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500 New students attend orientation

by Andrew Schillaci

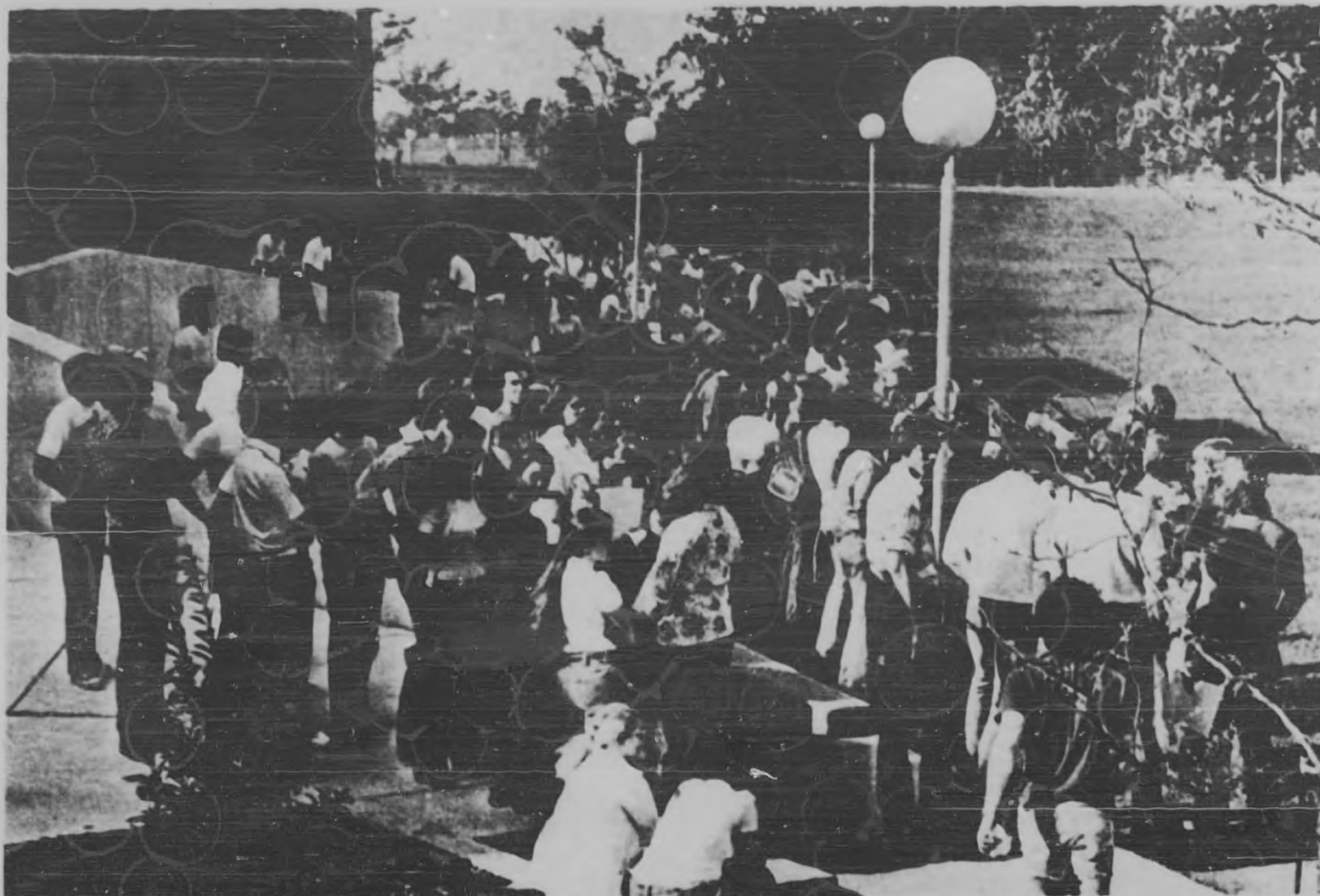
What was orientation like when you came to Grand Valley? If you were like me (circa 1975) orientation consisted of a rush to get your classes processed, then a quick tour of campus, conducted by a senior advisor who unenthusiastically pointed out the solar energy project and the Little Mac Bridge.

Well that's all changed now, so says Bob Doud, Director of New Student Programs at GVSC. Mr. Doud, who came to GVSC in May 1977, says the new program is moving away from the social orientation of students depicted by the

1975 program. Today's program is pointed more toward the academic interests of the students. In 1975 students were advised by seniors. They were given a chance to stay overnight on campus (\$15.00 for two nights) and also encouraged to attend various dinners and outings.

The new program offers many of the same things but it is still quite different. Students are now advised by GVSC faculty rather than seniors. The student is encouraged to get all academic dealings out of the way first. Enabling them to enjoy the stay without the worry of what classes they will be taking in the fall. Students can still stay on campus and the cost has been cut \$2 per person. Students can also bring a friend, thus eliminating some of the clumsiness we all felt as new students.

More students are attending the complete program now and



Above - New students gather on the Campus Center lawn.

many are bringing friends along. He attributes the success of the program to the convenience and low cost it offers to the new student. Mr. Doud's biggest problem is the low ratio of advisors to students. He hopes to remedy this situation before next year's program. Tuesday's orientation seemed to be another success with a nice size turnout, some 500-600 students attended the day long festivities.

The next orientation day will be August 22nd, so if you know anyone interested in GVSC as a potential college, please urge them to contact Bob Doud (616-895-6611). Bob has assured me that anyone who calls or writes his office will be contacted within 24 to 48 hours respectfully.

So if you wondered who all the extra people on campus were, now you know. You might just have them in class next fall.

Below - Bob Doud.



Grand Valley Course Survey Results

Grand Valley's Office of Institutional Research recently surveyed students in off campus courses in Muskegon and Grand Rapids, and on-campus evening students. Here are some results:

At the Grand Rapids Center, 87% of the undergraduates stated that they were proceeding toward a degree, with 9% stating they wished to increase their salary or gain promotion. 16% of the undergraduates at Muskegon said they wished to improve their salary as well as human relations skills. 79% of the evening students on-campus were attending school in order to get a degree, and 11% wanted an increase in pay and human relations skills.

A higher proportion of on-campus evening students said they were taking courses for "personal satis-

faction" (24%) than was true in either Grand Rapids (17%) or Muskegon (16%).

Three-quarters of the G.R. Center students plan to get their next degree from GVSC, while 13% are either not working toward a degree or are undecided about getting a degree. 12% of these students intend to get their next degree from another college or university. This compares with 8% at Grand Rapids and 4% at Muskegon.

Nearly 54% of the students in the G.R. Center are men, compared to 52% in GVSC's total Winter, 1978 distribution. Men account for 58% of the total in Muskegon.

As for mean age, the undergraduates in the Muskegon Center average 29, the graduates 30.8, and those in Community Education

are 31.9. The undergraduates in the G.R. Center are 27.6, graduated 33.2, and 32 years for Community Education people. The mean for all GVSC students is 23.8 for undergraduates, 31.2 for graduates, and 28.3 for Community Education students.

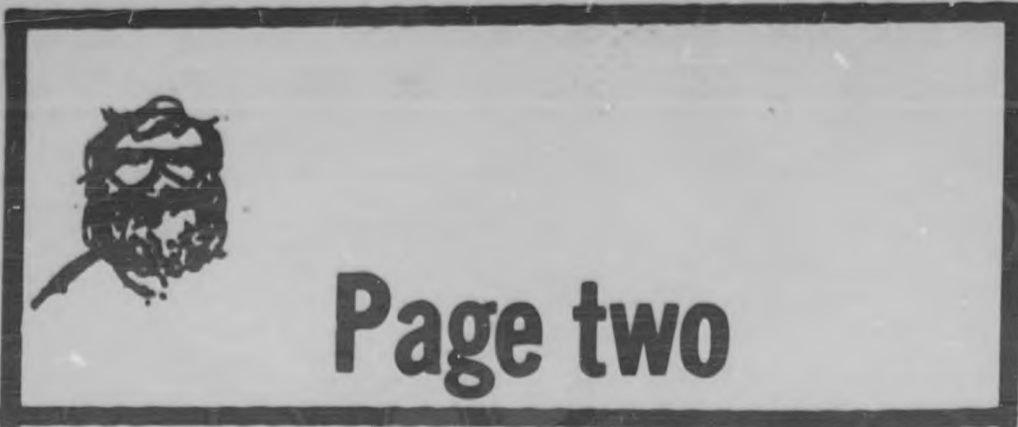
As for employment status, 61.1% of the G.R. Center students reported they were employed full-time; 21.62% were working part-time; 11.49% were voluntarily unemployed while 2.7% were involuntarily unemployed. The total number of full-time workers at Muskegon 70% is 6% higher than the corresponding figure for the Grand Rapids Center.

40.48% of the on-campus evening students are employed full-time, 28.84% part-time, 23.61% are vol-

untarily unemployed and 7.07% are involuntarily unemployed. 30% of the undergraduates were employed full time. This compares with 65% at Muskegon and 53% at Grand Rapids.

The survey found that there appears to be a much greater association in the minds of students between on-campus and Grand Rapids than there is between Muskegon and on-campus. More of the students at the two centers are committed to obtaining a degree from Grand Valley than are the on campus evening students.

Another of the survey's findings was that it appears GVSC is establishing convenient course times and places for the evening and off campus students.



Pothole repairs delayed

By Lee Lamberts

Take heart Grand Valleyites, especially those who park on the south side of the Dome in the Parking lots that were once referred to (in the *Lantern*) as moon craters.

Goodbye to a bold, swashbuckling, brash, half cocked emblem of another age. Goodbye Colonel Hogan.

Bob Crane's passing in Scottsdale, Arizona this past week is not memorable. At least if one considers what Crane accomplished here and post "Hogan's Heroes".

It is most memorable in provoking and bringing back many wacky and brilliant bits of World War Two nostalgia: the swastika horror embellishing nazism, the Gestapo, yes, and Auschwitz. Bob Crane on a weekly basis fought against the German Cross adroitly exemplifying good old American con, corn and concentration (the camp not the quiz show).

Hogan's enemies were boredom and ignorance. His "heroes" were indelible in our souls; Louie LaBeau, Sgt. Kinchloe, Englishman Newkirk and "Dynamite" Carter.

And the others? "Old Blood and Guts" Klink, underground tunnels, overfed German Shepherds, Sgt. Hans Schultz, explosions on the Dusseldorf highway, the munitions factory in Hammelburg, the Haufbrau House and Hilda. We are reminded of his effrontery exhibited towards the ilk of General Burkhalter and the insipid Major Hauckstедder.

Hogan was brilliant in fencing with ignoble Hitler types, and in handing the British small doses of irreverence.

Horror and bigotry are decried sometimes by shrill rhetoric from social orators and trite Hollywood celluloid. Bob Crane's Hogan painted a different picture. Through his

eyes we saw the atrocities in more vivid and marked fashion through humor and bathos.

We became part and parcel of his heroes- his hopes and despairs. An era has passed. Over and out, Papa Bear.

Thanks J.B.

Construction Department said that bids for the project are now being submitted and are not due until July 20. The bids will be based on the type of repair to be used. Ham said that there is much more than one way to repair the lot but he does not know yet which way will be used.

The most likely method will be to tear up the old pavement already on the lot. "A huge machine chews the pavement into granular form," he said, "and this in turn is reapplied to the lot once it is smoothed out."

Ham also pointed out that even though they plan to do the work before Fall term. It is not an absolute guarantee. If costs are too high the Colleges may have to wait.



Mancating potholes in parking lot -C.

Photo by Gordon Alexander

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If you're looking for something to do this weekend, other than the old standby, the beach, you'll have to travel a mite.

Here in the State of Michigan the biggest event this week is the Cherry Festival in Traverse City, now through Saturday. You can start your morning with a cherry pancake breakfast and sample home made wines during the amateur wine making contest.

Visitors can taste the cherry tarts, pies, and preserves or take the opportunity to savor cherries ripe from the tree during one of the many tours.

The twin tents located in downtown Traverse City, provide tourists with information on daily events and tickets to various performances.

Concerts scheduled feature bluegrass to rock, including concerts by students from Interlochen's National Music Camp.

The Traverse City Arts Council is also sponsoring an invitational art



Digging in at the Cherry Festival.

Lantern Staff Photo

exhibit and The Cherry County Playhouse is doing "Star Spangled Girl" starring Ron Palillo from TV's "Welcome Back Kotter".

The festival will end Saturday night with a giant fireworks display over Grand Traverse Bay at 10 PM.

Another neat trip (about three hours drive) is just north of Chicago in the town of Gurnee, Illinois,

about three quarters of a mile from the I-94 exit at Russell Road interchange. This weekend and the

weekend of August 5-6 is The Sixth Annual King Richard's Faire: a return to the Renaissance.

This re-creation of a 14th century marketplace features chunky shishkabobs, roasted corn, two pound turkey legs and an outdoor barbeque. More than 200 artisans

exhibit and sell their wares while minstrels, jugglers, and knights in shining armor mingle with the

crowd. Events include pony rides and a Jacob's ladder with a six foot drop into a hay stack. The trip will

take a few hours as I said, so stock up on goodies for the trip...see you next time...Mace.

Trivia...

Feeling scared or disliked by your contemporaries, don't fret. The five most hated and feared people in 1976 were (in order) Adolph Hitler, Idi Amin, John Christie, Jimmy Carter, and Count Dracula. Tricky Dicky missing out in 1976 but holding his own in 1970-1975, competing alternately with Adolph Hitler for 1st and second place.

Oh, but in Abigail Van Buren's Readers most unusual problems number 1 is "I can't trust my husband. He cheats so much I'm not even sure my last baby is his."

Then of course if you're pushing for becoming a famous person make sure you know what to do when you die.

For example, Napoleon's hair was cut off to be divided up for tourist souvenirs. He commanded his heart to be cut out and placed in a bottle of wine and sent to Marie Louise. And last but not least his penis was obtained from his confessor and priest then offered up for sale but failed to reach the reserve price.

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Looking at the Lakers

With Lee Lamberts

I have been a resident of this state all my life and as a result, I was brought up thinking that Detroit was the sports center of not only Michigan, but also of the entire Midwest.

In 1968 the Detroit Tigers made one of the biggest mistakes of their history: They won the World Series. Since then, loyal Tiger fans have had to put up with some of the worst baseball ever performed by a major league team, and now that they have the talent to regain the championship of ten years ago, they have a manager who insists on keeping this talent hidden.

My faith in the Tigers over the past ten years has been slowly dying, but two weeks ago, on July 2, it was completely destroyed.

It was on that Sunday that Detroit lost a doubleheader to the New York Yankees after leading until the last two innings of each game. That was also the day that a fan reached out of the stands and knocked a fly ball away from the reach of right fielder Mickey Stanley.

This unfortunate incident was not Stanley's fault. Neither was it his fault that he did not pick up the ball and continue play as though nothing had happened. He later said that he thought the fan had caught the ball; therefore he ran into the infield to complain to the first base umpire.

This event was probably replayed over thousands of television stations on the late night news, and I am sure that almost everyone in the ball park saw what happened. The fact is, the umpire responsible for that area of the field blew the play by not running to the outfield to get a closer look at the attempted catch. I do not know why.

But I do know this. Ralph Houk (Detroit Tiger Manager) also blew it. Instead of supporting his players as he should have done, he went to the mound and changed pitchers.

The least he could have done was to protest loudly enough to get himself thrown out of the game. Along with that, he should have filed a formal protest of the game and hope for a favorable ruling. He did neither.

Detroit may not have a contending club as yet, but they could be doing better than they are. One man is to blame. Ralph Houk should be replaced: immediately!

New dome repair plans aired

By Peter Farb

A question that has been the subject of many rumors and speculations is one step closer to being solved. The question, which concerns the entire college in general and the sporting community in particular, is the viability of the Dome. For quite some time now there has been leaking, some would say like a sieve. Numerous stop gap procedures have been employed to try and "quick fix" the problem. These include patching the roof from the outside, nailing large plastic sheets to the support structure to funnel water off the main floor, and covering the wooden floor with plastic sheets to prevent the wood from soaking up the water and warping.

None of these solutions has dealt with the problem effectively. Indeed, during the recent summer rains, the amount of water coming in was more than could even be mopped up. The water came faster than it could be disposed of. The damage to the floor has been considerable. Perhaps the Geology Department would like to study the new mountain being created on the southern intra-mural court. The ends of the main court are also showing signs of strain. The water has caused a lot of warping to take place.

Help is on the way. One of the rumors that had been "floating around" was that the wooden beams supporting the roof were sixty percent rotten. According to the Plant Department's Ward Aurich however, this isn't true. He said that "The structural integrity is pretty sound." In an examination done by the Plant Department the beams were found to be in good shape. A report of this finding, as well as one done by the State Bureau of Facilities on the actual covering itself was submitted to the Joint Capital Outlay Committee in Lansing. The Committee approved \$ 200,000 to get the work underway pending an examination by Geiger-Burger Company of New York. This company is re-



Ineffective Dome spot repairs

Lanthorn Staff Photo

puted to be the best architectural firm around when it comes to domes. They were involved in the construction of the Silver-Dome in Pontiac. \$ 50,000 was appropriated for this study. The engineers for Geiger-Burger will be here sometime in the third week of July, with a preliminary report to be done by August 1. Somewhere around the end of August the company will make its report and recommendations.

The main question of whether or not the work will be finished by the time school starts depends on the accuracy of the Plant Department's estimation of soundness, the new roof could be in on time for basketball, volleyball etc. The plan apparently calls for a fiberglass roof to be placed over the present roof.

The possibility of some type of air suspension is not being ruled out. If, however, the engineers find that the beams must be replaced it is not known when the repairs will be done. Even without a new roof though, Mr. Aurich stated that he couldn't see any reason not to have sports events in the Dome this winter. For now then, the whole question of the new roof being on by October rests on the Geiger-Burger

report.

Mr. Aurich did state that they have been having a problem keeping people off the roof of the Dome. He said he could not be sure that people walking on the roof caused the leaks but "...they certainly didn't help." It looks like the Saga sladders will have to go somewhere else.

Also included in the money to repair the Dome was a provision for repainting it and for replacing the floor, if needed. When asked if the College was considering replacing the wood floor with a new Tartan surface, Aurich said it depended on two factors. First of all the amount of flooring that has to be replaced will be taken into consideration. Secondly, the relative cost of the two substances will be taken into account. If faced with the question of preferring a wood or tartan floor, Coach Villemure replied that he would prefer a wooden floor under most circumstances.

Director of Athletics, Dr. George McDonald, said that many different configurations would be considered. One possible design would put a tartan floor all around the main court, but leave that as wood. This would expand the number and configuration of other types of courts available.

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