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PARTY PARTY -- GVSC is throwing a blast for the Pioneer Class ... August 10 ... details later... but save this date for us.

THIS AUTOMATED AGE -- Right from the start, GVSC is going to register students with the help of IBM. When you come to registration, a pre-punched data card will be waiting with information about you on it. This will eliminate at least half of the name-address-birthdate information you would otherwise have to fill out on separate cards. It also makes scheduling easier and provides each instructor with a section list on the day classes convene.

The library has ordered on microfilm back files of 150 different magazines, going back to 1958 or earlier. There will be three microfilm viewing machines in the library. Library assistants will check you out on their use.

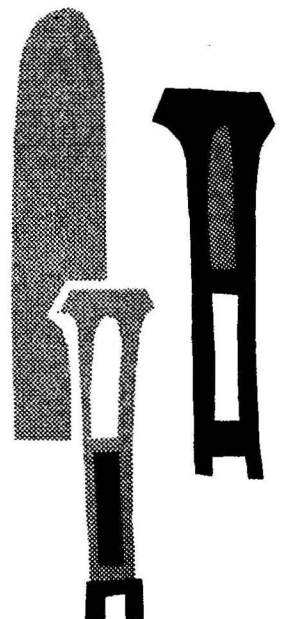
A REMINDER -- Those health forms are due July 1. Don't forget. The postcard poll about transportation would also be welcome at the office of the Dean of Students.

PROGRESS REPORT -- Construction is under way on Seidman House ... the collegiate center. Completion date set now for January, 1964 ... deo volente.

Contracts for roads and parking lots have been let ... work will soon begin. Did you know that the main campus entrance will be located on 48th Avenue at the west side of the campus? Map your commuting route with this in mind.

The campus water tower is completed ... visible from the top of the hill as you approach the Grand river going west on M-50. Water mains and sewage disposal pipes are going into place as the system nears completion.

Our buildings have names! The Board of Control has approved names of the first three academic buildings as Lake Michigan Hall, Lake Superior Hall, and Lake Huron Hall, in recognition of the importance of the Great Lakes to our state. Lake Michigan Hall will be ready and waiting for you on opening day, Lake Superior Hall will be finished later in the fall, and Lake Huron Hall by the fall of 1964. A year after that our Science Laboratories Building should be completed ... money for this building was granted on a matching basis by the Loutit Foundation of Grand Haven.



GIVE WAY -- This command, given to racing crews to begin rowing when the shells are in position and oars are poised for the first stroke, will be heard on the Grand river in the fall when GVSC's rowing program gets started. As you may have seen in a recent Sunday Grand Rapids Press, GVSC's crew will be carrying on an old tradition in this area ... years ago there were many races on the river among amateur crews.

We have received word of a gift to arrive from Harvard this summer ... a shell barge. A practice boat, the shell barge is more stable and heavily built than a racing shell, and serves to introduce new rowers to the sport. Harvard's gift has seen distinguished service on the Charles River, and we are proud to own a boat with such an honorable past.

Also on order are 10 racing oars ... \$35 each ... from Stanley Pocock of Seattle, Wash., top rowing suppliers for more than 50 years. From Jerome Eberts comes a 14 foot aluminum craft with 10 horse motor to serve as coaches' launch. Plans are underway to convert the barn on the northeast section of the campus to a locker room and athletic headquarters.

Girls ... did you know that Smith and Wellesley have crews? Some day a GVSC crew might challenge them. We have joined the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, composed of college and club crews, and are looking forward to eventual competition. For this year, we will probably introduce our students to rowing and hold time trials. Next year, who knows?

MEET WELDON FRASE -- Most of you have met our director of admissions and counseling at the interview you had with him before you were accepted at GVSC. But did you know that he used to be a swimming coach, is a top golfer and enthusiastic fisherman, and has a Christmas tree farm as a paying hobby? His only child, daughter Linda, is spending the summer in Germany on a teen-age exchange program. Weldon graduated from the University of Wisconsin, so he has at least a spectator's experience with crew racing, GVSC's own sport feature. In addition, Weldon has been an art supervisor in public schools and knows how to teach arithmetic. He's our candidate for the well-rounded man.

CLEARING THE LAND -- Two of our pioneer class members, Philip Novitsky and Walter Schultze, are employed this summer on GVSC's own Peace Corps project. They are tearing down old sheds and chicken coops ... removing and burning dead trees ... and generally cleaning up a section of our 770 acres for next fall.

Phil is a graduate of Union High School, lists teaching as his goal, likes tennis, and chose GVSC because it will be exciting to be one of the first to attend. Walt, football and track letterman at Byron Center High School, is undecided on his career, wants time to make his decision, thinks at GVSC he will have the chance to be a trend-setter, not a tradition-follower.

Another pioneer class member, Terry Ryan of Ottawa Hills, is serving as GVSC's weekly ambassador, helping Citizens' Council members who staff the information center near the construction site. Since Terry's first choice of career is the ambassadorial service, his employment is on-the-job training with us before he moves up to foreign service.