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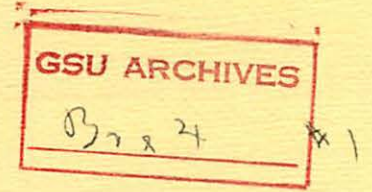
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Two kinds of gratitude; the sudden kind
We feel for what we take, the larger kind
We feel for what we give.

- E. A. Robinson -

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FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE: An Address to the Faculty of Governors State University

In a promised "state of the union" address Monday to the professional staff, President Leo Goodman-Malamuth shared his perceptions of the University after three months as GSU's top administrator.

Citing the University's best success as its students, and reaffirming its commitment to the pursuit of excellence, the President discussed GSU's place within the tradition of American Higher Education, the importance of faculty, the nature of the curriculum, legitimate expectations of students, and what the University can expect from its new president. After tracing our academic traditions back to ancient Greece, the President reminded a packed audience that the current debate over the relative merits of a strictly defined curriculum as compared to greater student freedom in choosing electives has been an issue since the beginning of American Higher Education. Self-paced education, based on a confidence in the maturity of the student, was the basic tenet of Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia. "We do need to seek 1976 answers for our questions, but we also need to be aware that our answers are in many ways as traditional as they are innovative." For all its Action Objectives, "GSU is committed to the same purposes as every other University...teaching, research, and service." He named his over-riding concern as academic excellence..."which is achieved only when all the discreet parts which constitute a University are themselves excellent and are functioning cooperatively toward achieving the highest quality."

Commenting on the faculty's major responsibilities for maintaining that excellence, he quoted former University of Chicago President Robert Hutchins: "At any time under any conditions there is only one way to get a distinguished university--that is to get a distinguished faculty."

Two major and seemingly competing themes in higher education were identified by the President in his discussion of curriculum: careerism and the liberal arts. He stated that both are essential and can be integrated. "We must consider the proper roles which both technique and intellectual vision must play for our students." He further observed the most important skill to be mastered by the student is the ability to recognize and master the daily challenges to learn anew. "We must make every effort to insure that each graduate of this University has received an overview, and a sense of inter-relatedness and holism."

Describing the typical GSU student as an older, working, Junior College graduate who is practical and career minded, with varying abilities, the President stressed the need for establishing a learning assistance center to aid those arriving without adequate learning skills. "We are not responsible for the academic ability of our students when they walk in our doors. But the buck must stop here."

He reminded the faculty that "were we ever to grow careless in our determination of student's competence, we would most assuredly fail ourselves, the academy, the citizens of Illinois and most poignantly, our students themselves."

The President closed his address with comments on the kind of leadership GSU can expect from its new president, listing facilitation of teaching and research activities through "efficient and sensitive administrative and support services, and efforts to improve University morale." He stated that "where trust is lacking, leadership falls to the demagogue." The President expressed his belief that any genuine pursuit of excellence worthy of the name "academic" is impossible without an atmosphere engendered by these qualities.

Dr. Goodman-Malamuth summed up his remarks by expressing optimism in GSU's future: "...there is no problem facing this University that we cannot solve. Some will take longer than others and there will be many frustrations. But we have the human talent to accomplish the task. Ours is not the task of building anew. Rather, it is more like a continuous process of evolution, because this University like all other Universities will never be complete. As we evolve, we will find the impulse toward change to be in conflict with the impulse to conserve. We should recognize this tension at the outset and resolve to make it a creative one which will make this a better University tomorrow than it is today. I look forward to assuming this responsibility with you."



NEW STUDENT TESTING...Degree-seeking students entering GSU Fall Trimester of 1976 who have not taken the university-wide test will not be permitted to register December 7 or 8 for the Winter Trimester of 1977. Make-up testing prior to registration are scheduled as follows:

Day	Time	Room
Wed., Dec. 1	2-4:30 p.m.	AT102
Wed., Dec. 1	5-7:30 p.m.	F2101
Thurs., Dec. 2	2-4:30 p.m.	A1102
Thurs., Dec. 2	5-7:30 p.m.	F2101
Fri., Dec. 3	9-11:30 a.m.	B1501
Sat., Dec. 4	9:30-12 p.m.	WECC
Sat., Dec. 4	12-2:30 p.m.	WECC
Mon., Dec. 6	2-4:30 p.m.	A1102
Mon., Dec. 6	5-7:30 p.m.	A1102

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED...by Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation to students who have an outstanding potential for government service. One scholarship per state will be awarded. Each scholarship will cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$5,000 annually. Application deadline is Dec. 1, 1976. Paul Green (BPS) is Program Faculty Representative. For further info call ext. 2257.

POSITIONS OPEN...At Utah State University for full-time assistant/associate professor in the Department of Communication. A Ph.D. in broadcasting is required. Experience and publications desired. Application deadline is Dec. 30, 1976. For further info contact Placement, ext. 2163...Intercraft Industries Corp. is seeking to recruit minority, female and handicapped employees. Contact Placement Office for further info

DID YOU KNOW THAT...BETTY STANLEY (BOG) and BOB PRESS (UWW) continue to play a leadership role in CAEL (Cooperative Assessment of Experiential Learning) - both will be leading workshops this year for faculty members and administrators from other colleges and universities... James Lund, President of the Matteson-Richton Bank and David Barr of Barr and Associates are the newly elected President and Secretary, respectively, of the GSU Foundation...the Alumni Association has already more than doubled last year's total of dues paying members and new members join at the rate of about seven per week..."Read and Rap," a new group of GSU Women, is getting organized and is planning its first meeting for November 30, 8:30 p.m. at 22750 Valley Drive, Richton Park. Call Lori Nicolai (ext. 2460) for more info...the Performing Arts Guild has arranged for GSU students to buy tickets for Erna Salm's chamber music series... JOAN LEWIS (UR) and SHARON FILKINS (CCS Coop Intern in UR) spent three days last week in Dallas, proofing copy for the new Catalogue, the trip courtesy of this year's printer, Taylor Publishing Company...TINA LANUM (formerly Comm. Serv.) has taken a position with Kirkland & Ellis in the Loop - best wishes to Tina in her new job...the GSU Women annual Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., at Cherry Hills Country Club...the Chronicle of Higher Education may soon be publishing a full-page story on "The Sculptor, the Campus and the Prairie"...BILL KATZ (HLD) probably has the longest beard on campus--if not the longest, then, the one with the most Spanish curls!!!

SPECIAL MEETING...The Human Services Committee will hold a special meeting Tues., Nov. 30 at 1:30 p.m. in D1120.

REMINDER...from the YMCA Review Committee to complete the YMCA/GSU survey and return it as soon as possible - please.

VETERANS OF INNOVATION...

Russ Hollister, EAS	11-1-71
Carolyn Moore, DPS	11-16-71
Vera McCluer, BO	11-22-71

CALENDAR CAPERS...Yes, Virginia, there is a GSU Calendar of Events, circulation 500 that is sent to all GSU Unit Heads and many community organizations. If you wish an event to appear, please notify the Information Office by the 20th of the preceding month.

QUICK QUIP OF THE WEEK...On driving to work westbound on Stuenkel Road, it occurred to Betty Elliott (PER) that it is considerate of the Illinois Central to make a contribution to art in the form of that huge orange sculpture visible on the north side of the road. Might it be entitled "Extension for the Furthering of Higher Education?"

WOMEN'S CREATIVITY FOLLOW-UP...In a letter from the editor of the American Assoc. of University Women Journal Helen Hughes (HLD) was commended for her article (Nov. issue) "Where are Female Shakespeares?": "We feel your article is one of the best we've had."

EVENTS

SATURDAY, November 27

SUNDAY, November 28

MONDAY, November 29

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

ICC Production Meeting
SCEPP (D1120)
Operations Committee (D1120)
R & I Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, November 30

12:00 Noon

Markham Prairie Tour (Front Door)

WEDNESDAY, December 1

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon

Civil Service Affairs Subcommittee (D1120)
Women's Brown Bag Lunch (CCS Lounge)
Theology for Lunch "The Changing Role of
Women in the Church" Ms. Jane de Jovine
(D1120)

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Discussion of BOG Program & Assessment
Process (B1318, B2102, F1103)

1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

CCS Assistant Deans
HLD Faculty Assembly (C3324)
CCS ISC Meeting
Senior Citizen's Swim (Pool)
Life Experience Workshop (B1325)

THURSDAY, December 2

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
8:15 p.m.

HLD Deans/Program Coordinator Cncl. (C3324)
GSU Choral (MRH)

FRIDAY, December 3

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

"Women: Organizing for Change" Workshop
(WEECCC)
Nursing Program Testing (A1102)
GSU Women's Christmas Party (Cherry Hills)

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