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Gratitude is a lively sense of future favors.

-- Sir. Robert Walpole

November 26, 1975

FEB. FUNDING DEADLINES: Applications for two grants of special interest to the GSU Community have Feb. 1, 1976 deadlines.

Agency: HGD Foundation
Program: Henry L. and Grace Doherty Charitable Foundation, Inc. - Fellowships for Advance Study in Latin America

Agency: EXXON
Program: Implementation of Materials and Procedures Affecting College Teachers (IMPACT)

For information on how to apply, contact Bill Dodd, ext. 2122.

GSU VETERANS OF INNOVATION: Celia-Ann Toll (A&I) five years; Ed Surjan (BPO) five years.
GSU salutes you!

CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT... Two opportunities to meet with Bill Engbretson are scheduled for Wed., Dec. 3. A student dialog with the president will be held from 12-1 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Coffee and conversation with WEE is set for later the same day, 5-9 p.m. All are invited.

ATTENTION ALL GSU EMPLOYEES... Deadline for requesting to file an amended withholding exemption certificate for the coming year is Dec. 1. If your exemption status has changed since the filing of the last certificate, contact Personnel by Mon., Dec. 1.
Is This Any Way to Start a Revolution?

by Edward Schwartz

Recently I was asked to write a grant proposal for a project in Pennsylvania related to adult education. After accepting the offer I discovered that the guidelines for this proposal had to conform to federal specifications. I did endure this remarkable procedure, but shortly thereafter conjured in a horrible nightmare the following letter written to Thomas Jefferson in late July 1776.

Edward Schwartz is President of the Institute for the Study of Civic Values.

July 20, 1776

Dear Mr. Jefferson:

We have read your “Declaration of Independence” with great interest. Certainly, it represents a considerable undertaking, and many of your statements do merit serious consideration. Unfortunately, the Declaration as a whole fails to meet recently adopted specifications for proposals to the Crown, so we must return the document to you for further refinement. The questions which follow might assist you in your process of revision.

1. In your opening paragraph you use the phrase “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God.” What are these laws? In what way are they the criteria on which you base your central arguments? Please document with citations from the recent literature.

2. In the same paragraph you refer to the “opinions of mankind.” Whose polling data are you using? Without specific evidence, it seems to us, the “opinions of mankind” are a matter of opinion.

3. You hold certain truths to be “self-evident.” Could you please elaborate. If they are as evident as you claim, then it should not be difficult for you to locate the appropriate supporting statistics.

4. “Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” seem to be the goals of your proposal. These are not measurable
goals. If you were to say that “among these is the ability to sustain an average life expectancy in six of the 13 colonies of at least 55 years, and to enable all newspapers in the colonies to print news without outside interference, and to raise the average income of the colonists by 10 percent in the next 10 years,” these would be measurable goals. Please clarify.

5. You state that “whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new Government.” Have you weighed this assertion against all the alternatives? Or is it predicated solely on the baser instincts?

6. Your description of the existing situation is quite extensive. Such a long list of grievances should precede the statement of goals, not follow it.

7. Your strategy for achieving your goal is not developed at all. You state that the colonies “ought to be Free and Independent States,” and that they are “ Absolved from All Allegiance to the British Crown.” Who or what must change to achieve this objective? In what way must they change? What resistance must you overcome to achieve the change? What specific steps will you take to overcome the resistance? How long will it take? We have found that a little foresight in these areas helps to prevent careless errors later on.

8. Who among the list of signatories will be responsible for implementing your strategy? Who conceived it? Who provided the theoretical research? Who will constitute the advisory committee? Please submit an organizational chart.

9. You must include an evaluation design. We have been requiring this since Queen Anne’s War.

10. What impact will your program have? Your failure to include any assessment of this inspires little confidence in the long-range prospects of your undertaking.

11. Please submit a PERT diagram, an activity chart, and an itemized budget.

We hope that these comments prove useful in revising your ‘Declaration of Independence.'
SUNDAY, November 30

12:00 Noon
8:00 p.m.

Chaplin Mini-Festival (CCC)
Chaplin Mini-Festival (CCC)

MONDAY, December 1

12:00 Noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Chaplin Mini-Festival (CCC)
Operations Committee (D1120)
Pre-Registration for Health Sciences (MMD)
Chaplin Mini-Festival (CCC)

TUESDAY, December 2

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Administrative Council (PCA)
Human Services (D1120)
Women's Swim (Pool)

WEDNESDAY, December 3

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Deans' Meeting (PCA)
Competency-based Liberal Educ. Proj. (A1234)
Public Meeting "Non-Sexist Toys" (CCS)
Women's Brown Bag Lunch (B1507)
Student Dialog with President (Hall of Gov.)
Civil Service Affairs Subcommittee (D1120)
Senior Citizens Swim (Pool)
Student Services Testing (CCC)
Arica Media Show (ICC Dome)

THURSDAY, December 4

12:00 Noon
8:00 p.m.

"If" (CCC)
"If"

FRIDAY, December 5

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Administrative Council (PCA)
"If"
Affirmative Action (PCA)
Senior Citizens Swim (Pool)
ICC Staff Meeting (PCA)
SSAC (D1120)
"If"

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