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PREPARED PEOPLE WILL PARTAKE IN PROCESSIONAL... Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 p.m., at Homewood-Flossmoor High School during GSU's Second Commencement Ceremony. There is certainly an air of excitement in the halls of GSU these days. FAZE I and all other GSUers give plaudits to all those who successfully completed degree requirements and will graduate Sunday. Incidentally, check the maps on the bulletin boards if you're not too confident about finding your way to Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

PARTICULARLY PLEASING... The GSU Jazz Band will play a concert in the Park Forest Plaza, Wednesday, June 27, at 9:00 p.m. It's to be a joint venture of the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Sextet. They and WARRICK CARTER (CCS) are again "doing their thing" for GSU and its community. Everyone agrees that they can never do it too much. And, this time, it's part of the eight-day Festival of the Performing Arts, a community project of the Park Forest Art Center.

PERTAINING TO PLAIN-DEALING... Chicagoan CHARLES A. DAVIS resigned from the Board of Governors at the close of its June 14th meeting. Davis, who heads his own public relations firm, had served more than six years on BOG. He indicated at the time that there would be a conflict of interests if he were to continue on BOG, based on an April opinion by Illinois Attorney General WILLIAM SCOTT. He said he was resigning rather than disposing of his economic interests in Independence and Seaway Banks, two Black-owned national banks in Chicago.

PARLEY FOR PONDERING... The June 28th meeting of the University Assembly will be held at 3 p.m. instead of 4:00. The location is the same as previously announced--the Performing Arts Room.

PASS IT ON... If it's Tuesday, and the first Tuesday, it must be CCS Community Council. BOB PRESS (CCS) is sending out reminders that CCS Community Council meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. The group gathers next July 3, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room. No doubt they'll be talking about their participation in the Ashanti Durbar held Saturday, June 23, at 57th St. and Cottage Grove. The day-long event was a fund-raiser for the DuSable Museum of African-American History. The CCS Community Council cooperates with the DuSable Museum as an activity that supports and extends GSU's mandate to serve south metropolitan Chicago and one of our objectives, cultural expansion.

PAEANS FOR PEDAGOGY...A highlight of GSU Commencement Exercises is the recognition of outstanding faculty. Receiving the Distinguished Teacher Award for the College of Human Learning and Development in 1973 is CUTTIE M. BACON, Collegial Coordinator of Cooperative Education, CHLD. An interview with Bacon reinforced the reason and judgment for his being singled out and honored. He is dedicated to academic excellence and demonstrates commitment to providing positive and meaningful learning experiences for GSU students, with a serious concern for improving the quality of life. Bacon holds a B.A. degree from Kentucky State College and was awarded the Ph.D. by Northwestern University.

PERUSING A PUBLICATION...The spring issue of Community College Frontiers contains a number of interesting articles. AL MARTIN (AA) describes the content of this GSU/SSU jointly sponsored journal as enlightening in its coverage of a broad range of the concerns and subjects related to equality and education and the quality of community life. MARTIN, GSU's junior college coordinator, is a member of the frontiers editorial advisory board.



"As I'm sure you understand, it's hard for the modern university administrator to find time to chat with you professors of the less relevant courses."

PROPITIOUS PROPINQUITY...GSU Women's Organization elected Mrs. DAVID CURTIS (R&I) chairperson at a recent meeting here. Other newly-elected officers and their GSU "connections" are MRS. ROBERT HAUWILLER (A & R), vice chairperson; MRS. JOSEPH BUTLER, treasurer; MRS. CHARLES HIGGINBOTHAM (both MIS) secretary; and MRS. ROBERT KREBS (R & I), publicity chairperson. Please permit putting forth Please permit propounding pragmatism procedures. (Pricked by premonition)

PURSING PERFORMANCES...A touring children's theater troupe at GSU is seeking bookings for this summer. They are asking for bookings in day camps, park districts, YMCA's and community centers in and around the Chicago area. The troupe offers programs to expose young people to various elements of theater entertainment, such as melodrama, pantomime, mime, and improvisation. Special efforts will be made to serve various ethnic and low income children. Called "The Bak Pak Players," the group is directed by GERALD STEPHENS, a CCS student. Contact him if you have any good leads on bookings: 18 W266 Buckingham Lane, Villa Park; (312) 629-4395. Students in the repertory touring company will earn units in Cooperative Education. In addition to touring, the troupe meets in a weekly workshop to explore innovative ideas with interested theater people.

PRESAGE THE POTENTIAL...SHARON JUSICK (A&R) is a "Big league" catcher for a South Suburban Women's Softball League team. At last report, the team is yet unnamed and looking for a sponsor. Incidentally, her sister is on the same team. Several GSUers stand in awe of Sharon (including your editor), because the only position they've ever been offered on a team is left out. There's no designated spot for this position, but, believe me, the parameters are very clear.

POSTURE FOR PERAMBULATING...An Iran high school girl toured GSU June 13. At Duluth (Minn.) this past year as an American Field Service (AFS) student, she had heard of GSU from her Iran sister when the latter was a foreign student at Thornridge High School.

POSITIVELY PERIPATETIC...A Sunday New York Times carried a thought-provoking account of one man's experiences "beyond the ivy walls." I wondered what others would think about his experiment. After reading the summary of the article, share your reactions with other GSUers. Or, if you've had "other world" experiences, tell us about them. We'll publish them in FAZE I. (The Editor-mlc)

PRES. JOHN R. COLEMAN, Haverford College, complained that "the educational process kept people in lockstep from infancy to Ph.D. and then some." Well, the man was not blowing in the wind! Took a sabbatical, leaving suburban Philadelphia behind, and went out looking for a variety of hard work experiences.

He started out in February laboring 13 hours a day as a farmhand in Ontario. Having traveled extensively in January to raise funds for Haverford, a very select liberal arts college, he collected want ads along his way. A labor economist by training, he believes he "has an eye for the want ads." Because Atlanta seemed to offer work opportunities, Coleman went there and worked for First Utility Corporation, digging ditches for sewers and water lines. His skill development was uneven. Although he quickly learned a litany of obscenities from fellow workers, he couldn't "get it together" with his hands.

He quit and returned to Philadelphia, taking his seat as chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank there. While presiding over the bank's monthly meeting, he was spooked by a feeling that there was something unreal about the other board members.

Next day, Coleman was in Boston, maybe for sentimental reasons since he'd once taught economics at M.I.T. A porter-dishwasher job in a cafeteria lasted but an hour. The boss pressed \$2 into his hand and fired him. A true academic, the now-unemployed asked why. No explanation. For the first time in his life, he had been fired, was unemployed, and felt demoralized -- even with a bank account, job and salary waiting for him back home. Keeping his spirits up was a struggle. He was turned down when he applied for a job as kitchen helper in an electronics plant (next door to the M.I.T. building in which he'd taught two decades before). And

fared no better at a nursing home and country club. Furthermore, having to endure the snubs of those in authority.

Frustrated, he turned from the Boston Globe want ad section and sought enlightenment in its daily horoscope: "Look for money and luck in the early afternoon." A few hours later, Union Oyster House hired him to be a sandwich and salad man. In this job, he and the other lowly employees experienced working under great pressures. All day. It didn't matter how heavy or light customers flowed, someone stayed on their backs. A sharp reprimand for an inadvertent oversight caused the articulate gentleman to explode in an expletive he'd picked up from Atlanta ditchdigging friends. Now -- Dr. Coleman's hobby is cooking, so he handles himself pretty well in the kitchen. The observant manager offered him a promotion to assistant chef. But at a bank board meeting time in Philadelphia again so he quit.

Coleman, next in College Park, Md., tried to spark residents on his garbage truck route, calling out cheery greetings as he scavenged. No good! Few replied; most pretended he didn't even exist. His diary entries during this one-week period were notes on American class consciousness and a sketchy sociology of trash-leaving habits. Ending his job and the experiment, Coleman went back to his checkbook and full-bodied Haverford existence.

Incidentally, he'd left Haverford not telling where he was going or why. By now, of course, many have heard; some are critical or cynical, and others think it's the craziest thing they've ever heard of. Coleman himself says, "I'm the better for it. I can't make the thing out to have been terribly well thought out; it had a serendipitous aspect. But it was answering to my heart and head."

He plans to repeat the lesson he urged during his 1967 inaugural at Haverford: "The scholar, young or old, needs time to withdraw and to look back on what has been learned and ahead to what comes next."

**Don't Miss Out on the
Position Activity This Year!**

We handle teaching and administrative positions, especially major positions, including

EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 25

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Academic Affairs Staff (AA Area)
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Coop Ed Staff (830)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	A & R Staff (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Fiscal Resources (Mini-conf.)
3:30 p.m.	ICC Staff (Preview Room)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	V.P.'s meet with President (Mini-conf.)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Governance Committee (840)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Financial Aids (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Civil Service Representatives (Mini-conf.)
1:00 p.m.	Innovator Staff (N. Rotunda)
1:00 p.m.	HSRC Staff (HSRC Area)
1:30 p.m.	LRC Staff
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Academic Wing (Mini-conf.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	First Day of Instruction, J/A 73 Session
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Dean's Meeting (Mini-conf.)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Faculty Load Sub Committee (840)
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	Educational Policies & Programs (Mini-conf.)
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	FOCAL POINT (Mini-conf.)
9:00 p.m.	Student Publications Committee (Mini-conf.)
	Jazz Concert (Park Forest Plaza)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Civil Service Information Meeting (Mini-conf.)
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	CEAS Administrative Council (802)
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Committee on the Future (Mini-conf.)
1:00 p.m.	BALANCE (780)
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Civil Service Personnel Committee (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	CBPS Staff (236)
3:00 p.m.	University Assembly (Performing Arts Room)
3:00 p.m.	CHLD Steering Committee (Dean's Conference Area)
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Day Care Center Program Committee (Mini-conf.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

8:30 a.m.	V.P.'s meet with President (Mini-conf.)
9:30 a.m.	CHLD Forum (244)
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.)