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"A collision at sea can ruin your entire day."
Thucydides 471-401 B.C.

February 20, 1976

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS: PHASE II...
One task remains to complete the process of the Assembly elections: the election of Assembly Chairperson and Secretary. Every student and staff member is eligible to vote in this election. The candidates are:
For Chairperson: June O. Patton, CCS
Aida Shekib, BPS
For Secretary: Bev Thompson, FA; Bob Jensen, Central Stores; Jerome Starks, student, CCS.
Concomitant with balloting for these positions will be a re-run for HLD student rep. (see: Bill Dodd - Confession, Apology, p. 3) Balloting begins Monday, Feb. 23 and runs 'til noon on Saturday, Feb. 28. The Information Office or a station nearby will be open from 9 a.m. 'til 9 p.m., Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 a.m. 'til noon on Saturday.

BOG COUNCIL OF FACULTIES...Deadline for submitting nominating petitions for a three-year term as GSU representative or alternate to the BOG Council of Faculties is 9:00 a.m., Monday. Return petitions to Regina Williams whose office is next to UR. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters early in the week.

FOR UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, SEE PAGE THREE.

CURRENT CANDIDATES SCHEDULED FOR GSU APPEARANCES: Feb. 27, 2:30 p.m., Gov. Daniel Walker, Music Recital Hall; Joanne Alter (cand. for Lieut. Gov.) Women's Resource Center. March 1, 7:00 p.m., Congressmen Ralph Metcalf, CCC.

SPEAKING OF ELECTIONS...The following is a University Policy draft on hosting candidates to be presented to the Univ. Assembly for action. Drawn up at the President's request, you are asked to consider this as an interim policy.

University Policy on Hosting Candidates for Public Office
It is the policy of Governors State University to open its doors to all candidates for public office. Candidates and their representatives are welcome to address the University community formally and informally and distribute campaign materials on campus. This policy is an expression of the University Action Objective of Functional Citizenship.
In the implementation of this policy the following conditions will hold:
1. the University policy "Conditions Governing the Use of Physical Facilities" will apply;
2. no use of campus mail and/or campus printing facilities will be permitted candidates for public office;
3. for purposes of University hosting and coordination, the Office of University Relations is to be informed of all visits by candidates for public office;
4. candidates and their representatives, after registering at the Information Office, are welcome personally to distribute campaign materials to individuals; if, however, they wish to have campaign materials posted and displayed University-wide, they are to drop these materials off at the Information Office for distribution.

University Policy on Hosting Candidates...
GSU CLASSIFIED...Vacant Civil Service Job Classifications as of Feb. 18, 1976:
4/22 Closed Circuit TV Tech ICC
12/12 Dup. Machine Operator II CD
12/16 Procedures & Systems Analyst A&R
12/31 A&R Officer II, 1/2 time temp A&R
12/31 Sec II Trans, part time temp UR
1/12 LTA I LRC
1/12 LTA II LRC
1/28 Sec IV Trans, temp CCS
2/13 Bookstore Manager BKST
2/16 Sec IV Trans, part time temp EAS
2/16 Data Proc. Anal. II, part time temp EAS
2/16 Computer Aide II A&R

There are also several Work Program Participant positions open in various units throughout the University. For further info, contact the Personnel Office, ext. 2310, 2320.

QA ON CS...As a service to the GSU Civil Service staff, FAZE I, in cooperation with the Personnel Office, is initiating with this issue a question and answer column on C.S. regulations. If you have a problem with interpretation of scopes or exact meaning of any C.S. ruling, send your question to FAZE I so that the answer can be shared with the entire GSU Community. Chances are, your question is also shared by many.

Q. As a Civil Service employee, am I eligible for maternity disability benefits?
A. Recent retirement legislation established pregnancy as a disability with time parameters--two months before the birth of a child and two months following the birth of a child. If you have been a participant of the State University Retirement System for a minimum of two years, you are eligible for maternity disability benefits. As usual in all disability situations, a sixty-day waiting period exists; during this time period the employee uses his accrued sick leave (and/or accrued vacation time). The employee receives disability pay following the sixty-day period. Call the Personnel Office for an application and full details.

WELCOME TO NEW ICC DIRECTOR...John B. Johnson of Lincoln, Neb., is the new director of the ICC at GSU. He is former executive director and president of Edutek, Inc. While there he directed several national projects in areas of evaluation of national training programs, Equal Employment Opportunity programs, market research surveys, product development projects, and a general educational research projects. Arrangements are being made for a Feb. 24 coffee for Dr. Johnson in the CS Student Lounge.

DID YOU KNOW...that as a Civil Service staff member you have a voice in the Civil Service System which governs your employment? The University Civil Service System of Illinois is governed by the Merit Board, composed of six members representing governing Boards of the universities and agencies. Three advisory committees (University Civil Service, Personnel Directors, Administrative) advise the Merit Board.

As an employee, your concerns are channeled through the Civil Service Advisory Committee. This committee makes recommendations on rules, policies, procedures and proposes changes in benefit policies to the Merit Board which transmits its actions on such recommendations back to the advisory committees and the governing Boards of the universities and agencies.

You play an important part in determining the policies of the Advisory Board by contributing your ideas. Contact your representative, Andy Lokos, ext. 2200.

ATTENTION GSU FARMERS...Will County Extension Agent David Wilson is planning to speak at GSU on pointers for home gardeners. Tentative dates are Feb. 24 or 25, or March 9 or 10. If you are interested, call Leon Fennoy, ext. 2494, with the date most convenient for you to attend. The GSU garden plot program will organize in early May.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION...Dr. Betty Stanley and Professor Robert Press will present an all-day faculty development workshop on Friday, March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 363 Oakwood, Park Forest. They will present methods of assessment of prior experiential learning. Participation is limited to 24. If you wish to attend contact Betty Stanley, ext. 2491 before Feb. 23.

ESOTERIC GARBAGE...Noted on a GSU refuse drum: GURU U.
Election Results

faculty:
June O. Patton, CS (2 years)
Addison Woodward, HLD (2 years)

Faculty-At-Large:
Nvidia Kofele-Kale, BPS (2 years)
Kenneth Silber, HLD (2 years)

Support:
Joseph Meredith, LRC (2 years)
Carl Peterson, LRC (2 years)

Presidential Appointees
Russell Hollister, EAS Faculty
Lawrence Littlewood, Community
Herbert Olivera, BPS Faculty
Virgilio Piucci, Vice Pres., R&I

Student Representatives:
Edwin G. Washington, BPS (2 years)
Dottie Thorsen, BPS (1 year)
Jerome Starks, CS (2 years)
Betsy Jarvis, EAS (2 years)
Bob Daum, EAS (1 year)
HLD RERUN (FEBRUARY 23-28)

Bill Dodd: A Confession, An Apology ...

One of the candidates during the recent election of the Presidential Search Committee was Ms. Winn McGrane, an HLD student who works in the Information Office as an employee of University Relations.

Since balloting takes place in the Information Office and since the person staffing the office serves as election judge, the Election Commission decided to place another person in the office to handle balloting while Winn was working there. This procedure caused no little inconvenience to both the Election Commission and the UR staff, but seemed necessary given the unusual circumstances.

The scene now moves to the recent election of the Assembly student representative from HLD. Winn decided, just prior to the election, to run a write-in campaign. Through Susan Woodham, her immediate supervisor, she informed me (Election Commissioner) of her plans and asked for someone to handle the balloting. Depressed at the thought of once again having to place one of my staff members in the Information Office simply to handle balloting, I made, on the spur of the moment, the following decision: "Hell--let her handle it."

After the election, the other candidate for HLD student representative, Mr. Henry Barton, quite understandably protested the irregularities of this election.

It was immediately clear to me that my decision had been inexcusable, working an injustice on both candidates. Winn had been put in the position of judging ballots in her own election. Further, I had violated an Election Commission rule that no campaigning take place within 50 feet of the place of balloting.

The election was obviously null and void. I called the other Election Commissioners whom I had not consulted on my spur of the moment decision. We agreed that there must be a run-off and this run-off will be conducted in conjunction with the elections of Assembly Chairman and Secretary beginning Monday, February 23.

Neither the other members of the Election Commission nor the two candidates bear any responsibility for this mess. That "distinction" is mine alone. To all concerned, but especially to Ms. McGrane and Mr. Barton, I extend a sincere apology.
SATURDAY, February 21

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Third World Workshop (CCC)
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Seminar Third World Studies

SUNDAY, February 22

MONDAY, February 23

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Academic Affairs Staff (PCA)
9:00 a.m.  R & I Staff
12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m.  Presidential Search Committee
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Sickle Cell Anemia Lecture (CCC)

TUESDAY, February 24

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

WEDNESDAY, February 25

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  Administrative Council (PCA)
12:00 Noon  Academic Advisory Group (PCA)
1:30 p.m.  SCEPP (D1120)
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Theology for Lunch (D1120)
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  CCS Assistant Deans

THURSDAY, February 26

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  EAS Faculty Assembly (A1102)
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  BOG on Nontraditional Education (PCA)
12:00 Noon  Student Communications Media Board (D1120)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Fiscal Resources Committee
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  University Without Walls Advisory (PCA)
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  University Assembly (CCC)
8:00 p.m.  "A Delicate Balance" (Theater)

FRIDAY, February 27

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  Administrative Council (PCA)
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Executive Committee (A&R Conf. Room)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Affirmative Action (PCA)
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Senior Citizen Swim
8:00 p.m.  "A Delicate Balance" (Theater)

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS--Monday, Feb. 23 - Friday, Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

DIAL "INFO LINE" 534-0033 FOR RECORDED UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
THOUGHTS ON NOT BEING RE-ELECTED TO
THE UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

Or, the Consolations of Literature

Yesterday I received the news that I had not been re-elected as faculty representative to
the Governors State University Assembly, a body of which I had been the Chairman since its
Inception. I had not intended to run for Chairman again, but had thought that I could
gracefully refuse the office being thrust upon me for the fifth time, and was already
composing my speech of regret to the various volunteer nominating committees I was sure
were forming.

Such is the vanity of human wishes. I didn't even manage to get elected to the Assembly
itself, much less volunteer myself out of the Chairmanship, and moreover, I lost to a
candidate who wasn't on the ballot. I suppose I should have anticipated the event. After
all, anyone who drafts a position paper attacking collective bargaining ought not to be
surprised when the local chapter of the AFT feels that his services can be dispensed with.

When I called my wife to inform her that the voters had relieved me of the burden of office,
she asked me how I felt about the defeat, reminding me that my annual contract had offered
me the position of "University Professor of English and Chairman of the University Assembly"
three years in a row. (I stopped correcting the mistake because I enjoyed the anomaly of
being contracted into an elective office.) I told her that I was reminded of what the late
Adlai Stevenson had said upon a similar occasion, that "It hurts too much to laugh and I'm
too old to cry."

So today I attended to the business of the first part of my contractual title--that of
being a Professor of English. Every week I teach a class in Shakespeare's Tragedies. Today
was Hamlet, with student papers. Assignment: "Discuss the Delay in Hamlet; What Did He
Know and When Did He Know It." In the middle of a carefully worked out presentation in
which the student was proving, with the able assistance of Sigmund Freud, that the trouble
with Hamlet was his parents, I had what is called in my trade an epiphany, or blinding
revelation of truth (interdisciplinary division).

Under the political circumstances of the moment, it became clear to me that everybody had
the play all wrong--the Ideal good person of the play is Polonius, not Hamlet. ("Perpend.")

Hamlet has given Polonius a bad press, and we tend to think of him only as the crafty old
politician, dispensing insincere cracker-barrel advice to the unresponsive young, or as
the archetype of the kind of person anybody under the age of thirty ought not to trust.
After all, he spends much of his time in the play getting in Hamlet's way ("Thou wretched,
rash, intruding fool . . .")

As Chairperson of the Elsinore Campus's Search Committee For A King, Polonius had maneuvered
Claudius into the job, instead of appointing the seeming heir, ("Popped in between the
election and my hopes,") and to add injury to this insult, had got Hamlet's mother married
off to the new King before the Prince could get home from College ("The funeral baked-meats
Did coldly furnish forth the marriage tables.") After that, he breaks up the love-affair
between his daughter and Hamlet, and persuades the court that the Prince is crazy. Worst
of all, he criticizes Hamlet's poetry ("That's an ill phrase, a vile phrase. . .")

Furthermore, Polonius imposes tight budgets ("Neither a borrower nor a lender be,") and
thinks that the junior members should keep quiet ("Give every man thy ear, but few thy
voice.")
Now, what was revealed to me was that the only negative evaluation of Polonius in the play is Hamlet's. Everyone else loves and trusts him. The King has to admit that Polonius is always right ('Hath there been such a time...That I have positively said 'Tis so,' when it proved other wise?' "Not that I know.") Ophelia loves her father so much that when Polonius is killed, she loses her mind ("She speaks much of her father...speaks things in doubt That carry but half sense."). His son Laertes is so angry at the mingy funeral accorded Polonius that he leads a revolt against Claudius ("The rabble call him lord...They cry, 'Choose we, Laertes shall be king.'") The people resent the loss of their trusted leader ("...the people muddied, Thick and unwholesome in their thoughts and whispers For good Polonius' death.")

And so it goes. Hamlet is jealous of Polonius and is afraid that the court will deny him tenure ("Sir, I lack advancement") and a merit raise ("I eat the air, promise-crammed.") The Prince is also annoyed with Polonius' criteria for evaluation ("My Lord, I will use them according to their desert.") The frustrated Hamlet forms a union with Horatio and they declare war against the administration. Polonius, whose major concern is the health of the State and all its constituencies ("...a man faithful and honorable"), is perceived as being insufficiently narrow and is disposed of as no longer needed ("Dead for a ducat, Dead.")

One can therefore understand my empathy for the wise old councillor. After all, since Shakespeare gives Hamlet most of the best lines, it could be said that Polonius, too, is the victim of a write-in campaign.

We must no push analogies too far, of course. In a democratic society we have less drastic methods of disposing of the losers. All that will happen to me is that I will get to spend more time with Shakespeare and students.

For this relief, much thanks.

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