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Friday, February 3, 1967



Queen Dorothy Fochtman reigns over Winter Carnival

Freshman selected Queen at talent show coronation

An overflow crowd applauded the selection of Dorothy Fochtman, a freshman from G.R., to reign as Queen over the Winter Carnival festivities Tuesday night.

Picked from four finalists at the afternoon judging, Dorothy will attend remaining activities, the climax of which will be the Saturday night "Swiss Holiday" dance.

Dorothy's court includes the three other finalists: Sue Kueck, Toni Rubleski and Sandy D. Smith.

Judges for the event were Andy Amyx, promotions director of WOOD radio; Shirley Clark, well-known WZZM TV personality; and Alice DenHollander, instructor at Nancy Taylor Modeling and Finishing School, member of the Michigan Board of Directors for the Miss Michigan Pageant and the Miss Muskegon Pageant, and director of the pageant charm school.

Emcee Jay McAlvey introduced eight acts in the GVSC Singers' Talent Show. First place went to Toni Rubleski's Jazz dance, second to Barry Lambeck who wowed the audience with a near-professional folksinging act, and third to Dick Lossin, well-known

GVSC classical guitarist. Other acts included ballerina Jami Dahlstrom, pianist Bob LaLonde, folksingers Steve Schenck and friend, and actress Nadja A. Chapman.

Entertainment by the Fugitives, Jay McAlvey who plays a swingin' harmonica, and Chip Saltman who with his Campus View Apt. roommates providing background sound, did a dramatic dialogue with an unexpectedly comic ending, rounded out the show for an appreciative crowd.

'Madwoman of Chailot' rehearsals in motion

For its winter production the Grand Valley College Theatre, formerly Les Visages, will present a modern French play, THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT. The three-act production, to be presented the first week of March in room 132 LHH, will be under the direction of Mrs. Laura Salazar and will star Miss Lisa McClow as the Madwoman and Bill Shryer as Pierre.

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All GVSC students to pre-register

Since pre-registration was so successful last term, every effort will be made to include all students on campus in the process from now on. As soon as a student decides on a major field, he should immediately go to the office of Dean Arthur C. Hills, 124 LSH to declare his intention. He will then be assigned to a faculty advisor. As having an advisor eliminates a great deal of confusion and uncertainty, students are urged to make a decision as soon as possible.

All students, after previously having been counseled by their advisor will complete their pre-registration in 254 LMH on the following dates:

Seniors	Feb. 20-21
Juniors	Feb. 22-24
Sophomores &	Feb. 27-28
Freshmen	March 1-2

Clean up of above sessions: March 3.

Students without advisors and in need of special counseling in program development may make an appointment with Mr. John Dahm or Mr. George Phillips, GVSC counselors, to complete their program schedule. All others will attend one of two group scheduling sessions planned to assist them in course selection for the spring term. These sessions for students without faculty advisors will be held:

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - 3-5 p.m. 132 H
Wednesday, Mar. 1 - 3-5 p.m. GT Room

All of these students may then go to the records office (254M) to pre-register March 6-8.

'State of the college' focal point of talk

The "Annual State of the College Message" will be presented by President James Zumberge on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. in Lake Huron Hall auditorium. Because the message is presented annually for the benefit of the student body, all students free that hour are strongly urged by Dean Stamatakos to attend.

Archives

What is Education?

by Nelly Wagenaar

Upon man's origination he probably asked-- Who am I? This was the first definition of man: a creature who wishes to know the nature of his own being. He then lifted his arm. He again asked who he was. He answered--I am a creature that lifts his arm. Man's whole existence is an effort to answer this basic question. Each new discovery enlarges his answer, enlarges himself.

Education is merely an attempt to clarify, reduce, generalize, and concentrate man's answer to his first question so that his children can add more factors to the definitions of man. But since this definition is very long, a complete education is impossible in a life time.

The question arises therefore: what is the best approach to the best possible education. There are many different views that have been merged into the mainstream of two concepts which have been called the Alexandrian and the Progressive theory of education.

The Alexandrians stress rigorous intellectual training which involves the old concept of "book learning" and the element of discipline.

We discover another train of thought articulated by John Dewey and his theory of progressive education, an approach which involves more than memorizing the contents of books. Dewey was concerned with the whole personality of the learner, his curiosity and creativity, not just in his ability to accumulate isolated facts. For Dewey and the Progressivists, education should be a life experience.

In such a system of education, teaching becomes impossible. We can only help children find definitions for themselves in relation to what others have done, how they have defined themselves, and to the consequences of their actions. The child must also be allowed to make real choices from real experiences. He learns by feeling and observing.

This means that the school must not merely be a collection of buildings with a collection of books but must become the world as close to real life as possible.

And the teacher must be concerned with the whole personality of the child. He must not "instruct" but "allow." He must encourage creativity by making use of the child's senses and skills. He must not only allow him to observe but also to make and create. Creativity is the only course which allows the child to enlarge upon the definition of himself.

The Alexandrian concept exposes us to the past and stops with facts. If we stop and accept the current definitions which include a terrible fact: that man is capable of murdering 6 million Jews, we would have to say that one of man's goals is to murder Jews. It seems obvious that we need new definitions.

It is the responsibility of education to open the doors to new definitions. Its ultimate goal, to encourage the creative spirit. This step "beyond facts" seems possible only within the framework of progressive education, a unique approach which lets the child sit still and wonder--Who am I? New definitions, new answers will arise from these children. Perhaps they will be better than the ones we have provided.

Letter to the editor:

Letter challenges Young Dems

Dear Editor:

The student handbook states that the Young Democrats Club was founded to . . . "provide an atmosphere of intellectual understanding"; it is unfortunate that they haven't lived up to this high goal. They have on all but one occasion failed to accept the challenge of the GVSC College Republican Club to have a debate.

The Republican Club is willing to discuss any important issue between the two parties and willing to negotiate any difference on time or format. Why do the Democrats fear to engage in a program that would promote the intellectual understanding they find essential?

I think it is a sign of what the Democratic

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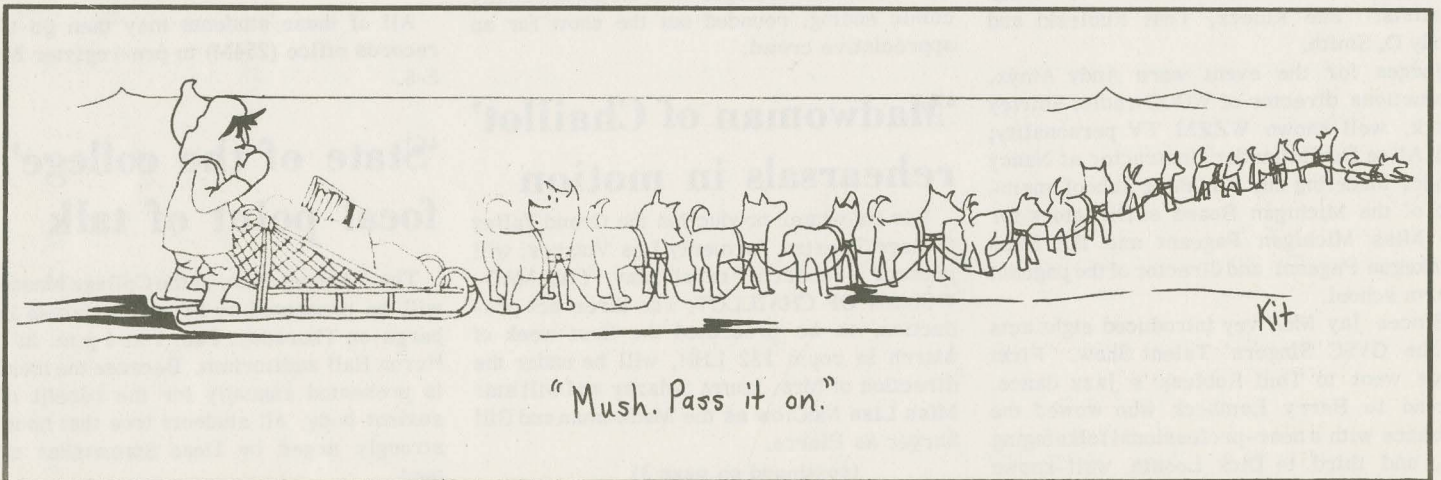
ATTENTION! All Faculty Members

Academic robe measurements for graduation ceremonies must be filed in the Bookstore no later than February 10, 1967. Please stop in any day between 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. only.

Party as a whole is. They will not debate or discuss the important issues of our day but rely instead on mob-pleasing platitudes. In 1960 Vice-President Nixon agreed to debate John Kennedy and the result was an increased interest in the political process; Nixon debated because he felt it would encourage an informed discussion of the issues. What are the GVSC Young Democrats afraid of?

If this article prompts the Democrats to accept the challenge, it will have succeeded. If they still refuse, the student body should take note of this and form their opinion on the club accordingly.

Gil Scott



Southland

Copeland council clarifies policy

The Copeland Council asks that the following be announced to all Copeland House organizations: when appropriating funds for any Copeland House activity, the following steps should be taken. First, obtain council approval; second, make sure that agreements are written and not just verbal. And thirdly, obtain a receipt or bill of sale.

The issuing of this appeal was brought about by a misunderstanding concerning the services of the Radio Club. The weekend of Jan. 27 dances were held in the lounge of Copeland House. Monday evening, Jan. 30, Copeland House treasurer Art Kerkau received a bill from the Radio Club. Upon investigation it was found that no mention of a fee for the services had been made. The Council treasurer noted that the situation could have been avoided and that, in the future, appropriate measures should be taken.

ATTENTION! All Graduating Seniors

Graduation robe measurements must be filed in the Bookstore no later than February 10, 1967.

Those who have been measured but have not paid, please take care of this immediately.

Davis runs for GR Board of Ed

The public fervor which arose out of the mustache ruling at South High, has produced one result. The "mustache" has motivated a GVSC professor, Dr. Gilbert Davis to run for the Board of Education in the February elections. Dr. Davis claims that the Board wouldn't have gotten themselves into a box had they had some member who could have insisted they examine the pedagogical implications of their actions. Anyone who can say one day, "You must shave your mustache!" can say the next day, "You must wear one!" One who imposes an arbitrary policy over the matter of personal appearance in the name of education must be prepared to face the consequences of disorder as a result of a bad rule. A system which allows such arbitrary ruling smacks of a military dictatorship. And certainly education is impossible under such conditions.

Dr. Davis feels that the whole controversy points to a need for a general re-examination of the Board and its aims which is now composed of mainly businessmen who may or may not be aware of what's going on in the halls of South High or any other Grand Rapids high school. In order to broaden the Board's vision, we need educators who are professionally involved, who will provide more than the local businessman's point of view.

Dr. Davis also supports an increase in teachers' salaries. He claims that Grand Rapids has short changed its educators. No citizen has the right to expect a public servant

Campus Beat:

Keystone brass rates Valley View

by Carl Rickert

Continuing the purpose of this column, interviewing those who are involved with or have acknowledged opinions on issues of interest on campus, session with G. Bulthuis, past advisor of the student newspaper, is reviewed. Following that, former Keystone staff member Tom Boerma gives his reactions.

First asked about the present improvement over the past papers, Bulthuis said that there is some superficial improvement, otherwise none. He felt that the past efforts "offered livelier reading."

The second question concerned the basic fault of the paper and the presence of such faults in past efforts. Bulthuis answered that the fault lay in lack of student produced copy, and that there was too much reliance on news releases. He did add, however, this was a chronic fault in all past papers due to lack of staff, "but the problem still exists."

Asked whether the paper fulfilled its purpose, the reply was negative and that "this is a question better answered by the student

body."

In connection, Bulthuis was asked if the paper accomplished anything. He answered, "It's not a pacesetter; it's not a leader in anything."

What it should be doing, Bulthuis said, was that since, ". . . in any college community you have tremendous mixture of individuals on different levels . . . mixture of groups and things are bound to take place." He then stated that the paper should have its "ear to the ground, should be aware of what's taking place and report it," adding that the paper, more than any other student group, has the voice and should use it.

Tom Boerma made the following remarks:

Question 1: "Livelier reading in what way?" He noticed none.

Question 2: "As far as the heavy use of news releases go, how many ways is it possible to advertise a pit session? As far as student copy goes, we printed it when we got some."

Question 4: "The time element is involved here. On a weekly paper new news is hard to come by. But the problem is, without a doubt, the lack of staff."

Question 5: "Part of the fault lies in the fact that the campus offices and agencies do not create a conducive atmosphere for reporting. Again, the problem returns to a crippling lack of staff. As for Mr. Bulthuis' final remark on the voice of the paper, there are too many groups ready to display disfavor towards the paper while adding nothing to it, to not be somewhat intimidated."

General remarks: "Mr. Bulthuis displays the same beating around the bush that he did when he was advisor. His ideas are good, but he is unrealistic. His opinion is one that represents many students on campus, and that is that the fault lies only in the paper staff."

The remark must be made that both Mr. Bulthuis and Mr. Boerma have their good and bad points, and there are glaring faults that can be remedied. But most major changes can come only after the staff size is increased many times over. No matter how many names are listed in the staff box, there are only three or four who earn the listing.

Your reactions are welcome in the Valley View office. Next week's interview: President J. Zumberge.

FLASH! GVSC's own William Beidler will sing two of the three original sacred songs written by Dave Brubeck for the Fountain St. Church concert Sunday, Feb. 5. (See concert story in Jan. 27 issue, and page four this issue of VALLEY VIEW.)

who possesses a BA degree to work for \$5,100 a year.

Thirdly, Dr. Davis is in favor of an autonomous board of control for Junior College. At present JC is controlled by people primarily concerned with high school problems and as a result, JC has been consigned to 10th class status.

And finally, Dr. Davis supports the 15 yr. reorganization plan which will deal with the problem of defacto segregation and will make practical plans for a more efficient and creative use of existing facilities in the local schools.

'Madwoman of Chaillot'

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The play, set in Paris, is the story of a plot by a group of materialists to destroy the city. Conflict arises when the Madwoman, Aurelis, attempts to thwart the group's plans. Headed by a President and a prospector, Doug Vance and Dale Hull respectively, the group includes Pierre, who falls in love with one of the Madwoman's associates, Irma, and, in the end, does not sympathize with the plot. The theme of the play is based on the shifting of Pierre's allegiances.

Although this production is Mrs. Salazar's first three-act play at Grand Valley, she has been involved with other GVSC Theatre productions, and has had much experience in professional stock productions in both Maine and Michigan. She has, in addition, directed over a dozen plays.

What's going on here?

"And they wait . . ."

COLLEGE ARTS Magazine is sponsoring a \$2,000. poetry contest, open to all poets. The first four grand prize winners will have their own book of poetry edited and published by the JTC Publishing Co., while every entrant will receive an anthology of the top 100 prize winning poems. Write for details; Poetry Contest, Box 314, West Sacramento, California 95691.

Hill District residents in GR will answer their doorbells to find a GVSC student, questionnaire and pencil in hand to record their opinions on city problems. The interviewers are Behavioral Science seminar students working on the project to gain a background in research methods and interview techniques, and to obtain opinions from a population section with a wide range of economic and educational backgrounds, according to John Vonk, instructor in sociology.

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There are two male bit roles not filled for the GV College Theatre production coming up. Limited rehearsal time required, so see Mrs. Laura Salazar, 163S or phone No. 308.

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There will be a meeting for the organization of a coffee house for the Grand Rapids area in lower Seidman House Thursday Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. All club presidents and others interested in this project are invited.

Last call for concert tickets

On the February cultural calendar: --the Civic Theatre's "A Raisin in the Sun," starring New York actor Tony Major and a local cast opened Feb. 1. GVSC students may purchase student rate tickets at \$1.25 for the Feb. 9 from Kent Fisher or Jerri Ziel or at the bookstore. Bus transportation available that night.

---The Grimm Brothers will entertain cabaret style in the GT Room tonight at 8 p.m. Admission, fifty cents . . . includes dancing, jam sessions and local talent with the Grimm Brothers appearing at 8:30, 9:45, and 11 p.m. in three shows.

---GVSC has 250 reserved seats for the Association show and only 25 have been sold so far. On sale now in the bookstore and GT Room until Monday only.

---Jazz fans will get their share Sunday, Feb. 5 when the Dave Brubeck quartet appears at the Fountain St. Church in GR. Tickets at \$4.50, 3.50 and 2.50 available at the church, Dodd's or Sinfonia record shops, or call GL9-2900.

---Monday is the last day to get tickets for both the "Raisin in the Sun" and Association performances.

Names for the academic complex II are needed . . . suggestions on the theme "isles of the Great Lakes" can be turned in to Pres. James Zumberge, 104 LMH. Isles and islands must be within the boundaries of the State of Michigan to be nominated.

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Mezzo-soprano Marcelle Baker's recital was cancelled Sunday, Jan. 29. Rescheduling efforts may set the concert for the Arts on Campus weekend.

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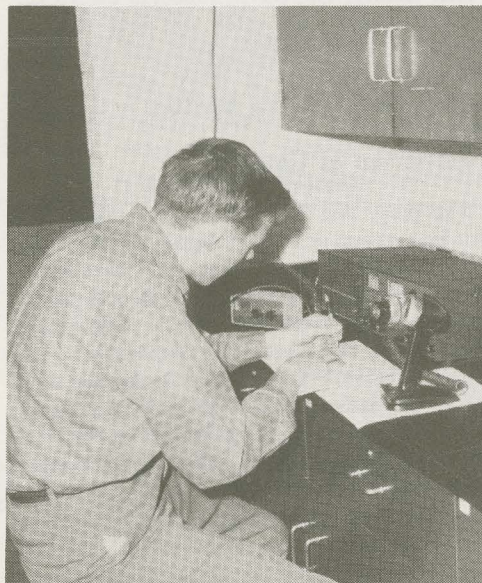
Campus politicians Dick Merrick (D) Don Vanderkuyl (R) and Jim Gillette (Indep.) have agreed to compose a weekly forum based on international situations, foreign policies, and other political issues of interest. Watch for their column in next week's VALLEY VIEW.



Judges smile reassuringly at the candidates. L to R. Andy Amyx, WOOD radio, Alice Den Hollander, Nancy Taylor School and Miss Michigan Pageant Board member, and Shirley Clark, WZZM-TV personality.



The four finalists as they appeared Tuesday afternoon: left to right: Dorothy Fochtman, Sue Kueick, Toni Rubleski and Sandy D. Smith.



Bob Woerner of the Ham Radio Club logs messages in a Loutit science lab Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Chalet work delayed

What's happening at the ski chalet? If the work seems slow, it's partly due to the weather, according to President Zumberge. In December, the rain hindered work on the foundation. And the snow storms haven't helped much either.

Another problem: all construction is being done by GVSC personnel. These men have to be pulled off of other jobs in order to work on the chalet. Who can afford a contracted construction crew?

The money was donated from the personal funds of the Board of Control members for the ski chalet. William Kirckpatrick (Kalamazoo), Dale Stafford (Greenville), Edward Frey (Grand Rapids) and Arnold Ott (Muskegon) compose the Board which contributed a total sum of \$2,500. for the ski chalet. In less than one month, the ski chalet is becoming a realization.