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ASSISTANT TO  
THE PRESIDENT

24 September 1984

Mr. Glenn Nellis  
President  
Buffalo State College Foundation, Inc.  
1300 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14222

Dear Glenn:

In the meeting with some of the original members of the Maude Gordon Holmes Arboretum, that is the people and organizations who were the original catalyst and doers of the organization primarily the Western New York nurserymen and the federated garden clubs, a discussion was held on what's to be done to continue the work that Maude Gordon Holmes wanted done so very much.

There was much discussion on what the Arboretum had done in the past, what had happened to a lot of the work such as many of the trees that were planted - where are they, the money situation, and the trials and tribulations of the money situation, and what the initial catalyst group would like to see done in the future.

Following are some random thoughts for your consideration and those of people like the Foundation, and perhaps we can work something out that will benefit the area which is what Maude Gordon would like most.

1. The attached letter shows the commitment by the Foundation to repay the Arboretum on a monthly basis. Noting the date of the letter and all the circumstances, I can understand that it has not all been done. We would like to discuss with you the possibility of (a) putting into the Arboretum account (if it should come back to the Foundation) \$1500 plus over a specific period of time putting back the balance due of the amount specified in the letter.

2. We would agree that the Foundation would take care of all the monetary and financial dealings of the Arboretum. We would be an account of the Foundation, that you would only pay out money from the account on written requisition as you do for other accounts, and that the original \$5000 which was left by Maude Gordon Holmes would never be touched and that only the interest from that money could be used as directed by those so designated.

3. It would seem appropriate for the control of the Arboretum to go back to the original catalyst of this group, primarily the nurserymen, the federated garden clubs, the college, and perhaps if they are still interested, McKinley Vocational.

4. It was also the thinking of the group who met that only those individuals and organizations who contribute something whether it be manpower to do work, whether it be material, or whether it be money, would be involved in making the decisions of where the assets and money of the organization will be spent.

5. It was also the thinking that perhaps it would be good for the Foundation which is in business primarily to enhance and improve the conditions on the college to have an account where that money could be spent off the campus as opposed to all the contributions made to the Foundation by the alumni and by business and industry be designated primarily for the benefit of the campus. Here is an ideal situation where the name of the college and the Foundation could very readily be enhanced off the campus with the name of the Arboretum.

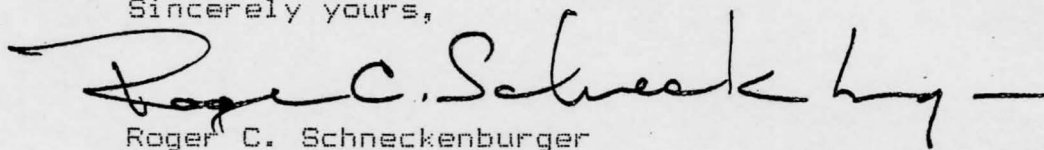
6. At our meeting on Friday, July 13, we were informed about the strict monetary controls that are imposed on the Foundation, the policy of the audit, of not only the entire books of the Foundation but also the individual accounts, and those present applauded this improvement in the financial structure of the Foundation.

7. We were also informed of the master beautification plan for the campus, the attitude of the president of the college on beautification and that of those other decision makers. This, too, the group was very pleased to hear about.

8. We were also informed of the improvement of the maintenance program on campus which in previous years has always been a sore subject with those individuals and organizations which put so much time and money into material and projects on campus, only to see it plowed under or forgotten, or not recognized. This situation we have been assured no longer exists.

Please feel free to call me to talk about this letter or talk it over with your colleagues and I feel certain that we can negotiate an amicable arrangement for the Foundation as well as those people who have been devoted over 20 years to this project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger C. Schneckenburger". The signature is written in black ink and includes a horizontal line at the end.

Roger C. Schneckenburger

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cc: Albert Cooper