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Faculty and Staff Newsletter
Office of Communications
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JANUARY 8, 1973

FROM THE UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY...January 11 is the deadline for submitting nominating petitions for vacant assembly seats. Fifteen of the 33 member assembly will be replaced by elections later this month. Check the University Assembly calendar posted around the mini-campus...

At its December 21 meeting, the Assembly Chairperson, DANIEL BERND, reported the President had taken the following actions on Assembly passed measures: approved creation of a Student Affairs Sub-committee, approved as amended the SCEPP policy on University research policies and on University community service, approved with comments the SCEPP policy on Cooperative Education, and vetoed the Schtuba parcel recommendation...consideration of an override of the President's veto will be considered by the Assembly at its next regular meeting in February...an article on the Schtuba argument appearing in the Star-Tribune newspapers is reproduced on the back page of FAZE I...

in other Assembly matters, passed SCEPP recommendations on LRC policies and on up-to-date descriptions of learning modules and most recent evaluations being available to all students and faculty...passed Fiscal Committee's presentation of GSU's position on tuition increases although the matter currently resides and is being considered by the Board of Higher Education...the President reported that GSU had received authorization from the BOG to bid for internal equipment for Phase I...Phase I construction is now 68 days behind schedule with hopes for

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making up some of that time...noted that the Accrediation written report is awaited with expectations that GSU will receive status of "recognized candidate" in March...noted the BHE staff budget recommendation for FY 74 (beginning July, '73) operating budget is \$8.6 million down from the \$10.7 million recommended by the BOG and the \$11.9 million requested most recently by GSU. The BHE itself has yet to vote and has canceled its January meeting. The current GSU operating budget is \$6.8 million...as FAZE I went to press, the University Assembly was meeting (January 4) in special session to consider the proposal on personnel systems...specific measures passed by the Assembly and approved for implementation by the President are being forwarded to Unit heads. Additional copies are available from the University Assembly Secretary who is located adjacent to the President's office.

ACTING ASSISTANT DEAN...in the College of Cultural Studies is CLARA ANTHONY, as recently announced by AL SHERMAN, Dean of CCS.

CIVIL SERVICE...Advisory Committee representative from GSU is CLIFF KOEHLER (A & R) who was unanimously elected by his constituency.

PARTICIPATE IN THE UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY
ELECTION!

GSUings...ROSCOE PERRITT (CBPS) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his address before the Illinois Business Education Association...student DON WILLIAMS (CCS) being invited to attend the inaugural ball for Governor-elect Dan Walker in Springfield...TULSI SARAL (CHLD), TONY WEI (LRC) and KEN WIEG (Student Services) participating in programs of continuing education for area women at Greenerfields South held at the Park Forest public library...KEISHA CARTER bringing smiles to new daddy, WARRICK (CCS)...MEL MUCHNIK (Office of Communications) delivering paper to the Speech Communication Association Convention in Chicago on "Political Broadcasting on Public Radio and Television Stations: First Amendment Implications"...JOE MEREDITH (LRC) participating in the organization of a "Citizens Planning Council" for Park Forest South...DEREK PURCELL, son of BARBARA (V.P.-Acad. Affairs), being photographed by the local papers as part of a class demonstration on dinosaurs.

STUDENT SERVICES DOINGS...in January include:

8-12--"Ace Trucking Co." a half hour of comedy and improvisation on video. 1pm-Commons

8 & 9-Table Tennis and Pocket Billiards tournament (see TOM GUNNING for details)

16-19-"Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song" movie. 1pm-Commons

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER...of a \$500 scholarship donated by the Project Recycle Group of Park Forest, is PATRICK J. GALLAGHER, a graduate student in the Science Program of CEAS. His selection was based on his proposal for an investigation of solid waste disposal systems in the south suburbs.

DEFINITIONS:

Water pollution: Sclerosis of the River

--FRANCES BIBB, CBPS

COMPANY FOR LUNCH?...if you are anticipating groups staying at the University for a special event that would coincide with the lunch or dinner hour, please let DICK STRUTHERS in the Business Office know. He will alert Automatique to supply the machines with additional food.

SAFETY SERVICES...demonstrated their effectiveness again this week by recovering a videotape recorder taken from the ICC last Friday. Their efficient work, in record time, was greatly appreciated.

THORN CREEK AUDUBON SOCIETY...meets Wed., Jan. 10, 7 pm, at the PF library. A film & results of Christmas Bird Census are on the agenda.

THE PHOTO CAPTION...contest sponsored by the Office of Communications evoked 33 captions submitted by 12 contestants. The judges, DANIEL BERND (CCS) and ELAINE STRAUSS (Office of Communications) have divided the cash prize between two entries. They have also indicated some entries as runners-up in the contest and several others worthy of honorable mention. They have also given a separate award to one entry for being unprintable (see HERM SIEVERING, CEAS). The full list of prize-winners and their captions appear on the Office of Communications bulletin board. Here are the two top ones:

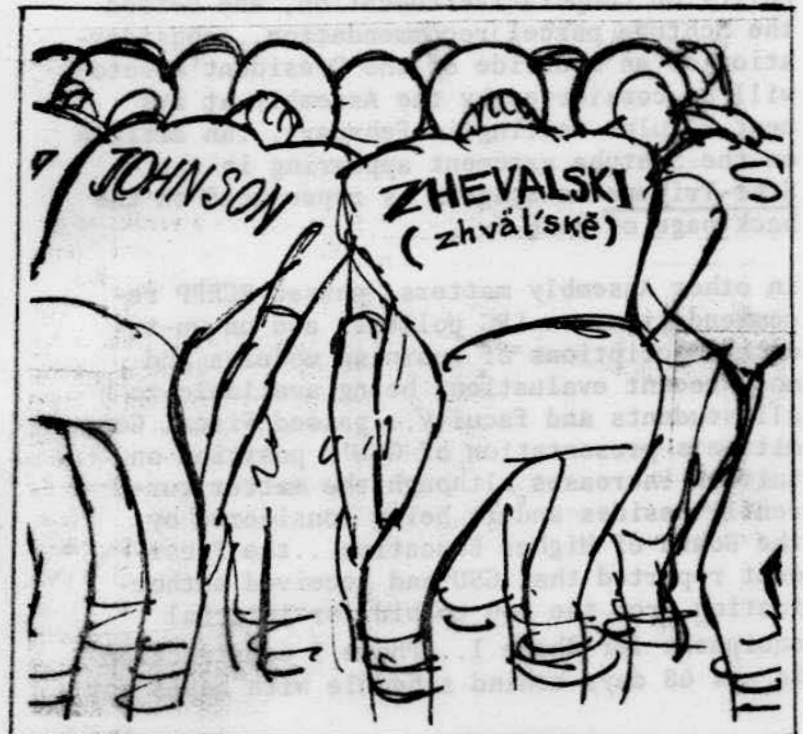
"WEE: Jerry, run out and see where in Hell the broads are. That dancing act was due here half an hour ago."

--ALLENE SCHNAITTE, LRC

"WEE: Bonnie, not now!"

--BECKY KELLER, CCS

Congratulations to the winners...watch for the next caption contest.



EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Academic Affairs Staff (AA Area)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	A & R Staff (Mini-conf.)
3:30 p.m.	ICC Staff (Preview Room)
4:00 p.m.	CCS Senate (Performing Arts Room)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	V.P.'s meet with President (Mini-conf.)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Financial Aids Advisory Committee (248)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Human Services Committee (Preview Room)
1:30 p.m.	LRC Staff
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Academic Wing (Mini-conf.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	MIS sub-committee on Instructional Support (254)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Educational Policies & Programs (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	FOCAL POINT (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	ISP Task Force (Mini-conf.)
4:00 p.m.	Communications Science Work Group (840)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Committee on the Future (Mini-conf.)
1:00 p.m.	BALANCE (780)
1:30 p.m.	HSRC Staff (HSRC Area)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Jr. College Coordinating (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	CBPS Staff
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Student Relations Advisory Group (Mini-conf.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 a.m.	V.P.'s meet with President (Mini-conf.)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Coop Ed. Staff (840)
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	Executive Committee (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	R & I Advisory Committee (Mini-conf.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Drop In (Commons)
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--COMING UP THIS SESSION--

February 3	Jazz Concert with South Suburban Symphony, Park Forest
February 4	Sunday Evening Drop In, Commons, 6:30-10:00 p.m.
February 6	BHE Meeting, Chicago
February 22,23,24.	CCS Production, "And Things That Go Bump in the Night;" 8:00 p.m., Commons

Dr. Engbretson Announces His Veto on Sztuba Proposal

Last Thursday, Dr. William Engbretson, Governors State university president, announced his veto to the earlier proposal for saving the Sztuba parcel in its natural state.

This 25-acre piece of land in the east central portion of Governors State's permanent campus includes rolling terrain and two lakes and is classified as "degraded prairie" — land that has been cultivated in the past but has not been farmed for 30 years and is gradually returning to its natural state.

On November 16, the University assembly, policy-recommending body with representation drawn from all segments of Governors State, passed the following by 11-6 vote: "The University assembly recommends that, due to the educational and ecological value and potential of the Sztuba parcel of the permanent campus of Governors State university, it is undesirable for any kind of construction to take place on this site, and this parcel should be kept in its present state."

POTENTIAL threat had come to the Sztuba parcel (named for its original owner) with its selection as appropriate site for placement of an outdoor amphitheater, now in the initial planning stages at Governors State. University architects chose this parcel as most appropriate for construction because its terrain could be most economically utilized.

Dr. Engbretson, who received the assembly's recommendation on December 4, announced his veto only an hour before the group's regular meeting at 4 p.m. last Thursday. An ex-officio member of the assembly, he appeared at the meeting to read the following statement in person:

"As I am sure is expected, I choose to veto this recommendation. The assembly may choose to override the veto by established procedures and, in that event, I will arrange for the conflicting views to be represented before the Board of Governors for their decision. I have verbally stated my response before the assembly twice. I do not feel it is necessary to do so again. There are, of course, a variety of factors to which I wish to draw attention.

"This is not an issue of the proposed preservation of a degraded meadow prairie with somewhat unique floral characteristics versus a proposed amphitheater. The issue is the feasibility of total preservation of the Sztuba parcel in any event versus any other proposed or as yet unproposed use.

"I SEE NO feasible way to ensure the total preservation of the parcel in its current state in any event. There will be 10,000 and more university personnel in the immediate vicinity in the near future — encroachment will be inevitable.

"The areas to the north and south of Exchange just east of the eastern border of GSU's site and the parcel in question are already zoned for high-density building. Human use of the parcel will be inevitable.

"Many of the desirable aspects of the parcel can be maintained (lake, wood, etc.) and enhanced by the funding and construction of the proposed amphitheater. 'Outside' funding is required. The lake can be deepened and broadened and rebuilt. The dam will have to be rebuilt, since it is man-made and in serious need of repair, in any event. Area woods can be preserved and in fact enhanced.

The construction, if funded, of the amphitheater will include fencing the area, which will tend to preserve some but not all of the features in question.

"THE BOARD has already acted to commit the area to community-oriented use in its approval of the site development plan in 1971. The board has already dedicated part of the parcel in question to potential development and use as an amphitheater if funded externally.

"I am concerned about the potential amphitheater construction and use as I, and others, see it as directly related to the GSU goal of cultural expansion. Use by many for demonstrably valuable purposes is, in my judgment, a pervasive factor.

"I wish to again commend students and staff for their concerned approach and presentation. There is sharply split opinion on the issue as illustrated by successive close positive, then negative votes of the physical resources committee, and close negative, then positive votes of the University assembly."

At last Thursday's meeting, following the president's statement, the 12 assembly members present of its 30-total membership voted 11 to 1 to table further action on the matter, which might include an overriding of the president's veto, until the next regular meeting on February 1.

DR. DANIEL Bernd, assembly chairman, spoke in favor of immediate action because there will be an election of new members to the assembly in January, replacing over half its present membership, so that the group then making a decision for action will not be the same group which has voted on the matter up to this point.

Speaking as a member of the assembly, Dr. Engbretson then noted that governance of the university is a continuing process, and that it should not matter which individuals are sitting in assembly seats at any given moment as long as the assembly itself moves forward with its role in university governance.

Among a number of observers at Thursday's meeting was Robert Jense, GSU student and president of Balance, the university's environmental club. He later affirmed his earlier position of November that "We are not against the amphitheater, only where it is going to be put."

The Sztuba parcel has been used as a field laboratory by GSU's college of environmental and applied sciences and Croto-Monee high school and has been termed "a thing of beauty" by the Balance group.

THE CURRENTLY proposed amphitheater would be similar to that of Ravinia in Highland Park, with fixed seating for approximately 4,500 people and "blanket seating" space on surrounding grass and hill areas to draw a potential audience of up to 20,000 for events on clear days and nights.

Outside management would probably have to be contracted for, which might reduce student access to the facility for a time. However, "We hope to provide a performing facility for students and the community," Dr. Engbretson said earlier, and indicated that the university would hope, through time, to negotiate increasing use of the amphitheater by GSU.

The assembly is cognizant of the fact that there is no guarantee the proposed amphitheater will be built at all because currently there is no money available for it.