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NEW BOG MEMBERS...GSU's immediate governing board, the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, has four new members including a 21-year old college student. Governor Walker's appointments included Felcitas Berlanga, a senior at Illinois State University who resides in south Chicago. Ms. Berlanga is Vice-President of the Council for Higher Education for Spanish Speaking People and is active in several ISU student organizations. She will be filling an unexpired two-year term. Appointed to seven year terms were two Chicagoans, James Cicero and Leon Davis, with Norma Relph of Peru, Illinois also appointed to a full six-year term. The BOG is the governing board for GSU and four other Universities: Northeastern and Chicago State in the metropolitan area, Western Illinois in Macomb and Eastern Illinois in Charleston.

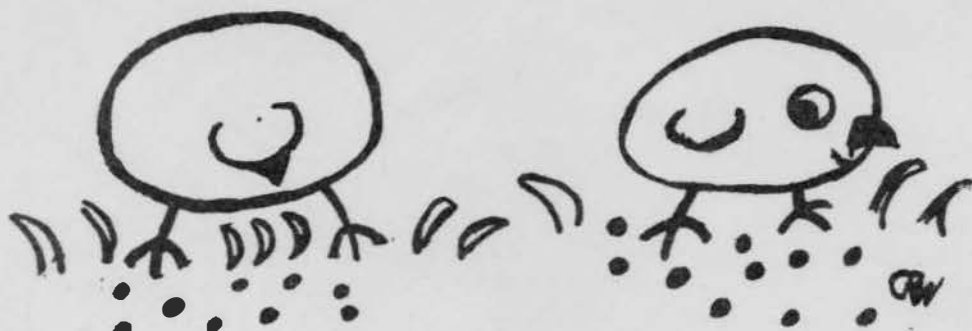
ISP APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY...by the University Assembly at its June 28 meeting. The Instructional Systems Paradigm now goes to the President for final action. Other Assembly actions included the granting of a 30 day extension to the President for consideration of an Assembly-passed policy on overtime compensation for non-exempt Civil Service personnel; voting to override a presidential veto on the setting of Civil Service hours (the Assembly-passed hours which must now be considered by the BOG were 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except in units where other hours totaling 7-1/2 hours are appropriate, a one-hour staggered lunch period plus two 15 minute rest breaks); adopting a policy on a general assurance for the protection of human subjects as required by HEW in its grants to schools for projects involving human subjects; passed credit for experience to graduate students for an undefined experimental period to not more than 5% of graduate enrollment.

The Assembly also reaffirmed its position that the results of the Student Evaluation of Instruction be made available to students and faculty and resubmitted its position to the President. SUE GEBHARDT (CEAS) has resigned as Chairperson of the Governance Committee with BERNARD BUSH (A & R) being elected as her replacement.

EMERGENCY MIGRANT FOOD DRIVE...sponsored by CCS Community Council, YWCA, and the Illinois Migrant Council, will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, July 16. Food drop off points are the GSU Northwest entrance, and the YWCA at 45 Plaza in Park Forest. Especially needed are flour, baking powder, beans, potatoes, eggs, and shortening. Canned goods as well as checks are also acceptable.

THE END OF THE BEGINNING...A Commencement debriefing will be held by the Convocation/Commencement Committee co-chaired by BOB BAILEY and BOB HAUWILLER (both A & R). The session will be held in the Mini-conference room at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18. Comments will be welcomed.

UNIVERSITY ADVOCATE...is the new position accepted by PAUL HILL. In general, the University Advocate tries to get a University response to any individual problem by cutting the red tape and gaining access to all University offices and personnel. He pleads the cause, argues for, defends, maintains, supports or recommends, privately or publicly, needed changes in University policy and practice. Hill will be responsible only to the President and the individual whose cause he is representing. Responsibilities for Student Services, formerly headed by Hill, will be assumed by DOUG DAVIS, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.



"My son didn't complete his 'Spaceship Earth' Learning Module before he accumulated 16 units including his current registration in the Popular Culture ISC in Cultural Studies."

"I don't know what that means."

CHECKMATE...The GSU Chess Club will be hosting the JAY H. TOLL Memorial Open Chess Tournament on July 27-29 with a prize fund of \$500. The tournament is named in honor of a prominent chess organizer and player. Mr. Toll helped found the South Suburban Chess League and was active in the Park Forest Chess Club... Entry fees for U.S. Chess Federation members is \$12 for adults and \$10 for those under 18. Non-federation members pay \$20 for adults and \$14 for under 18. Entries and inquiries should be addressed to BILL WHITED, c/o Student Services.

THIRD THURSDAY FACULTY MEETING...will not meet in July. The next meeting is slated for August 16 with time and place to be unveiled later in FAZE 1.

ONLY HUMANS NEED APPLY...SCEPP has passed a motion to set up a committee to recommend a policy for the protection of human subjects in all areas of University participation. Because of the importance of the subject(s), SCEPP would like to have as broad a representation as possible on the committee. If you would like to serve or know of someone well-qualified to do so, contact DAVE CURTIS, Chairman of SCEPP (R & I, ext. 215) or PAM MADSEN, Secretary of SCEPP (AA, ext. 211).

GSUings...TULSI SARAL (CHLD) attending a one-month Institute on Human Consciousness conducted by Escalen Institute at the University of California at Berkeley...SUE GEBHARDT (CEAS) writing in Nursing Outlook on "A New Model for Nursing Education," a description of the GSU programs in CEAS...SYLVIA TORTO (BPO) appearing in the June 28-29 performances of the "World of Carl Sandburg" at the Festival of the Performing Arts at the Park Forest Plaza...entering student MARTHA SCOTT (CHLD) receiving a license to preach from the Illinois Conference on Methodist Churches...URBAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB holding a golf tournament in honor of the late Charles Gavin with proceeds going to the scholarship fund at GSU.

JUST THE FACSS...The next issue of FACSS (the newsletter for Faculty, Alumni, Community, Students, and Staff) is slated for the September/October Session. Info for inclusion in the newsletter/calendar should be sent to MARY LOU CAMPBELL at the Office of Communications within the week. Unless otherwise notified, the Office of Communications will list on the calendar committee meetings times as currently scheduled. CHANGES IN SCHEDULE FOR S/O SESSION, OR OTHER EVENTS should be sent to the Office of Communications BY THE END OF JULY.

PRACTICES MAKES PERFECTS...A paper on "Innovative and Experimental Practices at Governors State University," initially prepared by AL MARTIN, the Coordinator of Junior College Relations, and updated with slight revisions, is attached to this week's issue of FAZE 1. Additional quantities of the paper are available through the Office of Communications.

THE BALANCE MINIBUS...BALANCE has offered the Park Forest South Transit Advisory Council its views of the transportation needs of Park Forest South as they relate to the GSU student. The student environmental club calls for a public transportation that is "accessible, reliable, convenient, of comparable travel time, low-cost, and environmentally sound." Among things proposed by the BALANCE is curtailment of the private auto with banning them outright, at least on the GSU campus. Bicycle and walking paths, and dial-a-bus and minibus possibilities are among the solutions offered.

WATCHED POTS AND FINE PRINT...GAIL GRIGSBY (ICC) brought home interesting reports from the International Design Conference in Aspen, Colorado. FAZE 1 wants to mention one of her experiences. Stewing over whether her kettle of soup would ever boil, Gail gained fuller understanding of those few little words at the end of some recipes: "If you are in a high altitude (about 3,200 feet) ...Betty Crocker isn't fooling.

DELIBERATE EFFORTS...to employ handicapped persons at GSU are being made, according to JOHN KIRKSEY, Personnel Officer. This is one of GSU's goals, as it is a policy of other Illinois state institutions. Another GSU policy is employment of returning Vietnamese veterans. Furthermore, BILL ENGBRETSON is on an advisory Veterans Education and Training Action Committee, whose major task is finding jobs for returning veterans. Appointed by Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago, he serves along with other leaders of Chicago's business community, labor organizations, educational institutions, and veterans groups. DOUG DAVIS (AA) is the GSU alternate on the committee. For the record, Chicago is one of 10 cities and states who received a grant from the National League of Cities/U.S. Conference of Mayors to conduct a pilot project designed to assist low-income and minority group veterans to take advantage of their G.I. Bill benefits by enrolling in colleges, technical schools, or training programs. A Veterans Club has also been formed, which meets the first and third Tuesdays (4 p.m. in the North Rotunda).

QUOTE OF LAST WEEK...by a weary GSUer: "I don't think I'll stay up and watch Watergate again tonight. Mitchell doesn't have much sex appeal."

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO LIVE IN A COLLEGE TOWN?...asks the regional advertising in the July 9 issue of Time magazine. The description is of the college town of Park Forest South and its university, Governors State. The description and picture may be a bit premature, but some day...Check the bulletin board at the Office of Communications for a posted copy of the ad (GSU was not involved in preparing the ad which was placed on behalf of New Community Enterprises).

DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES...are buzzing in the familiar buildings on Governors Highway in Olympia Fields that once housed Tolentine College. The College has moved its students to Villanova University (PA.) and the campus is now known as Tolentine Center. Since June 15, it has served the needs of the local and greater community through a variety of religious, educational, and cultural programs. And it will continue to operate as a Center for Continuing Education. The REV. JOHN BERETTA reports that three 8-week sessions per year are planned, offering a variety of courses from theology to needlecraft. Father Beretta has said, "Come and see Tolentine Center...we want to serve you." And, that's a personal invitation from the man who'll provide general direction for its operation.

A GRAPE IS A GRAPE IS A GRAPE...Did you hear about the junior college student who in a recent GSU survey said he wasn't coming to GSU because it was a school "...where you learn to be a functional grape." Almost half of the students surveyed from the five closest community colleges indicated they planned to attend GSU. Maybe they figured that being a functional grape was better than being a dysfunctional grape.

DID YOU KNOW...that The Courier, Legal Advertising, P.O. Box 656, Champaign, has been selected the "Official Newspaper" for the State of Illinois for the period July 1, 1973, through June 30, 1974. FAZE 1 got the word in a memorandum from ROLAND W. BURRIS, director, Department of General Services.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Who is the new Coffee Baron of the ICC? Whoever he is, he's set up a SIM (Self Instructional Module) on the coffee clotch of the ICC.

EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 16

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Academic Affairs Staff (AA Area)
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Emergency Migrant Food Drive (Northwest Entrance)
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Coop Ed. Staff (830)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	A & R Staff (Mini-conf.)
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Fiscal Resources (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m.	CHLD Forum (244)
3:30 p.m.	ICC Staff (Preview Room)

TUESDAY, JULY 17

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	V.P.'s meet with President (Mini-conf.)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Foreign Students Advisory Committee (AA Area)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Human Services (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Civil Service Reps. (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.)
4:00 p.m.	GSU Veterans (N. Rotunda)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Educational Policies and Programs (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.	University Appeals Committee/Civil Service Appeals Subcommittee (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon	Student Affairs Subcommittee (244)
1:00 p.m.	BALANCE (780)
4:00 p.m.	Convocation/Commencement Committee (Mini-conf.)

THURSDAY, JULY 19

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	CEAS Administrative Council (802)
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Financial Aids Staff (Mini-conf.)
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Student Advisory Committee (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Committee on the Future (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Civil Service Personnel Committee (Mini-conf.)
3:00 p.m.	CHLD Steering Committee (Dean's Conference Area)

FRIDAY, JULY 20

8:30 a.m.	Vice Presidents meet with President (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	Executive Committee (Mini-conf.)

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In its Report on New Senior Institutions published in 1968, the Board of Higher Education described the need for a new kind of university, especially adapted to the needs of students coming from junior and community colleges and to which society would look for all kinds of middle management and technological development. In the establishment of Governors State University and Sangamon State University, the Board of Higher Education was recognizing the need for the "liberal arts university" providing programs in the liberal arts and closely related fields, but not emphasizing basic research and discovery of new knowledge. The Report went on to say: "This kind of university is seen as a truly pioneering segment of public education and its mission . . . is one calling for real educational innovation and for thinking in bold new terms."

Further goals for Governors State University were set as a result of a Delphi-like survey of educational needs and objectives. Some 1200 persons in the Chicago area, in Illinois, and throughout the nation participated in that survey. These successive questionnaires provided indications of what our various publics thought GSU should be and should do as it planned its services to the people of the State of Illinois. In addition, representatives from the community have been closely involved in the development of the instructional program. Each college has its own advisory council which provides input and evaluation of these programs.

As a result of these surveys and input from the community, the staff, and board members, it has been determined that the University should be dedicated to community service, urban-oriented, future-minded, innovative and experimenting, concerned with individual and societal needs and values, flexible and able to attract and serve the educational needs of low- and middle-income youth and adults with particular stress placed upon being of service to minority students.

Much attention was given during the planning year to the development of the instructional delivery system. Currently, instruction is centered within four collegial units--the College of Cultural Studies, Environmental and Applied Sciences, Human Learning and Development, and Business and Public Service. Much of the support for instruction is decentralized within the colleges. Student Services, counseling, academic advising, library and learning resources, research and evaluation, and cooperative education, though coordinated centrally, are decentralized in the respective Colleges to effect the most direct functional relationships with students.

Direct faculty to student contact is through the Learning Module which varies in form, time, and value. It may be a seminar, series of lectures, a project, an experiment, independent study, and combinations thereof. It may last a few days, a few weeks, or an entire year. It may have a value of one to eight units of credit. Modules usually start at the beginning of a session but may start at other times depending on the students, type of module, and/or educational facilities.

For the most part, the educational objectives of a learning module are expressed in behavioral, measurable terms. These objectives may be cooperatively developed by the student and the faculty teaching the module. A student receives credit on the basis of the quality and quantity of objectives mastered. Transcripts show the name of the learning module, units earned and behaviors or competencies mastered. No listings are made of objectives not completed or in progress.

Learning modules are interdisciplinary in nature. The interrelatedness of knowledge is stressed. Modules often are coordinated by a team of teachers from a number of disciplines and from more than one college. The curriculum is generally conceived of as interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary.

Much of the work within a module is individualized and self-paced. A high level of support from the hardware and software of educational technology is provided by the Instructional Communications Center, making self-pacing possible.

Most students complete some type of cooperative education program. This work-study experience is planned to support and supplement formal institutional instruction.

The calendar consists of six sessions. A session is an administrative period of about eight weeks at which time students may enroll or withdraw. Six sessions are offered each year. Admissions and registration are continuous processes, limited within the parameters established by the Board of Higher Education for student enrollments.

The University maintains a high level of commitment to the community at large. A mobile Environmental Science Laboratory has provided supplementary support to the science curriculum in area elementary schools. A University choir, stage band, and theatre open to people in the community as well as university students have been organized. With the support of outside funds, research in human services resources is being conducted. The Urban Teacher Education program is the first competency-based teacher education program certified in Illinois by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Outpost centers are in operation in support of the program. The professional staff is committed to the concept of community services as part of its professional work agreement and has reacted both to acute and chronic social problems which exist in the immediate area.

The University is experimenting with new faculty systems. It has received permission from the Board of Governors to dispense with the customary academic rank of professional staff for a five-year experimenting period. All faculty members holding full-time appointments have the title of University Professor. Because of the wealth of talent in the Chicago Metropolitan area, GSU expects to make use of part-time (Community) professors who will be able to relate classroom theory and practical application. The University also has obtained permission and has implemented a cyclical tenure system which provides tenure on a cyclical period of 7 years between reviews after initial one- and two-year appointments.

In the same manner that students accept a number of performance objectives to be completed when they register for a learning module, professional staff members develop, with their unit heads, professional performance objectives for the academic year. These professional work agreements, upon acceptance by the staff member and his unit head, serve as one base for staff evaluation at the end of the year. Other bases include student, peer, community, administrative and self-evaluation.

To maintain relevance and force evaluation, change mechanisms or self-destruct clauses are found in many GSU structures and procedures. The professional ranking system and the GSU organizational structure must be re-evaluated in five years. The internal governance system which includes people from the community, students, teaching staff, and administrators is temporary for two years. The colleges are projected to expand only until they reach about 1500 in enrollment. At that point, two or more new colleges will be formed. A major wing of the university involves itself in research and evaluation, providing constant feedback on the quality of the various operations of the university and stimulating constant innovation.

Governors State University has been in operation only a short time. Many concepts are still in a developmental stage because of restrictions of staff and budget. The University is committed, however, to the continuance of an experimental, innovating posture as it grows in student body, staff and community services.