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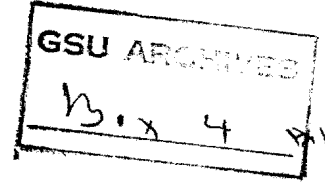
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SPRINGFIELD CALLS... President Engbretson reports that "our bills are progressing normally" after a busy week spent in the state capitol. GSU operational and capitol budgets must pass through both the House and Senate Appropriations and Education Committees. DAVE CURTIS (PO) and TOM LAYZELL (ADMIN) were also in Springfield with the President at various times during last week.

President Engbretson also attended the Springfield convocation for the Order of Lincoln Awards to see Jennie Robinson (HLD student) honored. According to WEE, Jennie was the hit of the Lincoln Academy and was one of three awardees singled out for special mention for her unusual accomplishments.

BOG NEWS... In agreement with a Council of Faculties resolution, the BOG decided at its May 8 meeting to consider board policy revisions and revision of by-laws simultaneously. Revisions will now take place over a longer period. Voted down at the meeting was a recommendation to begin steps toward collective bargaining, presented by the BOG subcommittee studying the issue.

ELECTIONS... will be held for HLD Distinguished Teacher for 1974-75 May 28 - June 5, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The ballot box and ballots will be available at the entrance to HLD. Tabulation of election results will be June 6. All HLD students are encouraged to participate.

COME TRY OUT... Auditions for Elaine May's comedy "Adaptation" have been slated for May 19 - 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the GSU drama workshop. The play will be presented June 13 - 15. Community residents and students are eligible to try out for the one-woman, three-man-cast. The plot centers around a contestant in a TV game show played like Parcheesi, in which the contestant advances or is sent back through the seven ages of man. Those unable to attend scheduled auditions are asked to call MEL SLOTT (CS), Director, at ext. 2143 to make other arrangements.

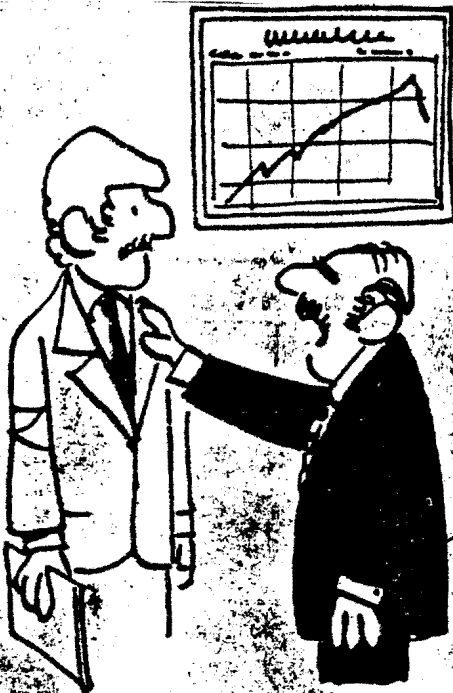
COMMUTER EXTENSION TO GSU... May begin this summer on the extension of Illinois Central Gulf railroad commuter service to GSU. Contracts between the ICG and the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit district (CSSMTD) have been approved for the line extension for the installation of reverse signalling between Homewood and Richton Park.

Final plans on the two projects are expected to be ready by the end of May for approval by the board, according to John R. Pigott, executive director of the CSSMTD. Once concurrence is received from the federal Urban Mass Transportation administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), work can begin. The two governmental agencies are providing most of the money for line extension and signal projects.

GSUings...JOAN EVANCHUK (CS) ready for her art show at the Madison, Wis. art center for the month of July... exhibiting her paintings at Thornton Comm. Coll. thru May 16...MARVIN BROTTMAN (HLD) guest-speaking at the Hickory School PTA meeting on "Innovative Education - Two Views"... ROY COGDELL (HLD) elected member of the Board of Directors of the Loretto Adult Education Center...SANDRA WHITAKER (HLD) guest-speaking at the annual spring banquet of the South Suburban Branch of the American Assoc. of University Women...and at the Lynwood, Ill. Lions Club on "Women's Issues and Current Research Work on Women's Sensory Perception and Other Physiological Processes"...Mark Sarantakos, son of MARTHA SARANTAKOS (LRC), featured in the STAR-TRIBUNE April 27 as one of the youngest radio station managers in the country. Mark manages WHFH-FM, Homewood-Flossmoor High's FM radio station, as part of their four-year radio education program...TULSI SARAL (HLD) conducting various area workshops: "Communication and Consciousness" April 5 for OASIS, Midwest Center for Human Potential, and May 4 for the Midwest Assoc. for Humanistic Psychology; Tulsi also led a workshop on "Therapeutic Communication" for the International Communication Assoc. April 25...PRINCE McLEMORE (HLD) co-chairing a panel discussion on "The Role of Social Studies Educators in the Social Studies in Illinois" at the Ill. Council for the Social Studies spring meeting...RALPH WINSTON (BPS) participating in the Conference on International Accounting held at the U of I recently...PAULA WOLFF's new daughter, Clementine, featured in Chicago TV news story covering the new Michael Reese Hospital premature baby section. Clementine (Minnie) weighed in at 2 lbs, 13 oz when she arrived March 25, but is thriving and expects to come home soon...FORMER GSUer-ings... BARBARA O'DONNELL, Director of Advisory and Educational Health Services at Moraine Valley Comm. College and former GSU Head Nurse of Health Services, married to Rick Travis, May 3... JERRY WARTGOW of Denver and formerly of R&I, is the father of a second son, Jeffrey Jerome, born April 27.

SURREPTITIOUS SAMARITAN...DPS Dispatcher STAN SHAPIRO teaching at Council School - (an alternative school). RICH CUNNINGHAM (ICC) also teaches at an alternative school in Kankakee.

HELP WANTED...Computing Center is looking for a work/study student interested in learning simple computer operations. "Check Out" this excellent opportunity if you are interested in this field of work. Call ext. 2104.



SINGLE MOTHERS...will meet on Saturday, May 17, from 10 am to 12 in Room 2412 to discuss the problems of continuing their education while raising children. Financial aid, child care, social life, vocational counseling, and personal counseling will be discussed. Please bring your trials and tribulations as well as your ideas for how the university could better assist you. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. For more information or if you need babysitting service, contact Sue Press or Linda Coticchio at ext. 2211, or at home 481-4955 (Sue) and 534-2671 (Linda).

DID YOU KNOW?...that Academic Affairs keeps a complete file on grants, awards and fellowships which may be perused by interested faculty members. Recent information on Mutual Educational Exchange Program, University Lecturing, and Advanced Research under the Fulbright-Hays Act 1976-1977 is available. This information may be checked out for a brief time from Barbara Purcell... That GSU guided tours of Phase I received an "A+" rating on a recent survey of visiting groups, as polled by the Bloom Township Institute Planning Comm...Tours are offered as a service of the Information Office.

"Competence is all well and good, but a little boot-licking now and then never hurts."

CROSS CURRENTS

(AN EARLY EDITION OF NEXT MONTH'S CON ED CUSTOMER NEWSLETTER)

As someone once said, "Let there be light!"

We think electricity is still a pretty good bargain. Of course, it could be even more of a bargain if the so-called environmentalists didn't care more for grebes than for a decent, comfortable way of life for you and your family. Here at Con Ed we're working our figurative heinies off to provide our friends with the kind of service they're accustomed to. With the help of some new personnel-screening techniques, for example, we've been able to weed out of our meter-reading corps those meter readers whose skills were limited to Roman numerals. (We got rid of a few Sierra Club types as well.) We've also installed a new, battery-operated data-processing system to keep track of whose turn it is to go out for coffee. And, last but not least, we've painted new insignia on our trucks. Now, whenever you see the crossed golden wires, you'll know we're on the job!

And that job isn't an easy one!

The international oil pinch has made it necessary to seek out alternate fuel sources, and at this writing the conversion of our Jamaica plant from oil to peat is nearly finished. (Peat is available in great abundance, and harvesting it provides employment for thousands of ne'er-do-wells.) Regrettably, the efficiency of such converted plants is normally diminished by some 73 per cent, but we can already guarantee our customers in the Jamaica area at least three hours of service on a bimonthly basis.

As residents of Westchester County may have guessed, Tiny Hubert, our 1,500-megawatt generator, has been out of service for the last eleven months, because he misses his mother. We have painted his room light blue, however, and expect to restore power to Westchester in the near future.

You will notice in the bill that accompanies this newsletter that our rates have, lamentably, been adjusted again. While it is true that there have been three such adjustments in the last four months, the actual increase in the amount paid by a typical consumer is less than it costs to operate your Labrador retriever for one year. Yes, electricity is indeed a bargain!

NEW PENALTIES FOR NONPAYMENT

From time to time, one of our customers fails to pay his bill when it is

due. In accordance with several recent Supreme Court decisions regarding cruel and unusual punishment, we have changed the steps we take under these regrettable circumstances. The new procedures are as follows:

(1) We extend a "grace" period of 30 days, during which time we maintain full electric services but destroy your credit rating.

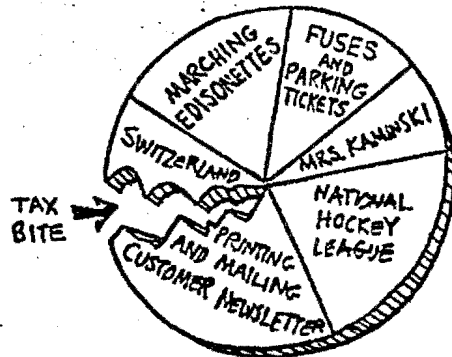
(2) After 30 days, and for a period not exceeding two weeks, we deploy the Marching Edisonettes. They have their ways.

(3) After 45 days, a Customer Service Representative will call on you and rip the door off your refrigerator.

(4) After 60 days: Blackout and deportation.

WHERE EACH DOLLAR GOES

Some of our friends have asked what we do with the money we collect. This "pie" shows where each



dollar goes. It also shows why our rates are so low compared to those in Union City.

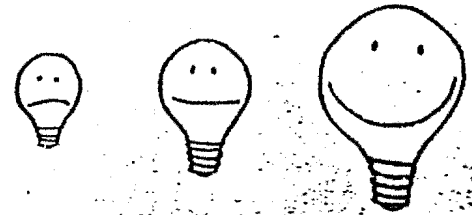
LINEMAN OF THE MONTH

The Lineman of the Month for April is Hector Indignidad, of our Spuyten Duyvil Station. One night last December, while standing at his post at the northern end of Manhattan, Hector was quick to notice that all the lights had gone out in the Bronx. Looking down into a nearby manhole, he saw that our newly installed Jumbo Cable had been severed and was spitting sparks. In a trice, Hector tackled both of the thrashing ends and rode them into submission. Then, still working in the dark, he attempted to replace the cable in the proper conduit, thus briefly illuminating every water faucet and bathtub on Fordham Road. The Lineman of the Month Award, along with a Special Citation for Good Con-

ductivity, was accepted by Mrs. Indignidad and her four proud children. The Marching Edisonettes sang "You Are My Sunshine."

PROFITS

Over the past fifteen years our profits have increased by a modest 75 million dollars. The diagram below



depicts, from left to right, three light bulbs of steadily increasing size.

SOME ENERGY-SAVING REMINDERS

- Don't use your electric blanket to maintain an even temperature in your bathwater. In addition to boosting your electric bill considerably, this practice may result in a serious rash.
- Your microwave oven will serve nicely as an incubator and birth-control device for gerbils.
- You can save energy by not using your electric-train set for passing food at the table.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On February 24th, at a ceremony honoring the thirtieth consecutive year that our excavation at the corner of 60th Street and 2nd Avenue has been open, Mayor Beame presented George L. Humus, chief of our Trench and Pothole Division, with a pair of electric socks. The Marching Edisonettes then sang "After the Lights Go Down Low." The occasion was only slightly marred by the brief disappearance of Rabbi Lance Yook, who had been scheduled to close the proceedings with a prayer. He resurfaced unhurt from a manhole at Broadway and 112th Street.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- You can avoid picking up static electricity in bed by dusting your sheets with cat dander.
- In nineteenth-century Holland, electricity was thought to be an aphrodisiac and was sold clandestinely in small delft jars.
- Our Hunts Point smokestack is so big that to ream it out would require a pipe cleaner weighing 724 pounds.

—CHARLES McGRATH AND DANIEL MENAKER

EVENTS

MONDAY, May 19

8:30 a.m. Academic Affairs Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Operations Committee (D1120)
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Non-Academic Credit Meeting (PCA)
7:30 p.m. Tryouts for "Adaptation" (Theatre)

TUESDAY, May 20

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Administrative Council Meeting (PCA)
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Personnel Meeting (A2117)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Human Services (D1120)
12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m. Human Services Coord. Council Annual Luncheon
Harvey Holiday Inn
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Academic Wing Meeting (PCA)
7:30 p.m. Tryouts for "Adaptation" (Theatre)

WEDNESDAY, May 21

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Deans' Meeting (PCA)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon CAROL (PCA)
12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Theology for Lunch (D1120)
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Civil Service Affairs Subcommittee (D1120)
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Recruitment Meeting with EAS (PCA)
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. GSU Tai Chi & Kung Fu Club (F1183)
7:30 p.m. Tryouts for "Adaptation" (Theatre)

THURSDAY, May 22

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon EAS Faculty Meeting (A1102)
12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch with President (PCA)
12:00 Noon Student Communications Media Board (D1120)
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. University Assembly (CCC)

FRIDAY, May 23

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Administrative Council Meeting (PCA)
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Workshop on Communication & Human Sexuality

SATURDAY, May 24

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Workshop on Communication & Human Sexuality