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BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION...meeting in Chicago December 4 approved a \$676.9 million budget for higher education in fiscal year 1975 beginning next July that includes a 6% tuition hike. Salaries which fell behind the rate of inflation last year (at 3.2% average) would be increased by 5%. BILL ENGBRETSON was quoted in the Chicago Sun Times along with the Chicago State President, noting that the tuition hike would serve to make more difficult access to higher education to students from middle and lower income families. The GSU operating budget was approved at \$9.55 million (up from the current \$7.7 million, but considerably down from the BOG approved level) and planning money for Phase II was not included. Four Illinois Universities actually suffered decreases in their budget because of falling enrollments (Northern Illinois, Eastern Illinois, and both Southern Illinois University campuses). The Board also required a 1% increase in productivity at all state schools. The budget now goes to the Illinois legislature which last year basically held to the BHE recommendations which were then substantially cut by the amendatory veto powers exercised by Governor Walker.

CIVIL SERVICE ELECTION RESULTS...for GSU representative to the Civil Service Advisory Committee of the University Civil Service System of Illinois were as follows:

- ANDY LOKOS..... 43
- Jeff Bushong..... 40
- Bernard Bush..... 39
- Sharon Saunders.. 28
- Tony Smario..... 4

There were 155 votes cast (one ballot was spoiled and not counted). That means an exceptionally high 73.1% of the GSU civil service roster of 212 participated in the election. Judges were CELIA-ANN TOLL and ELAINE STRAUSS; tellers were ANITA WESTPHAL and BEV KELLY.

HOLIDAY FOOD AND FUND DRIVE CONTINUES...SSAC is sponsoring a drive at GSU and area community colleges to benefit needy families during the holiday season. Non-perishable food as well as contributions of money, clothing, and toys, are being sought. Student Services is the GSU drop-off point.

SPECIAL EVENT OF THE WEEK

GSU JAZZ ENSEMBLE

in concert

Wed., Dec. 12, 8:15 p.m.

Commons

BOOKSTORE CLOSED...Due to the upcoming move to the permanent campus, the bookstore will be closed December 15 - January 7.

GSUings...The Nov. 26 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education carries a prominent article on the Committee on Public Doublespeak of the Natl. Council of Teachers of English noting among other things that the committee is chaired by HUGH RANK (CCS)...DALE MAX (CBPS) presenting paper, "Long-term Marketable Securities as Inflation Hedges" at the Southern Finance Convention in Houston...Nursing faculties from five area colleges including the CEAS faculty taking their pulse at luncheon meetings held by SHARE (S. Suburban Health Advocate for Regional Exchange)...joining R & I as the new R & E Coord. of Research and Evaluation NATHAN KEITH (called the new JERRY WARTGOW by a knowledgeable few). Dr. Keith has been Asst. Prof. of Research and Human Development and Research Assoc. at the Univ. of Southern Miss...and finally to show it runs in the family, ADELE COLE (ICC) submits a Chicago Sun Times article liberally quoting son TIM, who as a member of the Shimer College student government is involved in a furious effort to save the 120-yr. old school. Shimer announced its closing for Dec. 31. Among other things, students have individually typed 5000 letters to alumni and, with faculty (who unanimously voted to take a 50% pay cut) raised \$100,000 that may yet save the school.

THE ROAD TO MONEY...copies of the revised GSU handbook, "Grant and Contracts Policies and Procedures" are now available from R & I.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK...from an exasperated albeit flexible GSU faculty member..."all right, we're going to give you one more last chance."

CRYPTIC OBSERVATION FROM CCS SAD...appears in the Nov. 20 CCS NEWSnote: "The College of Cultural Studies is scheduled to move to the new campus, March 1, 1973. It's not our fault!"

WHERE DO WE LIVE?...A tabulation of the staff directory just distributed shows that the 380 faculty and staff of GSU come from 53 communities. Most reside in Park Forest (79) with Park Forest South second at 60, followed by Chicago, 43, Chicago Heights, 36, Richton Park, 25, Homewood, 19, and Crete, 16. Check the Office of Communications if you'd like a complete listing of the 53 communities.

ACCULTURATION WORKSHOP...A cooperative project of GSU and Mundelein College in Chicago has received a \$5,000 grant by BHE under the 1973 Higher Education Cooperation Act. A six-week Acculturation Workshop for teachers of the Spanish-speaking will take place next summer under the joint direction of TINA STRETCH (CCS) and Sr. KATERI O'SHEA, head of Mundelein's Spanish Dept. Part of the problem the workshop is dealing with is that only one-fourth of the Spanish-speaking students in the Chicago area are served by bi-lingual programs and, according to OSPI figures, 70% of Spanish-speaking American students drop out of school annually.

ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSION SERIES...continues at the Chicago Heights Unitarian Church (15th St. and Scott Ave.) with a panel discussion including BETTY STANLEY and JON MENDELSON (CEAS on the current crisis which threatens environmental collapse. The Friday evening program begins at 8:30 p.m.

VISITORS TO GSU LAST WEEK...included a team from Purdue University comprised of noted researcher Warren Seibert, John Feldhusen, Asst. Dean for Instructional Development, and two students including Martin Crowe (husband of former Student Services employee Kitty Crowe).



THE PHASE I CAMPUS...THE CONCEPT...The following is a news release written by JOHN CANNING (COMM) based on information developed during the planning and ground breaking for Phase I. Next week, FAZE I hopes to include diagrams outlining the facilities of the new campus:

PARK FOREST SOUTH, ILL.--Goals of openness and mix of people and activities evolved into the academic street concept for new Governors State University's permanent facilities, into which the University will move this winter.

The idea of enclosing the entire academic street, instead of building a traditional campus of connected, but separate buildings, came as a response to both convenience and climate.

It maximizes the opportunities for communication -- a major objective of the open university.

The challenge was to put this huge complex into a form, or series of forms, that would have unity, but still maintain some individuality. The organization of the four Colleges provided this opportunity. Each College required some highly specialized areas - like sculpture or painting studios, music rooms, or research labs. It was important for the spaces to be human and varied so that each individual could find himself and feel at home.

The broad student street runs through the center of the building, with the Colleges and more specialized areas projecting from it in a variety of interesting configurations.

The western end of the building is assigned to physical recreation and community use. The University core is roughly in the center of the plan and the Colleges of Cultural Studies and Environmental and Applied Sciences occupy the eastern end. The Colleges of Business and Public Service and Human Learning and Development occupy temporary quarters on the third floor of the core area. Phase II construction will extend the academic street and provide space for these Colleges to the west and to the southeast. The space they now occupy will become available for the expansion of the Learning Resources Center and other core facilities.

Within each College, the commons is the meeting ground where faculty and students come together to talk, study, or observe. The College Dean and College student personnel people are near to the commons where they are readily available to everyone.

Within the open plan there is plenty of opportunity for students and professors to create their own small studies areas by moving furniture and hanging up a sign if necessary. They can identify one of the movable seminar kiosks in the student street, and set it up for their use for whatever period of time it is needed.

The relative anarchy of open spaces occurs within a very ordered, and strongly stated structural system. The basic structural unit is a concrete "tree" (or assembly of column and beams) which creates a 24-foot planning module. Combined with the 6-foot spaces between trees, a repetitive 30-foot square bay throughout the building is created. Economy is achieved by the repetition of the modular trees. The space between trees is the raceway carrying all mechanical-electrical services throughout the complex. Concealed within the tree branch beams, the lighting system provides indirect illumination to all areas. The system contributes needed flexibility, and allows the University to grow in almost any direction in response to need. Flexibility and expansibility have keynoted all of Governors State University's planning. Even the exterior steel walls are bolted on so the "skin" can be removed when the building is extended in Phase II and re-bolted on in their new locations. The rhythm and form of the structure is such that it can be added to economically without changing the spirit and character of the architecture.

Architects are Evans Associates of Bloomington, Ill., and Caudill Rowlett Scott.

EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Academic Affairs Staff (AA Area)
9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Coop Ed Staff (830)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	A & R Staff (Mini-conf.)
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Theology for Lunch (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Fiscal Resources (Mini-conf.)
3:00 p.m.	Task Force 1 (Mini-conf.)
4:30 p.m.	CHLD Forum (316)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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	Human Services (306)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Financial Aids (316)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	World Affairs Conf. Comm. (Mini-conf.)
10:30 a.m.	Physical Resources Committee (802)
12:30 p.m.	Seminar on Creativity/Creative Education (254)
1:00 p.m.	Innovator Staff (N. Rotunda)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Academic Wing (Mini-conf.)
2:00 p.m.	LRC Staff (316)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Dean's Meeting (Mini-conf.)
9:00 a.m.	Student Services Staff (AA Area)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Educational Policies & Programs (Mini-conf.)
8:15 p.m.	GSU Jazz Ensemble (Commons)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	CEAS Faculty (802)
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Financial Aids Staff (Mini-conf.)
1:00 p.m.	BALANCE (780)
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Women's Studies Advisory Committee
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Civil Service Affairs subcommittee (Mini-conf.)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	CBPS Staff (236)
3:00 p.m.	CHLD Steering Committee (Dean's Conf. Area)
3:30 p.m.	HSRC Staff (HSRC Area)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	CHLD Orientation
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	GSU Women Holiday Dinner Dance (Balmoral Holiday Inn 5:30 - open bar; 7:00 dinner Sunday Evening Drop In (Commons)
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FAZE I Feedback

The staff and faculty newsletter is now in its third volume, with more than 100 issues detailing the history, activities, jokes, observations, frustrations and hopes of an embryonic University. First known as "Tearsheet" (before GSU opened in 1971 and edited by DAVE SCHUELKE), FAZE I made its debut on September 17, 1971 with a lead story titled "GOODNESS...IT'S A NEW UNIVERSITY." Edited initially by MEL MUCHNIK, then by ELAINE STRAUSS followed by MARY LOU CAMPBELL (with JOHN CANNING pinch hitting on a few occasions), FAZE I has grown to serve the 380 on-board faculty and staff on a weekly basis plus an off-campus mailing of almost 100. Editor for the current academic year has been MEL MUCHNIK while Publications Editor MARY LOU CAMPBELL develops the 1974 Bulletin and the University Publications program.

Knowing that no one has asked you to fill in a form in the last six minutes or so, we'd like your impressions on how FAZE I serves you, and whether the name and format should be changed once we've moved to the real GSU campus. Please take a few moments to complete this form.

1. In general, are you satisfied with the contents of FAZE I?

Yes, Very Much _____ Moderately Well _____ Not Very Much _____ Not At All _____

Comment:

2. What kinds of things would you like to see more of in FAZE I?

3. What would you like to see less of in FAZE I?

4. Is there too much trivia and humor in FAZE I?

Too Much _____ About Right _____ Not Enough _____

Comment:

5. The newsletter will probably change format in the next month or two. Would you like to see the name changed from "FAZE I?"

Yes _____ No _____ Doesn't Matter _____

Suggestions for a new name if the name is changed:

6. Other suggestions, comments, criticisms? (Use other side if necessary)

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS FAZE I FEEDBACK FORM. PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14. RESULTS OF THE TABULATED RESPONSES WILL BE REPORTED IN A FORTHCOMING ISSUE OF FAZE I.