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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT... There will be a meeting of all professional staff on Mon., Nov. 22 from 2-3 p.m. in the William Engbretson Community Conference Center. The major purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for me to share with you some of my thoughts after 3 months at GSU. Preceding my address, short reports will be made on progress of three of the major goals set forth to you in September: (1) Tom Deem will report on the effort to improve community college relations and to increase the percentage of undergraduate students; (2) Aida Shekib will report on steps being taken to review the governance system; (3) I will report on the progress of the study of administrative structure.

YMCA REVIEW... Charles Olson (BPS), Chairperson, and the members of the YMCA Review Committee most earnestly request all GSUers to complete the YMCA/GSU survey as soon as possible and return it to the Committee. The Committee presented an interim report at last Thursday's Assembly meeting and hopes to complete its works and make its final recommendations early in the new year.

POT LUCK... There will be a Thanksgiving Pot Luck at noon in the Hall of Governors on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Bring a dish and a friend.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE... Remember to vote Tues., November 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Prairie State College referendum on the tax rate increase of 10.5¢/$100 assessed valuation of property (less than $1 per month on average home). Voting places are the high schools except (1) Bloom High School District residents vote at Prairie State College; (2) South Chicago Heights and Monee residents vote at Hickory Elementary School. You will vote at the high school that children from your residence would attend with the above exceptions.

GSUINGS... Mike Lewis (HLD) giving 100 volumes in the fields of psychology, sociology and education to the Woodlawn Organization for "use by all members of the TWO family for as long as the learning site relationship with GSU is maintained"... Ben Lowe (HLD) recently appointed to the 50-member delegate assembly of the National Association of Sport and Physical Education... Peggy Williams (HLD) presenting on Nov. 13 a workshop entitled "Personalizing the Developmental Reading Program with Interest Centers," the workshop sponsored by the Chicago Area Reading Association.
GSU CLASSIFIED...Vacant Civil Service Job Classifications as of November 17, 1976:

6/8 Architectural Draftsman II VP/A
9/29 Accountant III BO
10/21 Duplicating Operator II CD
10/21 Sec III Trans FA
10/25 A & R Officer III A&R
11/1 Sec IV Steno HLD
11/2 Sec III Trans HLD
11/4 Work Program Participant BO
11/4 Registration Aids (8) BO
11/5 Registration Aids (40) A&R
11/9 Sec IV Steno VP/CS
11/9 Library Clerk III LRC
11/17 Work Program Participant CCS
11/17 Building Mechanic BPO

Applications and information available in Personnel/Testing, ext. 2310, 2320.

LONDON WITH DAVE...Again this year, Dave Reeve (CCS) is organizing a theatre tour to London, England in connection with his module, British Theatre Experience. Dave plans to leave at the end of the winter trimester and return prior to the start of the spring trimester. The tour is open to all students and to GSU staff members (and their immediate families) who do not wish to participate in the module. Although final plans with the travel agency have not been completed, Dave does not expect the tour package to cost more than $550.00. The cost will include round-trip air fare, transfers, hotel room with bath and continental breakfast, and theatre tickets to 6-10 plays depending upon the length of stay (10-14 days). A side trip to Stratford-on-Avon is also planned if the Royal Shakespeare Company is performing during this time period.

As in the past, Mr. Reeve has programmed in a great deal of free time during the day so the individual will have an opportunity to explore the city, visit the various galleries and museums, take day excursions to other cities outside London, shop and participate in the many cultural activities available. Final plans should be completed by the beginning of December. If there are any questions concerning the tour or the module, please contact Dave Reeve in the Drama Workshop Office or call ext. 2119.

A BELATED...but nevertheless heartfelt congratulations to CAROL WIMBERLY (FA) and her husband Bill on the birth of Damien Christian Wimberly who arrived, weighing 6 1/4 pounds, at 2:47 a.m., November 6.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF...On Monday last five area legislators joined President Goodman-Malamuth, the Vice-Presidents and Deans for a relaxed luncheon and discussion. Also in attendance was Donald Walters, Executive Director of the BOG and his Executive Assistant, Jim Jespion. After a delightful repast, courtesy of Larry Fusinski and his staff, the discussion turned to the meat and potatoes of public higher education: $$. Leo G-M and Don Walters outlined the hardships at BOG institutions and GSU, in particular, resulting from Governor Walker's reduction of GSU's allocation by $334,000 and of the BOG's by $1.8 million. A short hand-out prepared by Don Walters for the legislators read in part: "The appropriation approved by the Governor provides only limited resources to meet the effects of inflation and to maintain the quality of existing academic programs.... In the previous six years, faculty salaries have increased 25.2% while consumer prices have increased 50.6%." The legislators were thus asked to consider postsecondary education among their highest priorities as they make their decision in the next few weeks on override. The legislators present explained the difficulties facing them, not the least of which is determining the actual financial condition of the State. Legislators in attendance were: Rep. Emil Jones (Dem., Dist. 28), Rep. Lewis Caldwell (Dem., Dist. 24), Sen. Elect George Sangmeister (Dem., Dist. 42), Rep. Harry Leinenweber (Rep., Dist. 42), Rep. Richard J. Kelly, Jr. (Dem., Dist. 9).

AN OPENING...Melvin Bernasconi, Superintendent of the Inyo County Schools, Independence, California, is seeking a "Speech, Hearing and Language Specialist" to act as therapist for elementary school students. For further info contact the Placement Office, ext. 2163.

MORE GSUINGS...LEO GOODMAN-MALAMUTH (PO) attending an AASCU meeting in New Orleans and co-conducting on Nov. 16 a workshop entitled "Essential Cooperative Efforts Between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs" at a Newport Beach, Cal., meeting of NASPA, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators...JOAN LEWIS AND SUSAN WOODHAM (UR) attending annual meeting of Ill. College Relations Council in Normal. 111.
FAZE FOCUS: ALIS ELLIS

Alis Ellis, an interesting name for an interesting woman. Alis is a secretary in HL01's Office of Student Records and Information. Secretarial duties, however, are but one of her many interests. She was seeking employment two years ago when she began hearing good things about GSU. She came to investigate and accepted the position she now holds in SRI.

Prior to coming to GSU Alis was employed by Heakin Market Research in Flossmoor where she was an editor, project coordinator and field supervisor. She has also been associated with Southwest Cook County Cooperative for Special Education as a teacher aid for socially and emotionally disturbed children.

Alis has attended Thornton Community College and the University of Illinois taking classes directly related to her many interests. Currently, she is studying psychology at Prairie State. Her future educational plans include studying Communication Science at GSU.

She is a writer in her off-hours and hopes the communication science program will sharpen her creative writing skills so that she can begin a career teaching writing and scripting for TV. "I think the TV facilities at GSU are very good and present vast opportunities for students interested in all aspects of TV production," she said.

Alis is very people-oriented and for this reason enjoys being at GSU. "I love meeting people with varied interests who are alive, intelligent and interesting, and I have an ample opportunity to do that here."

Comparing GSU to other places of employment, she said, "At GSU, one has the freedom to express ideas and feelings without negative feedback. This is not true of many places."

Alis has a great deal of contact with students on a one-to-one basis and has very positive feelings about the student body. She said, "I feel that students are the most essential factor in any university. Students should come first in any consideration. What purpose would a university serve without the student?"

As a writer, Alis enjoys people. "I need contact with people to stimulate ideas; locked away from the world a writer would grow stale. It is interaction with people that provides material for good writing...especially humorous pieces."

Humor is Alis' strong suit. She has been published in Mad Magazine, the Chicago Tribune and Rogue Annual (where she used a pseudonym). Phyllis Diller has used her material in a skit, and she has written numerous radio commercials.

In a more serious vein she has provided creative ideas for industrial brochures and for two years was the publisher of the Wood Hill Herald.

Alis lives in Park Forest South with her husband, James. She has four children: Karen, 20 (in the Air Force), Jim, 18 (married), Barbara, 17 and John, 12. (both at home) and one grandchild, Mark.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...VIRG PIUCCI (R&I) recently acted as consultant to a Pennsylvania State (Bloomsburg) workshop entitled "Symposium: '76"; joining Virge as consultants were Caroline Bird, noted critic of the value of higher education and the embattled President of Boston University, John Silber; Virg's session was entitled "Four Models for Viewing Decision-Making"...FRANKIE BARNES (SS) will speak on "Human Sexuality from the Perspective of a Black Woman" on Thursday, November 23, 9:30 a.m. in D1104...JOHN ROHR (BPS), while on leave last year with the United States Civil Service Commission, wrote a manual on training bureaucrats to ethical sensitivity; that the U.S. Government will soon be publishing his work; that John will be bringing out a book on this timely subject in the near future...that a new scholarly journal, The International Journal of Intercultural Relations, Associate Editor, TULSI SARAL (HLD), will make its appearance in February, 1977; a regular feature of the Journal will be Tulsi's "Intercultural Communication Monitor," which will include notes on scholarly papers, research reports, training workshops and seminars, training aids, simulation devices, etc., etc.; Tulsi is requesting help from professionals in the field of Intercultural Communications in getting relevant material for the first issue - send info to Tulsi by November 30.
SATURDAY, November 20
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Student Testing (A1102)

SUNDAY, November 21

MONDAY, November 22
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Academic Council (PCA)
9:00 a.m. R & I Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. ICC Production Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon SCEPP (D1120)
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Professional Staff Meeting w/President (WEECCC)

TUESDAY, November 23
9:30 a.m. "Human Sexuality from the Perspective of a Black Woman" Frankie Barnes (D1104)
12:00 Noon Markham Prairie Tour
7:30 p.m. Jazz Concert

WEDNESDAY, November 24
12:00 Noon Theology for Lunch "Bread for the World" Rev. Elmer Witt (D1120)
12:00 Noon Thanksgiving Pot Luck (HOG)
1:30 p.m. CCS Assistant Deans
3:00 p.m. CCS ISC Meeting
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Swim (Pool)

THURSDAY, November 25

FRIDAY, November 26

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