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## Memo Regarding Governors of the State of Illinois

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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

July 8, 1970

TO: GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY STAFF  
FROM: W. E. Engbretson  
SUBJECT: GOVERNORS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Enclosed you will find a brief listing of all the Governors of the State of Illinois which number 37 totally. A brief biography on each Governor, taken from State documents in Springfield, is included.

We have had a variety of representations from various people on how to go about honoring Governors of the State in terms of the university itself. It is my intent to at least name our collegial units initially after certain governors. We have all the related questions of political representation, the type of record the Governor had, connections with existing personnel or living personnel, etc. I am sure you are aware of the many ramifications and connotations. Functionally, it is the Board's prerogative to name buildings and customarily this is done upon recommendation of the institution.

I would like to request that you read through these biographies, research further any of them that you wish through Dave Schuelke who is gathering additional information, and, by the end of September, 1970, transmit to my office your recommendations in rank order of the governor or governors that should be honored by their name being attached to one of our collegial units. Please list first choice, second choice, third choice.

We will go over these in October; and it is my intent to sound out board members in advance of any formal recommendations, since many of them have knowledge of the performance of the governors that we might not have individually or collectively. It is my intent to do this prior to any formal recommendation to the Board, which I subsequently intend to make after the Fall elections.

I am sure that you will find this a challenging and exciting task, and I await the results with a high degree of expectancy.