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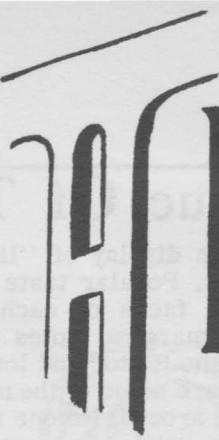
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## Jellema To Speak Today

Dr. Harry Jellema, GVSC's professor of philosophy, will address the third meeting of Grand Valley chapter of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at 3:00 today on the subject of "Religion and our Culture", announced the organization's ad hoc executive committee. The meeting will be held in room 174, Lake Michigan Hall.

The committee also revealed that plans are being made for regular meetings of the club with programs including lecture-discussions, Bible study groups, prayer groups and others.

According to a preliminary constitution being prepared by the committee, membership is open to all students and faculty members interested in its purpose and desiring to take part in its program.

## Progress Reported

The Student Steering Committee members met for a second full day on Saturday, February 15 at Marcia Darin's house to write the first complete draft of Grand Valley State's constitution. The final points were inserted and the first draft was written by the end of the day. This first draft will be submitted to the college lawyer so that it may be written in legal form before the first of March.

## Dykstras Host Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Dykstra were hosts to the members of the Student Steering Committee on Monday, February 17, at 5:00 p.m. The dinner was served as a celebration of the successful completion of Grand Valley State's first formal constitution.

## Dance Support Falters

Where was everybody the night of February 14, the date of GVSC's first open dance. There was a fine turnout from all invited schools but our own sponsoring college showed an evident lack of interest. The general opinion seemed to be that the stage was set for a wonderful time; all that was needed was more people. The decorations were attractive; the refreshments were tasty; the music was lively. The student body clamors for more social functions, then disappoints the planners by not showing their faces. It is the hope that more will attend the next dance put on by the Ski Club on February 29.

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## Twirp Season Arrives

With the tremendous success of the Hootenanny, the Ski Club is busy planning another social event. The earliest plans of a Sadie Hawkins dance were initiated at the last Ski Club meeting. This event is planned for Saturday, February 29. As everyone knows, the custom of a Sadie Hawkins dance is to go twirp (the woman is requested to pay). The Ski Club felt it would be nice to give the boys a break and let the girls take care of the dates. Preparations for the dance will receive devoted attention from the Ski Club members. It looks like the club is on its way to another hit at Grand Valley State. Everyone is asked to check his calendar and reserve the night for the fun that is in store.

## Carrels Finished!

With the opening of the study carrels for use in Lake Superior Hall, students have lost their last good (?) excuse for not studying. The uniquely designed individual study apparatus has been a distinguishing characteristic of Grand Valley State College from its beginning. (The extent of their uniqueness and efficiency can be read in the articles, clipped from nationally-circulated magazines, posted on the library bulletin board.)

Student reaction to the carrels, part of them now in use on an unassigned basis, seems to be favorable. While students are happy with the advantages that such an arrangement for study offers, many students have also observed that already the carrels are being misused by some -- a reference to the visiting and general noisiness, without regard for fellow students attempting to study, which is noticeable in the carrel section of the library.

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In addition to loving your enemies, treat your friends a little better.

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Listening is one of the great arts of conservation.

## Bookstore To Open In Spring Quarter

Beginning with the Spring Quarter, GVSC will have a bookstore on campus. In addition to textbooks, a limited number of other paperback books and basic supplies will be available.

The paperback revolution has reduced the cost of textbooks considerably. It has also made it less expensive to develop good personal libraries. Students are encouraged, therefore, to keep their textbooks and have them serve as the beginning of a strong library, one that will be cherished in later years. However, during the week of final exams of each quarter -- and that week only -- those students who do not wish to keep their textbooks will be given opportunity to sell their books back to the store. Any book which will be used for the Spring Quarter will be purchased, provided it is in satisfactory condition. Satisfactory condition will mean that the book has not been marked and the binding is intact. The bookstore manager shall be the judge as to whether or not the book is in satisfactory condition. Used books will be purchased at fifty percent of new cost and sold back at seventy-five per cent of new cost. For example, a five-dollar book will be bought back for two-fifty and be resold for three seventy-five. If a used book is still in satisfactory condition after this period, it will again be bought back for two-fifty meaning it would cost the student only one-twenty-five for the quarter. For those students who prefer to sell their own books, space will be provided on one of the bulletin boards to list books they have for sale.

Mr. Dykstra, who will serve as manager of the bookstore, welcomes any suggestions that students might have.

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## HOOTENANNY RECAPS





# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently, the GVSC Ski Club sponsored a hootenanny-dance. It was the first public event at GVSC and proved to be a great success. The club worked very hard to insure good publicity for the event, which, I believe, was one of the main reasons it succeeded as well as it did. Our own school paper, however, made no mention of it save for a small advertisement on the last page. Certainly, one would expect an item this newsworthy to appear in prominence in the paper. It was undoubtedly of interest to more students than were many of the other articles in the same issue. The same holds true for the issue following the hootenanny. The event was mentioned in a small article on the bottom of the third page.

This insignificant article proceeded to criticize a group which performed at the hootenanny. This group was composed of several high school students who have visions of becoming students at GVSC. They were here trying to perform a service for their future alma mater and asked no fee for their contribution. As for their remarks about the lighting failure, they handled the awkward situation with considerable finesse and ease. They seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely, and it is this quality, I believe, which endeared them to most of the audience. By the way, their name was the "Evergreens" not "Treveri" as was wrongly reported in the Keystone.

The student committee dances always seem to be well publicized in the Keystone and command prominent, well-written articles. They deserve this publicity because they are an attempt at formulating a social life, so badly needed at GVSC. By the same token, the hootenanny was also staged for this expressed purpose. Having thus pointed out this discrepancy, I would appreciate a statement of your policy for publicizing and reporting all student sponsored events.

Sincerely,  
Ken VanDerKolk

Dear Mr. VanDerKolk:

Well-stated criticisms such as yours are appreciated by the Keystone staff even though the content was not entirely valid or without unfair overstatement.

We agree the Hootenanny was a "great success." We were well aware that it was an up-and-coming event of social prominence. We asked the Ski Club for information to write a story, just as we handle all other social functions. The "advertisement" in the January 24 issue was given us to be printed with the assurance that it would cover what the Ski Club wanted known. It was given to us the day the paper went to print when the first, second, and third pages had already been pasted; thus its appearance on page four in a noticeable position.

Our plans were not for a "small article on the bottom of the third page" when the February 7 issue was planned. A photographer had taken many shots which were to be prominently splashed across the top of the first page of the paper. The deadline for assignments was extended one day in hopes that the pictures would be ready. But the developer failed us; therefore, a pictureless coverage: our disappointment as well

as yours. A closer look at the condemned article, "Comment on the Comments," would reveal only one paragraph of criticism, two paragraphs of praise.

The Keystone staff wishes to express a note of apology to the Ski Club for not paying adequate tribute to the success of the Hootenanny. The staff is sincerely sorry for the hurt feelings that have resulted. The Hootenanny Dance was a tremendous success and will be remembered a long time to those who attended.

Pardon us for our shortcomings. We're only human.

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Dear Editor:

The composition, "Comment on the Comments," was more of an exposé displaying literary talent than an article relating facts as news. No such misconception of public sentiments could be so misconstrued and than be accepted in print under the hoax as news.

For those who are not familiar with the article, it appeared in the February 7 issue of your Keystone.

I am sure only the author of this article knows whether the reason for this mal representation of facts was in accordance with either not having been there herself, or confusing the placement of intellectual ideals, or having a warped sense of humor.

I doubt whether any justification could be found in the first reason because all those present enjoyed themselves immensely. The second reason could be somewhat more justifiable, if the author was, in the future, to take into consideration facts, such as with the Hootenanny, that it was an amateur high school group entertaining college student, that it is more amicable to be "anxious-to-please" than "quick to criticize", and that if one is intellectual humor a hootenanny is not the place to frequent. As for the third possible reason, having a warped sense of humor, if this is a common ailment possessed by all Keystone reporters, theirs is one coverage no college organization would care to have.

If the college newspaper can not support our activities or relate the sentiments expressed by the majority, how can the student body be expected to support the college activities? How can other colleges gain respect for an institution of immature cliques?

Speaking on behalf of the GVSC Ski Club, I am very disappointed with the spirit in which the Keystone has accepted our efforts in supporting the school functions.

Judi Van Buren

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Dear Editor:

I imagine the response to the "slighting" article about the Hootenanny has been strong and multiple in number. The coverage could have been greater, the compliments more expansive, and, I personally felt that the entire affair was a success. The efforts of the Ski Club produced a varied program of entertainment and a generally full evening. However, I feel that the criticism of the high school group was in virtuous response to the lowest taste of humor they could possibly have exhibited.

Obviously they were young and unsophisticated; one does not

# Last Issue Of The Keystone . .

So who wants a display of "literary genius?" Obviously not the students of GVSC. Popular taste seems to call for a six page pictorial issue with faces of each and every "me" splashed pleasantly among the marginal notes of favorable comment. With many, many Letters to the Editor and lots of sports.

At least these are some of the more outspoken opinions of students we heard drifting around. No one really bothered however, to clarify these statements until a recent commentary on a student party appeared.

Then we decided some of the criticism might be valid. And after talking to a few groups in the cafeteria, we gained the following comments:

- We're not really excited about the Keystone, but it would be tragic if we lost it
- I don't really have enough time to read it
- More sports
- Student government isn't important enough for a big spread - Who reads it?
- More pictures
- More Letters to the Editor
- We want to know more about our profs - where they come from, who they are, and what they're doing
- I buy the Keystone, I support it - who says there's no student support?
- We want some controversy. Create it if you have to
- We want news and information we can't get elsewhere
- We read things we want to read
- GVSC student body is small enough for effective communication without a newspaper. The bulletin board is sufficient
- We don't know where to buy it

Quite a mouthful and quite characteristic we feel, of student opinion. Must we defend ourselves, or simply disregard the "customer public" and retire into "literary failure?"

Obviously we must conform, but without lowering our original standards of quality. Student opinion might very well serve as a stimulus to raise those standards. Comment could breed comment until the "Keystone clique" became a student forum.

Yet all fault does not remain with the Keystone. Starting with student comment No. 1, several key ideas become apparent:

The student body seems to sense a stigma attached to a campus newspaper. The Keystone is included with such other "progress" areas as student government, various social organizations, a music program, football, and a new ski tow-rope. Another finger counting asset. It exists, therefore it will remain. Yet students do not read the Keystone, disregard student government, use music class as an easy 2 hour course, and tend to place embryonic sports over everything. What will happen when sports become fully organized?

Letters to the Editor demands special attention, almost to the point of being laughable. Perhaps the Keystone staff should contribute these also? A dime per copy salves many a responsible-conscience.

The next group of comments seem to center around news. Students want information they can't get elsewhere, about themselves. Who makes the news you want so desperately to read? The Keystone records what you have recorded. If club members wish to promote their activities, let them step forward and contribute, or at least be available when we want to track them down.

If we can find someone who is willing to donate some time and effort in the photography field, you may soon discover your candid portraits among the headlines. If someone wants Letters, let him write. If someone wants news, let him make news.

Perhaps a bulletin board will suffice. Or perhaps the Keystone will fade into the legend of a "Pioneer Class." Who knows? WHO CARES- - -

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necessarily seek intellectual stimulation mixed in with pleasurable entertainment. But their attempts at "topical" humor were not only trite, but vulgar. Their treatment of a racial comment song and the accompanying remarks were clearly above their heads, and the least offensive comment one could make is that their borrhishness was not on nearly the same level as the rest of the affair.

Not to be overlooked, however, was the high quality of the rest of the evening. In this case, the one rotten apple did not spoil the barrel.

Richard Dean

articles in the Keystone are better written than any I could write.

Are the articles interesting? I have found that since its first addition the Keystone to me has been becoming less and less appealing. I find myself skimming over most of the articles except those which are short or have special personal interest to me.

What is the problem? I sympathize whole-heartedly with the Keystone staff in their quest to get news for articles where news is not to be found. The Keystone cannot in its present style produce interest from the limited activities at Grand Valley.

What can the Keystone do? My suggestion is that the Keystone modify itself somewhat. Instead of being a newspaper which tries its best to be well-written, perhaps it could put more emphasis on becoming interesting. The Keystone photographer could get busy and the paper could dedicate a larger amount of its space to candid photographs of students and faculty or something along this line.

Is the Keystone to be congratulated? I would like to give my congratulations to the Keystone staff which thus far has tried its hardest to make the paper a success, but a time for change has come.

Phil Novitsky

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Dear Editor,

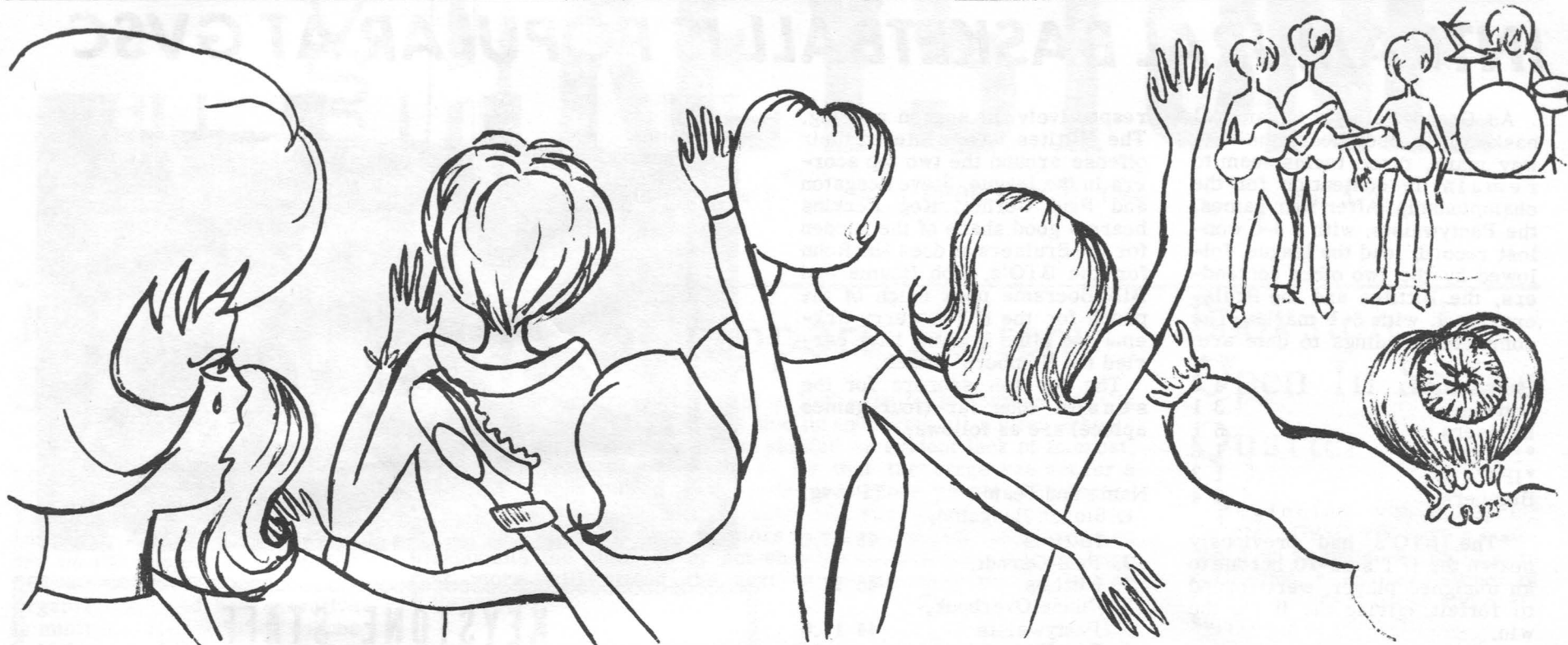
I would like to make a few personal comments about the Keystone.

Is the Keystone a success? Thus far I feel that the Keystone has not succeeded.

What constitutes success? In a newspaper I would say success is a combination of both well-written and interesting articles which have appeal to its readers.

Is the Keystone well-written literally? I know that most of the





**Apartments - YES!**

The news of an on-campus housing program initiated student inquiry into apartment living since many students are considering the move for convenience's sake. In order to answer some of your questions, the Keystone made a survey on apartment life. We went directly to the ones with first-hand knowledge.

When asked what they thought about living in an apartment, the comments were varied, but the overall outcome was very favorable. "It's great!" "It's a panic." Or take the rather sneaky grin of one co-ed, "Ah ha! You never would believe all the crazy things that can happen in one day until you live in an apartment yourself."

Specific advantages were expressed also. One of the most important is that of studying -- surprisingly enough. Provided everyone wants to study at the same time, it is much easier to motivate the thought processes in a quieted apartment than a home of noisy occupants. Then, too, one can often seek the help of his roommates with a baffling math. problem, an especially rough philosophy passage, or a controversial political science topic.

It was the general feeling that college without living away from home is not really college because it's "too much like high school." There must be something upon which one can base one's college spirit, and living in an apartment or on campus is one way to do it.

One final comment from those who are living in apartments to the unlucky ones: "Everyone should do it at least once in his life." Now -- show this article to your dubious parents!

**College Hours Long**

BOULDER, Colo-- Those 25-hour, or 30-hour or even 40-hour work weeks are not for today's college student.

A staggering work week of 60 or 70 hours is suggested by Dr. Frank Oppenheimer, noted physicist at the University of Colorado, as "a general basis for doing merely acceptable work in college."

Should a student want to regulate his college life on a daily basis, here's Oppenheimer's suggestion:

Monday through Friday -- four hours in class including laboratory work and quiz sessions, seven hours devoted to study, 90 minutes to reading, three and a-half hours to eating and talking and eight hours to sleep.

Saturday -- one hour reading, four hours eating and talking, eight hours sleeping and 11 hours uncommitted.

Sunday -- one hour and a-half reading, three hours and a half eating and talking, five hours studying, eight hours sleeping and six hours uncommitted.

Reprinted from Grand Haven Tribune Aug. 16, 1962

**Beetles or Beatles?**

"At . . . New York's Kennedy International Airport . . . some 2,000 hooky-playing, caterwalling teenagers stomped, whistled and screamed, sang, or just-plain fainted while the plane slowly disgorged 105 passengers, 11 crew members, and four 4 British Beetles, oops, Beatles. On their first U.S. tour, the mop-toped, top-pop wailers. . ." So goes *Time* magazine's comment on the Beatles as they invaded the United States.

Before the world had time to stop a minute to see what had hit them, this group of four distinctively British-looking men "beat" their way into teenage civilization. Their influences soon surged into the adult world until now very few do not know of the famous group.

Black, greasy, ragged-looking hair hangs into eyes, straggles into necks, and covers ears: the Beatle trademark. Everywhere people are rampaging barber shops to get Beetle-haircuts. Girls scream, yell in the "agony and ecstasy" of it all, and rush the stage for a closer glimpse or a touch; while John Lennon, George Harrison, Paul McCartney, and Ringo Starr "grin amiably at the whole mad display" and croon "I wanna hold your hand." Their somewhat repulsive antics are but sweet charms to the ardent admirer in the front row.

Right now the Beatles are everything. Tomorrow they will mean a little less. Soon they will remain a name: famous for a time. Enjoy them while they're here. Even buy their records -- if you have courage enough to play them around scornful, sophisticated airs of parents.

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# INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL IS POPULAR AT GVSC

As Grand Valley's intramural basketball season nears the half-way mark, three teams seem to remain in contention for the championship. After four games, the Pantywaists, with a 4-0 won-lost record, lead the league, followed by the two other contenders, the Hittites and the Bruisers, each with 3-1 marks. The complete standings to date are:

	W	L
Pantywaists	4	0
Hittites	3	1
Bruisers	3	1
*BTO's	1	3
*IFT's	1	3
Bombers	0	4

\*The BTO's had previously beaten the IFT's 36-10, but due to an unsigned player, were forced to forfeit, giving the IFT's the win.

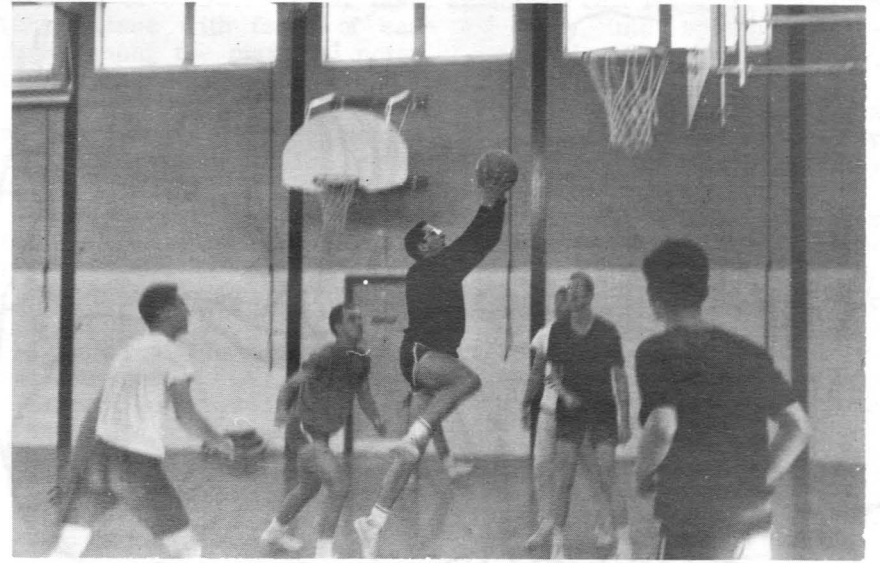
Fast moving, thrilling action, blended with a little "rough-stuff" has been the trend of play thus far this season. Also, some impressive victories have been turned in by a few teams. Some of these are: the Pantywaists 53-21 opening day whipping of the Bombers, the Bruisers 23-22 "squeaker" over the BTO's, the Hittites 52-0 "whitewashing" of the IFT's and their victory over the Bruisers, 60-27, and the Pantywaists 63-11 trouncing of the IFT's.

The Pantywaists, whose front line reminds one of a football line, have been guided by the play of Duane Overbeek and Rog Borgman, ranking third and fifth

respectively in season scoring. The Hittites have centered their offense around the two top scorers in the league, Steve Bengston and Paul Gerndt. Rog Perkins bears a good share of the burden for the Bruisers as does Jim Rohn for the BTO's. Bob Bouma and Bill Boersma pack much of the punch for the IFT's. Jerry Arkema and Mike Horning have carried the Bombers' attack.

The top ten scorers for the season thus far (four games apiece) are as follows:

Name and Team	TP	Avg.
1. Steven Bengston, Hittites	48	12.0
2. Paul Gerndt, Hittites	46	11.5
3. Duane Overbeek, Pantywaists	44	11.0
4. Rog Perkins, Bruisers	43	10.7
5. Rog Borgman, Pantywaists	41	10.2
6. Jim Rohn, BTO's	40	10.0
7. Bruce Huizen, Pantywaists	37	9.2
8. Ron Andrus, Hittites	37	9.2
9. Paul Krupinski, Hittites	33	8.2
10. Larry Kapenga, Pantywaists	23	5.7



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