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DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know: 1) that at one time tokens were needed to park in the GSU parking lot; that the façade of the building was made from Cor-Ten steel; and that there was a legend that the Skylab was going to fall on GSU property? Louis Schultz, Architectural Draftsman II in the Facilities Development and Management Department (FDM), knew these facts. This Fall he shared unique GSU artifacts with the University Archives.

"During American Archives Month in October, we have the chance to celebrate the legacy that is GSU," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. "The University Archives provide the GSU community with a resource to verify our rich history and we want everyone to be aware of this service of the Library," she continued.

Supported with a generous donation from the Friends of the GSU Library, the newly renovated GSU Archives room was a collaborative effort with FDM. Louis Schultz assisted in the design plans of the three archive rooms and as a result, contributed to the collection.



Louis Schultz

After graduating from GSU, Louis began his career at GSU in 1989. "To see the evolution of the history of GSU and how the University has become what it is now is of great interest to me," he offered. "I use the archives in a variety of ways through my work, including online research to verify dates of activities or history related to a particular building here at GSU," he mentioned. "Through my work I also run across historical items. For example, Bob Jensen was in the first GSU class and came to work at GSU in the Buildings and Operations department http://opus.govst.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&context=anniv#page=2.

When Bob retired, I saved some items from his office such as the Skylab poster, tokens that were used to get into the parking lot, and a framed remnant of the deteriorated, rusted steel façade made of Cor-Ten steel that was bricked over in 1987. Assisting in the renovation of the archive room, made me more aware of the importance of archives, and I donated these items to the archives," Louis offered. "The GSU story needs to be preserved. The archives allow us to reflect on the people, the legacies, the past and the

If you have items that you think might be of importance to the archives, checkout the following link, <u>Contact the Archives Staff</u>.

different periods of time in our rich history," he shared.

"Mark your calendars for the official Ribbon Cutting for the GSU Archives on November 3rd from 4-6PM. This will also be a celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Friends of the GSU Library. All in the GSU Community are invited," announced Ruetten.

Remember, Your GSU Library is Your Research Resource 24/7

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