October 27, 1975

NEWS FROM SPRINGFIELD... Retirement Legislation Passed. The Governor recently signed the following retirement actions:

To increase maximum survivorship benefits to $500 a month (formerly $350) if one has more than one dependent; and to $300 a month if only one dependent. The other provisions of these benefits remain the same.

To allow purchase of retirement credit for half-time public service in Illinois but only for full-time public service outside Illinois.

To add a retired person (retiree or annuitant) or a participant (presently employed person) to the Board of Trustees of the State Universities Retirement System.

To provide a minimum benefit annuity to those long retired who had long service, a help to about one thousand annuitants.

The Governor vetoed House Bill 330 which would have permitted a refund to persons who paid for retirement credits at the 10% rate when buying in their military service credit just before the 8% rate was adopted.

Federal House of Representatives Bill 9155 now being acted on in Washington, D.C., intends to make applicable to State and local governmental retirement plans the requirements for adequate funding that were imposed upon the private sector in the federal Pension Reform Bill of 1974. You are urgently requested to write to your representatives in Congress, both Houses, to support this Bill. Suggested contacts are: John Erlenborn of Illinois, on the subcommittee considering the bill, Paul Simon (Ill.), Tim Hall (Ill.), Shirley Chisholm (N.Y.), John Brademan (Ind.).

ATTENTION FACULTY MEMBERS... The deadline for submitting nominating petitions for the two open positions on the Council of Faculties is Wednesday, October 29. So far only one petition has been picked up from the Office of University Relations!

PROGRESS REPORT... The Search Committee for the University Vice-President, Academic Affairs, has set December 19, 1975, as closing date for applications, and will be selecting candidates for final interviews by January 15, 1976.

The Committee's advertising and announcement programs are in operation and nominations and applications are already being processed. Chairpersons Peter Colby and Roger Oden encourage further recommendations of candidates from the GSU community.

DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING... for various fellowships sponsored by foundations and other private agencies: AAUW - "Dissertation Fellowships for Women," Jan. 2; ASA - "Minorities Fellowship Program - Doctoral Fellowships in Sociology," Jan. 9; Ford Foundation - "Fellowship Programs for Puerto Ricans," Jan. 5; Ford Foundation - "Fellowship Programs for Native Americans and Mexican Americans," Jan. 5; Ford Foundation - "Fellowship Programs for Black Americans," Jan. 5. For further information contact University Relations, ext. 2419.
THE CARDS...The end of Block 2 and the beginning of Block 3 calls for a change in the parking cards. On Wednesday morning, October 29, the parking gates will accept only the No. 12 Blue Card and the No. 13 Tan Card. The No. 11 White Card will no longer be valid.

DID YOU KNOW...that a study on the accessibility of the food stamp program in Will County by GSU students is being considered by the federal government. Cong. George M. O'Brien received the study by graduate students from Dr. Michael D. Lewis and forwarded it to both the House Agriculture Committee and the Department of Agriculture.

A study conducted by the U. of N. Dakota found that for each dollar N. Dakota appropriated to public higher education in 1973-74, colleges and universities returned $2.10 to the economy of the state through college-related spending. The report concluded that higher education is "an Important Industry" to N. Dakota, generating jobs for the campuses and income for state business and industry, which in turn generates more jobs in the state...that new data from the Bureau of the Census confirms a trend suspected by many educators concerned with rising tuitions: the percentage of working-class and middle-income students attending colleges have declined in recent years. Data shows that among families in the $10-$15,000 a year income bracket, college attendance fell by 9% from 1969-1973; In the $7,500-$10,000 bracket, a 7.1% decline. The decline is considerably less for families below $7,500 and for those above $15,000.

MORE JAZZ...Jazz poet Ted Joans will read his poetry to a background of jazz music in free performances Oct. 28 and 29 at Kennedy-King College in Chicago. The readings, open to the public, are scheduled for Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. and Wed. morning at 11:00 in the Music Studio (Room 3157) of the college. Joans, a painter and musician as well as poet, published his first book of poetry, "Funky Jazz Poems," in 1959. Both his poetry and music brought him into close association with some of America's greatest jazz musicians: Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonius Monk and Dizzy Gillespie. Joans' appearance is the first of a series of public convocations to be given by Kennedy-King College.
GSUings...SHANNON TROY and CARL PETERSON (LRC) returning from their 3-week honeymoon (Hawaii and San Francisco). Shannon will remain "Troy" professionally...traveling faculty: CLEM COLEMAN (EAS), Des Moines, Iowa and WILLIAM MAYO (EAS) in Belgrade, Yugoslavia...ELMER WITT (Campus Ministries) appearing in print in The Christian Century with his article "Not by Bread Alone"...BETHE HAGENS (CCS) printed in Community College Frontiers with her comments on the community college in rural America.

GUEST HOUSING NEEDED...Mr. Abul Hossain Choudhury, Registrar, Johangirnagar University, Dacca, Bangladesh, will visit GSU November 15 through February 25 on an administrative internship under the auspices of the Asia Foundation and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He will need housing for that period. Do you have space you would like to share, or do you know of suitable quarters? Two more families are needed to volunteer space for approximately one month each. If you do, please call Esthel Allen, PO, ext. 2341.

ON SALE...A first album, "GSU Jazz Live!" has been recorded by our own jazz band, The GSU Music Experience. Seven numbers are included: "Keishaz," by Warrick Carter; "Song for Suzanne," by Gerald Myrow; "Spanish Samba," by Curtis Prince; "Spain," by Chick Corea; "Crabmeat," by John Pate; "Give It One," by Alan Downey, and "Listen Here," by Paul Smith. Performers are Ronald Askew, guitar; Walter Henderson, cornet; John Pate, piano; Curtis Prince, drums; Eugene Vinyard, saxophone, and Jeff Simon, bass. Warrick Carter directs. The GSU Jazz sextet was one of two US jazz bands to participate in the International Jazz festival at Montreux, Switzerland; GSU jazz ensembles won more awards in the Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz festival than have ever been previously received by one institution. "GSU Jazz Live!" is on public sale and available in the GSU bookstore for $6.50.

MY JOB

IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO RUN THE TRAIN
THE WHISTLE I CAN'T BLOW . . .
IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY HOW FAR
THE TRAIN'S ALLOWED TO GO.

IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SHOOT OFF STEAM
NOR EVEN CLANG THE BELL ... 
BUT LET THE DAMN THING JUMP THE TRACK
AND SEE WHO CATCHES HELL!
SATURDAY, October 25
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 26
12:00 Noon
8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, October 27
12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 28
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
1:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 29
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 30

FRIDAY, October 31
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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