

6-12-1971

Groundbreaking Ceremony Speech

Louise Bigott

Follow this and additional works at: <http://opus.govst.edu/anniv>

Recommended Citation

Bigott, Louise, "Groundbreaking Ceremony Speech" (1971). *University Anniversaries & Historical Documents*. Paper 52.
<http://opus.govst.edu/anniv/52>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in University Anniversaries & Historical Documents by an authorized administrator of OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. For more information, please contact opus@govst.edu.

*Groundbreaking
Folder*

June 27, 1971

Dr. Wm. E. Engbretson
President
Governors State University
Park Forest South, Illinois

Dear Dr. Engbretson:

Thank you for your letter. It was a privilege for me to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony. Attached please find a copy of my remarks.

I am looking forward to continuing my association this fall with the many fine people I have met at Governors State University.

Very truly yours,

Louise Bigott

Mrs. Robert Bigott

Governor Ogilvie, President Engbretson, Officials of Governors State University, and Distinguished Guests.

As a prospective student I have been exceedingly interested in Governors State University since its inception, and I am very happy to be here today.

I, and other students like me, see this university as an opportunity to complete our education or to prepare for a second career, and thus broaden our horizons by participating in an innovative educational experience.

As an upper level commuter institution, Governors State University fills a vital need. Because of family responsibilities and/or financial limitations many of us must, of necessity, be commuter students unable to move to a university site. Therefore if we are to progress, the university must be made more accessible to us.

If it were not for this type of institution, education for many of us would end at the junior college level and, I feel, that would be a waste of human potential that we cannot afford at this point in time. To this end, our educators and legislators are to be commended for their farsightedness in recognizing and fulfilling this need.

I hope that Governors State will be the fore-runner of many universities of this type so that our society may provide education for all those who desire it. Thank you.