

It is true that the new Board of Governors stu-
dent representative was on the platform. And he
did help the University President pass out
diplomas. This is the first time that a student was
permitted to take an active and official part in
the ceremonies.

Still, one is left wondering why no graduate
spoke? The central part of the day is devoted to
the graduating students, but officially, they
were silent.

There should be an opportunity for a graduate to
speak. Granted, this is not the place for a long
speech, but it is a time for a spokesperson to
publicly reflect, thank, and remind all of the Uni-
versity community of the time and people who
have studied and achieved academic recog-
nition.

Hopefully, future commencement ceremonies
will have the benefit of hearing a fellow classper-
s speaking for them, not to them.

Good Bye!

It is time to say goodbye. For the last two years, it
has been my privilege to serve as Managing
Editor of the GSU INNOVATOR. But the time has
come to move on. A new Managing Editor has been
selected and she will be introducing her-
self to you in the next issue.

A reporter told me told me, "If you aren't having
fun, go do something else." It has been fun. There
have been times when it was bone-wearying fun,
but in the long run, I can say it was a very
good experience.

During the time that I have been here, I have
met many people that help this University to func-
tion. Some have been students, some faculty,
some staff and some administrators. Most of
them have been of the highest caliber. Without
the help of many of them, the newspaper simply
could not have been published. Also their kind
words and useful criticisms have been welcome-
albeit some grudgingly so.

People are what make the newspaper work.
The staff people really deserve thanks. Without
them the paper would never have seen the light
of day on Monday mornings.

Also, the people at Regional Press who pro-
vided many useful suggestions helping the
composition of this newspaper.

Finally, I want to say thank you to the readers.
Without you, there would have been no reason
have this newspaper in the first place. I am sorry
that during the last two years, you have been kept
well-informed on what is happening in the Uni-
versity community, and that on occasion the
newspaper has served as a catalyst for your
opinions.

I want to take this occasion to wish the best of
everything to the new Managing Editor, Susan
Fagin. And with that, Good Bye.
As we all know, the computer and the health care industries are two of the fastest growing industries and one of the most dynamic and excit­ing work force, of temperate fields, is growing by 20%. It employs 35 million people and generates $5 billion annually, according to the MEA Executive Manager.

We shall see how to make them work. A minute computer staff and work processing operations have been made successful, clinical and secretarial are still available. Salaries in Chicago are $5-10 an hour, depending on the assign­ment of work.

The advantage to the employer is having people on staff only when needed. When the employer is off, there are no idle employees or unemployment compensation to pay.

The biggest advantage to the workers is variety. Temporary work gives: a sample of many working environments, a perk at a company's site, and a rotation of work in many different areas. It can also help you explore where you may be best suited. Sometimes it is a foot in the door to the right career. Often it is a good start for the beginner, in a new area, or an entry worker. Some positions are seasonal, while others are part-time.

For example, while workers are full-time, winter work may be available. Some positions may be available only on a seasonal basis, while others may be available only during the summer months.

The winter work may pay more than the summer work, but some workers may prefer the summer work because they can travel more.

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Reflections on being an extra
by John Boutil

When CBS came to GSU last fall to film the blockbusting, upcoming made-for-TV-movie, "First Steps," I was at the ob­
dolity of fame and fortune, and signed up as an extra. It was an interest­
ing experience and I would like to share my little touch of Hollywood.

On day one of my professional career, I woke up at five in the
morning, and roused off my bed. I had to be at GSU by seven. A fortysix minute drive to school, I parked, for the first and last time, in the
parking spot closest to the main entrance. Upon entering I discovered that the film crew was assembling in the music recital hall, which is located opposite the main en­
trance.

"I leaped at the opportunity of fame and fortune."

Eventually I made it to the music recital hall and checked in with
the director. He introduced me to a person I know of who wears dark
sunglasses indoors. She showed me where to stand and I went to
check in some other extras.

As I was standing there, I turned around and caught a glimpse of
myself. I looked back, noticed that I was the only person wearing dark
sunglasses, and signed up as an extra. It was my right shoulder even with my
left.

"First Steps," I leaped at the opportunity of fame and fortune, stand
up straight!"

The rest of the day was spent
getting close up shots of the
main characters, so the rest of us
didn't really have much to do
and stand around as act if we
were interested in what was
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