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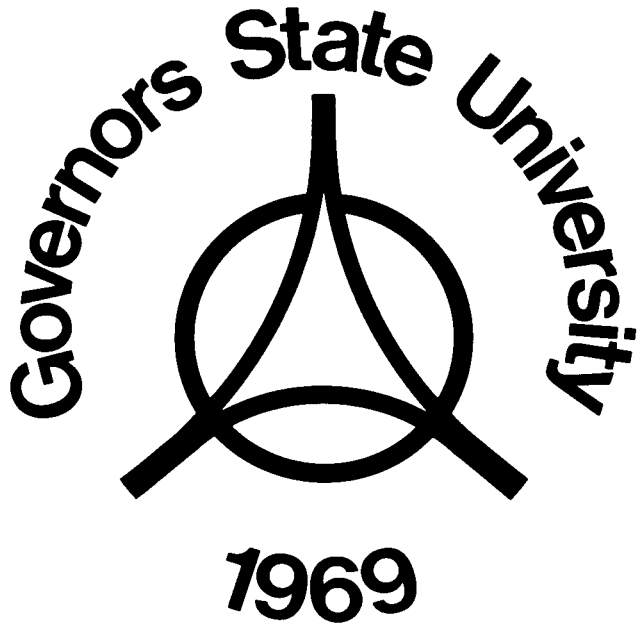
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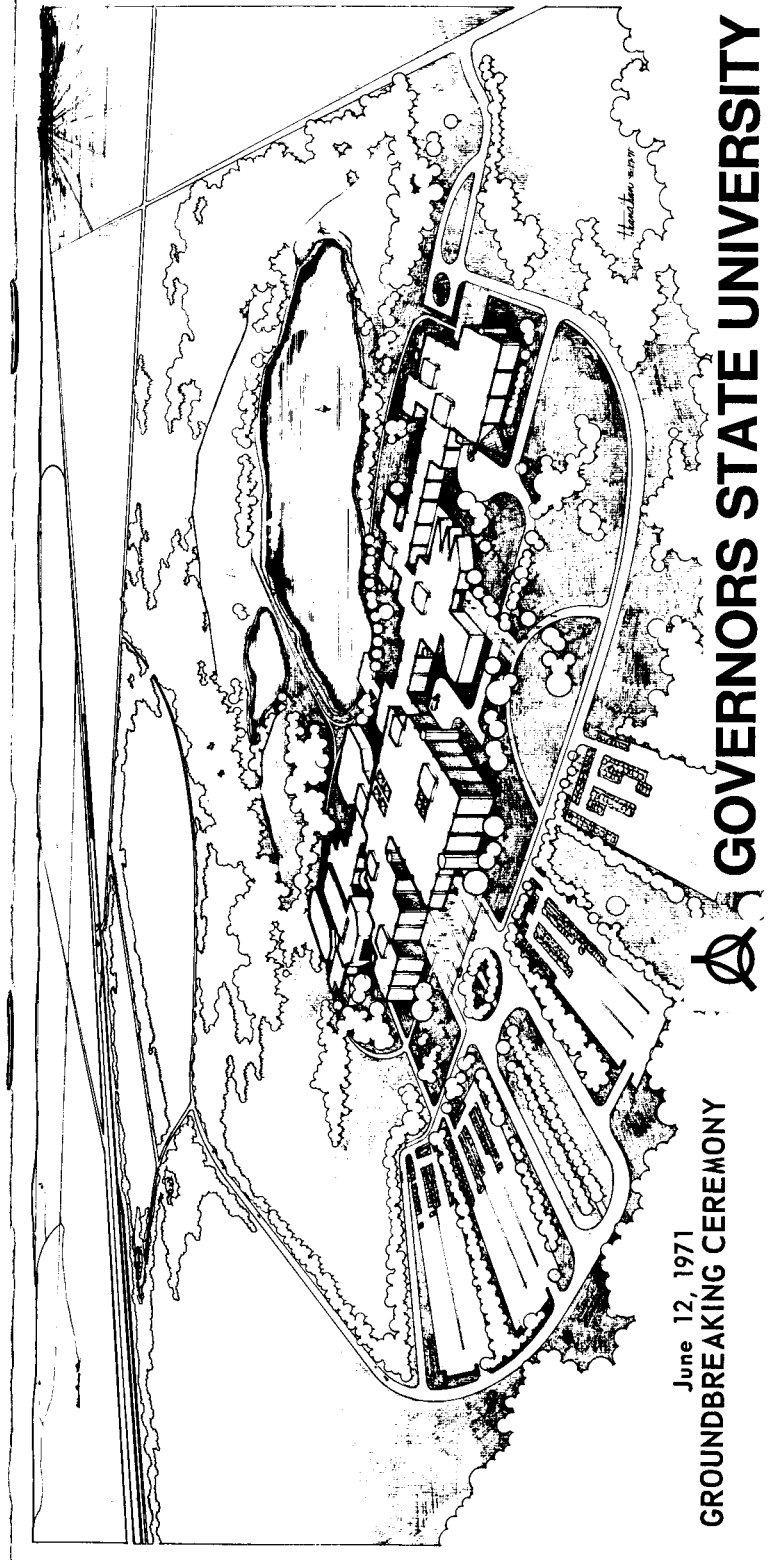
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Governors State University  
Park Forest South, Illinois 60466



June 12, 1971  
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

## **PROGRAM**

Music	Thornton Community College Jazz Band Mr. Don Kramer, Director
Invocation	Rev. David L. Brecht, O. S. A., Academic Dean, Tolentine College
The National Anthem	
Welcome	Dr. William E. Engbretson, President, Governors State University
Speakers	Mr. Kenneth E. Koenig, Village President Park Forest South, Illinois  Rep. John J. Houlihan, Illinois State Legislature  Sen. Jack E. Walker, Illinois State Legislature  Dr. Geraldine Williams, Director of Academic Development, College of Business and Public Service  Louise Bigott, student  Samuel DeBose, student  Mr. Royal A. Stipes, Jr., Chairman, Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities
Address	The Honorable Richard B. Ogilvie, Governor, State of Illinois
Groundbreaking	
Box Luncheon	

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Governors State University was established by the State of Illinois on July 17, 1969, as a new model, upper division and graduate institution of higher learning. It is designed to serve the educational and community service needs of the people of Illinois and particularly the citizens in the south metropolitan area. The University has been planned as an open, humane, experimenting, flexible, innovative, learning center. The instructional programs are designed to enable students to seek solutions to the most pressing problems of mankind and his environment. The University is futuristic in its orientation and is committed to an unusual responsiveness to individual and community needs. Governors State University will become operational in temporary facilities on an interim campus in August, 1971. The first phase of permanent physical facilities is scheduled to open in September, 1973.



The SEAL of Governors State University is multisymbolic. The circle characterizes the "never-ending" range of knowledge, its "quality of infinity" and the "unity of thought and spirit." The three points of the star emerging from the circle symbolize the need of a university to extend teaching, research, and community service. Conversely, the flow of the same lines inward represents community influences upon the University. All in all, the seal is symbolic of "growth" and "exploration" in step with the historic event of 1969 (year of the founding of Governors State University), space exploration and lunar landing. The official colors of the University are black and white.

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