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Winter Carnival deadlines nearing

Twenty-four men signed up for the beard contest, and the evidence grows. There's still time to enter the other contests, reports Dave Boyce, Winter Carnival chairman.

BROOM BALL tournament entries, first of the contests on the Carnival calendar, must be in by Monday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m. Teams of ten must be all men and the \$1 entry fee handed in with form to the Seidman House Office.

SNOW SCULPTURE theme is "Landmarks of the World." Entry forms and the \$1.50 fee must be turned in by Wed., Jan. 25. Chairmen of the individual groups will be notified of locations the next day; actual work starts Friday the 27th at 4 p.m.

QUEEN CANDIDATES sponsored by groups or backed by a petition of 25 names must file entry no later than Tuesday, Jan. 24. Photos will be taken, of which the \$1.50 fee cover

cost. The girls must be between 17 and 25, unmarried, and have an over-all average of 2.00 or above.

TALENT SHOW contestants must turn in entry forms stating the type of act and stage equipment needed to Rm. 254 Lake Huron Hall by Jan. 25. The show is held under the auspices of the GVSC Singers.

DOG SLEDS must get their licenses by Friday, Jan. 27, at 4:30. Entry fee of \$1 and the form must be in by then. Four "dogs" pull at a time--riders women only.

SKIERS planning on entering the slalom or downhill runs, (for those who don't ski, a tobogganing contest is open) pay 25c with submitted form by Wed. Feb. 1 for contests Saturday.

All forms can be picked up at the Seidman House office and returned there unless otherwise stated.

Start library in spring Complex 11 going up;

A second academic complex has been under construction since last fall. It is located north of the Commons and southwest of the dormitories.

This complex will consist of two rectangular buildings, with the student capacity of the Great Lakes group. The exterior will be of ribbed concrete. Names are being discussed for the halls, which are to be completed by fall 1967.

In addition to the Academic Complex II, other construction includes the Commons, substantially finished for dining and use of the kitchen area. The basement will contain a lounging area, lunch and vending area, bookstore, game room, and office of the student activities coordinator. It is anticipated that the ground floor be finished in early spring.

The Robinson house will have the same familiar s-shape as Copeland House, with an added elevation. Improvements will include larger recreation rooms with televisions in-

stalled. The fireplace will be similar to that in Seidman House. After completion next fall, a 70-car parking lot will be built to accommodate dormitory students' cars.

The athletics building will be built in a dome-like fashion north of the Loutit parking area. The main portion will comprise of a basketball court, three intramural courts, a 60-yard track, and a tennis court surrounded by a tenth-mile running track. The lower level will consist of faculty offices, locker and shower rooms. Smaller dome additions later will provide a women's gym, field house, and a pool (indefinite).

Construction on the central administration and library building--hopefully--starts next spring. The location will be north of Lake Superior Hall on the edge of the ravine. The building will be GVSC's highest with five elevations. The building will be larger in dimension than Lake Superior Hall.



The non-conformist Grimm Brothers, heralded by Variety as "one of the bright new groups", will appear at Winter Carnival festivities Friday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m., GT Room.

'Raisin in the Sun' tickets on sale

"Raisin in the Sun," award winning drama for "Best Play of the Year," is to be presented by the Civic Theatre on Thursday, Feb. 9.

The drama concerns the problems of a Negro family expecting an insurance settlement. The widow must decide whether to buy a house and move away from their cramped flat, or to invest in her son's dream of a business. His urging and despair prompt the mother's reluctant decision.

Reserve tickets for the 8:30 Thursday, Feb. 9 performance will go on sale Friday, Jan. 20 at a student rate of \$1.50. Late permissions and a bus will be provided for resident students.

Jerri Zeil and Kent Fisher will sell tickets at the apartments and bookstore. Copeland ticket distributor is Bobbie Mulvaney. Sale ends Feb. 6.

Archives

Editorial:

Freshman evaluates 101 courses 'Present versus Past' upheld

by Gerrit I. Buist

The editorial in the Dec. 9 issue of the Valley View deserves a reply. The statements of Mr. Aurich with reference to the "foundation courses" and the manner of their being taught were generally uncomplimentary, lacking "totally in both direction or relationship to the student." The criticism pointed at the faculty staff who presented the courses was rather sharp.

"Courses like Biology 101 presented a hodgepodge of facts."

"Philosophy 101 ignored all contemporary moral, philosophical, and religious issues, but steeped in Plato, whom freshmen are not prepared to discover."

"History 101 ignored the modern areas of concern like Southeast Asia, the Middle East and European problems and their historical causes."

Since I recently took all three of these courses, I'd like to give my evaluation of them. Mr. Aurich mentions "some of the problems that face the college today and in the future: 'Air pollution, water pollution, conservation of natural resources, the U.S. involvement in foreign affairs, racial freedom, the population explosion, famine, space exploration,'" and feels that few of these problems were adequately discussed. I do not deny that. The problems facing college graduates now and in the future are many in number and of wide application.

Biology 101 had to cover a broad field of science, and could not in a few brief weeks cover in detail the many facts of this science. But it was able to teach some students a great respect for the scientists who explore the problems of physical life. And in the lectures I recall several references to the need for regulation of the population explosion, the eradication of presently existing and spreading world-famine; they stressed the danger of uncurbed air and water pollution. The course gave a general oversight of the field. To me it seems unlikely that any "instructor had to compromise his own dedication to his field."

Philosophy 101 did stress Plato, Aristotle, and Aquinas rather than Nietzsche, Kant, Spengler, or Whitehead. But I believe it covered the origins of occidental philosophy rather thoroughly, and in a manner which may well evoke a desire in any student to pursue

"The Associations"

"The Associations" of "Along Comes Mary" fame will perform at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids, Tuesday, Feb. 7. Sponsored by GVSC, GR Junior College and Aquinas College, tickets will be sold at the bookstore \$1.50, \$2.25, and \$3 reserved seats only. Show time is 8 p.m. A bus will be scheduled to take resident students.

further philosophical studies, to the end of applying understanding gained therefrom to the manifold problems of the world. The same is true of History 101, which dealt with ancient history of the Western world, and ignored, as we stated, the areas of modern concern, like Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Europe, their problems and historical causes.

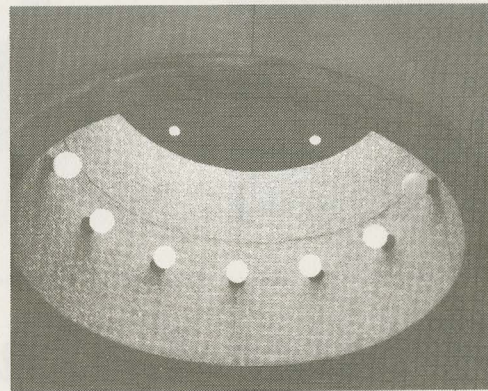
Mr. Aurich is concerned, rightly, with those "world problems," and the object of college studies. He puts the college courses in world-wide perspective, and apparently believes that the foundational courses as taught had no relationship to the student. Actually, the problems are human and personal, rooted in man's being and personality. Yes, we must all do battle against the evils existing about us in the world, but first of all against those within each and everyone of us. Racial problems with which we are struggling are world-wide, yet, first of all personal problems, which are not solved by legislation or war, but rather by personal improvement of attitudes of each one individually.

The criticism against the philosophy and history foundational courses centers around the fact that "the modern world" needs college graduates who are prepared to conquer all its ills and to solve all its problems, and that ancient history, ancient philosophy and limited aspects of biology and political science is not enough. But surely it is impossible for a 12-weeks' course (approximately thirty 50-minute lectures) should give the freshman student a clear insight into the numerous problems facing modern man. Such keen understanding is simply not attained until one is a sophomore, at least. As the student grows older he comes to sense that the world's contribution to knowledge began before the time of his birth, and that the lessons taught by ancient history and pre-Kantian philosophy also have foundational value, and present-day application.

Fall '66 grade reports indicate: 91 students on Dean's List, 45 students off probation, 105 freshmen to receive first term warning, and 19 students dismissed from college.

NOTICE

An election will be held Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the GT Room, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Students will vote on the proposed method for amending the UCO (United Collegiate Organization) constitution.



Guess what? -- The Martians have landed! -- No, it's the "Hole", so named by students dining at the Commons. The see-through form rests at the head of the east ramp.

Pre-registration totals 612

Pre-registration for GVSC winter term was judged a success by associate Dean for academic affairs Arthur C. Hills. According to Dean Hills, about half of the students (approximately 612) were pre-registered and had little difficulty paying fees and moving through registration quickly.

Any student with a faculty advisor can be pre-registered, and thus guaranteed the courses of his selection.

When a student selects a major field of study, he can be assigned an advisor by requesting one in Dean Hills' office, 124 LSH.

TV series' success results in re-run

Last October Prof John DeLong of the psychology dept., in cooperation with Mrs. Nancy Bryant, GVSC's public information director, and the WZZM television station of Grand Rapids, presented a series of thirteen one-half hour televised lectures. "The Teenager Today" featured the questions and discussions of participating housewives, attorneys, psychologists, clerks, fathers and, of course, teenagers.

Separated into thirteen different topics on teenagers' views, these lectures were not designed for academic consumption, but rather to give laymen an idea of what makes teenagers tick.

"The series received more favorable comment from television audiences than any other such show," reports Dr. DeLong, adding that the combination of topic and Mrs. Bryant's excellent arrangements contributed to the success.

The series will be repeated twice a week, with Saturday shows beginning Jan. 21, at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday shows beginning Jan. 25 at 9 a.m.

Ski chalet nears finish

The ski chalet (or warming house) is going up, a little behind schedule. This structure, estimated at \$2,279.51, is being constructed on GVSC's ski hill. At present, the 20' by 30' A-frame has been set up and work has been started on the roof. Special features of the chalet: a suspended fireplace, a coffee vendor, and a balcony for spectators. Completion deadline--Winter Carnival.



Construction workers work on snack bar, lower level of Commons. (See page one construction story.)

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Ski hours announced

The GVSC ski hill is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 6-9 p.m. It is also open Saturdays and Sundays 1-6 p.m. The times and days are subject to change, but changes will be on the college CALENDAR. Students may check out gear from the back door of the crew house on

Campus Beat:

Graeber clarifies UCO stand

by Carl Rickert

The student government has long been a subject of campus controversy. There have been many charges made, both for and against. Hoping to find some worthwhile information, I went--in effect--straight to the horse's mouth. In a recent interview with Buz Graeber, president of UCO, I received candid, honest answers which are well worth your attention.

The first question asked was whether student gov't has advanced as far as the college itself. Buz's reply was no, but he added that due to improved co-operation between the administration and student gov't, the advancement has increased.

This cooperation is mandatory for the usefulness of student gov't; the administration does have final say over student gov't activities.

In connection with this, Buz was asked whether the student gov't was in the administration's pocket, as had been charged. His answer was that although it might appear that way to the casual observer, this is wrong. He brought out the thought that the past housing controversy gave birth to that charge. It was explained that the ad hoc proposals were changed because of the belief that the administration would turn them down, and that the student gov't did feel a need for changes in housing rules.

It might also be pointed out that it was student gov't action that kept the GT Room open after the administration decided to close it.

When asked about the influence of UCO, Buz replied that as far as the administration goes, there is not much influence now but there are brighter prospects. It is felt, however, that there is a serious lack of student representation on the school's policymaking committees.

I haven't space for the whole interview, but following are some comments edited from the session.

"We will have an honor code at the end of the year or no more honor code committee." (the committee was one of the first set up at the conception of UCO.)

"To promote student interest our college, Aquinas, and JC colleges have formed a group to bring in entertainment that one school alone could not afford." The first result of this effort: the "Associations" arrive in town Feb. 7. Buz Graeber was the prime mover in this coalition.

"There are faults in our organization; some can't be helped, some can."

Tues. and Fri. 4:15-8 p.m. and on Sat. and Sun. afternoon. Equipment must be returned by 9:30 the same day or the student forfeits his right to borrow from the crewhouse. No gear is issued for hills other than GVSC's.

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"I do feel that we should have an honor code."

"The members of the student gov't work without reward; most of them are very hard workers, a few do drag their feet but they are at least showing interest which most students don't do."

"If there is as much dissatisfaction with the bookstore as I hear, then I think that this should be looked into by student gov't."

Those of you who read this column may interpret this interview any way you care to. But I felt it was time the student gov't was given the opportunity to say what it wished. I don't say the student gov't is perfect. I have criticized it in the past and will probably do so in the future, but we do need a student gov't.

Loutit ham radio in operation

The Amateur Radio Club has a project to take advantage of. Bob Woerner has set up his own equipment for interested students to see in the physics lab of Loutit Hall. Only those with a license may use the ham radio, although Bob will show his set in operation Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-3:30. The radio is available to deliver messages as far as Venezuela. The Amateur Radio Club wishes to get more students interested in ham radio operation. Their faculty advisor is Henry Elgersma, AV technician, with the aid of profs. John Baker and Dan Andersen.



The Lakers basketball team has brought home two trophies . . . first place in the Purdue-Calumet Branch Invitational Tournament held in Calumet, and second place in the Port City Classic held in Muskegon. The trophy case in the new Field House will be full even before it's completed if the Lakers keep up the momentum.

'What's going on here?'

The Agorian Society celebrated the 185th birthday of Daniel Webster on Jan. 18. Celebration included a session in the Pit concerning Webster's historic speech against the draft. A birthday party was held at noon in the basement of Seidman House; the cake contained 185 candles. Plans included staging a picket line at the GR Post Office handing out reprints of Webster's anti-conscription speech.

According to three of the workers, what is being constructed north of Lake Superior Hall along the walk to Loutit, is an architect's model of the new library's design. Purpose? . . . to see how it looks and to get the architect's approval. See those stakes set up just north of Lake Superior Hall? Those are the boundaries for the new library.

Pre-law students and all interested persons are invited to hear law professor John J. Slain speak in the Pit, 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26. From the University of Indiana School of Law, Mr. Slain will discuss "So You Want to be a Lawyer." Organizational meeting for a pre-law club is Wednesday, February 1, at 3:00 p.m., 136 SLH.

A co-ed study room has been opened in Muskegon House, apartment three. Now if you wish to talk or study, guys and gals, you won't have to sit on the steps in the apartment house.

Wild cats roam the Commons building according to students who catch glimpses of the four half-grown cats. Born in the Commons building during construction, they were allowed to stay and as a result, are impossible to trap. Any Daniel Boone types willing to try?

Mrs. Marcelle Baker, a mezzo soprano, will perform a recital Sunday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m. in the Huron Auditorium. She will be accompanied by Reynolds Whitney at the piano. Coffee will be served in Seidman following.

Planning a program? "The Speakers' Panel," published in December, is now available to you. Information on GVSC faculty and staff willing to speak to area groups on chosen topics are listed in this booklet. Notification should be made generally a month in advance.



Cafeteria staff serves dorm residents at new Commons facility. Frank Simone, manager works at far left.

What is EXCO?

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL is the committee to run committees. It nominates the people who should be elected to the Student Assembly and to other councils and organizations. ExCo also serves as a co-ordinator among the various councils.

ExCo is also the college social watchdog investigating "lack of respect by students for the persons, dignity, privacy, and property of others, and the reputation of the college," responsible for the promotion of a school spirit in such things as songs, symbols and ceremonies.

The last responsibility of ExCo is to act like the Bureau of the Budget as it administers and recommends budget to the Student Assembly and is the collector for all authorized funds.

ExCo consists of 5-7 members and is directed by the president of UCO along with a treasurer and secretary.



Copeland House dresses up for the Winter Carnival in a white blanket of snow.