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A WORD OF EXPLANATION If our title on the masthead sounds vaguely familiar it is because "Underneath the Arches" is an old song which is still very popular in England (where it was the theme song for a pair of comedians) and is revived from time to time in this country. While the lyrics are wildly inappropriate for a college -- they tell the story of a homeless bum who has no place to sleep but the cobblestones beneath a bridge -- we thought the title significant because our buildings have as their dominant feature a series of narrow arches rising from the ground to the roof. Since college songs borrow tunes freely, perhaps someday we will use the melody and supply our own words. Any suggestions?

VITAL STATISTICS

Accepted students -- 181

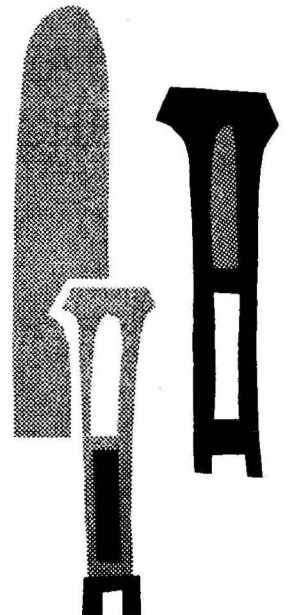
Days until college opens -- 177

Books in the library -- 7,000+

Available scholarships -- 40 including new ones not previously announced ... from the Wyoming Park Rotary Club, open to a Wyoming Park graduate, Alice M. Barnes Memorial Scholarships to Kentwood graduates, Grand Rapids Civitan Club, four from the Kent Medical Foundation.

MEET BILL DEMPSEY GVSC director of audio-visual development Bill Dempsey has been a speech teacher, a USO entertainer, and a TV producer. In this last field, he produced shows involving statesmen and sportsmen, show business celebrities, and college professors. He comes to us from Pittsburgh, where he headed the educational TV stations. On three occasions, Bill spent a month in Europe studying TV and can tell you the virtues and drawbacks of state-controlled mass communication in comparison with our own commercial system. When your tape recorder goes out of whack or your hi-fi becomes low-fi, Bill can fix it. At GVSC he's in charge of the A-V system that will extend throughout the campus, supplementing the printed word with films, closed circuit TV, tape recordings, and record playing facilities.

PIONEER CLASS Grand Valley's program of liberal education is attracting students with a variety of career interests. One student hopes to enter the diplomatic service, another plans to work in the aero-space industry as a research physicist, several students are planning a period of service with the Peace Corps or the United Nations, and many are interested in teaching careers at the elementary, high school, and college levels. One thing is certain, the Pioneer



Class of G.V.S.C. will make its marks in many different professions, occupations, and activities.

A review of hobby interests of students already admitted reveals a wide range of interests. Many are interested in music - from Beethoven to Stan Getz. There is a lively interest in dramatics and journalism. Every kind of sport is represented ... from skiing to sky diving. Even cricket has its supporters!

ACROSS THE NATION The word about GVSC is getting around ... in the March Overview, a national magazine for educational executives, there is a feature story on Space for Individual Learning, which traces the idea of a student carrel to its most modern design right here at GVSC ... Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc. who granted us carrel planning money, published the results in a booklet ... a letter to the editor of the Saturday Review from vice president Philip Buchen on our campus plan got good play.

WE'RE SORRY The wrong time was given for our Project '63 TV show in March ... Channel 13 changed the time because of a Con-con special show ... and forgot to let us know.

LEND AN EAR A series of 5 minute interviews with "Interesting People at GVSC" is featured on WJBL-FM, Holland, at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and on WOOD, Grand Rapids, at 12:05 noon on Sundays. Many of our staff have visited or lived in countries all over the world, and their impressions make fascinating listening.

FACULTY COMING UP Four new members of the faculty will be appointed at the Board of Control meeting in April. Their subject areas are Zoology, Political Science, English, and Music.

NEW-CON Adoption of Michigan's new Constitution brings constitutional status to G.V.S.C. See Article VIII, Section 4.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR

- April 21 -- Project '63, Channel 13 ... Meet three faculty members ... 3:30 p.m.
- April 22 -- GVSC night in Fremont ... Foundation Building ... 7:30 p.m.
- April 25 -- GVSC night at Creston High School ... Grand Rapids ... 7:30 p.m.

These meetings are open to the public and will provide progress reports on the college.