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the Valley View

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Friday, Feb. 17, 1967

13 Students invited to president's round table

Students who formerly felt they had no voice in administrative affairs will soon have an opportunity to speak out. Two new channels for student-administrative communication are opening before the end of February.

The President's Round Table consisting of thirteen students will be a common meeting ground for discussion with President Zumberge. In his own words, the Round Table will serve as a "hotline between the President and the student body."

The Round Table will short circuit other cumbersome channels of communication between students and administration. It will be a place to air opinions and suggestions and to exchange information. Mainly, Zumberge stated, it will serve as a pipeline for student feedback.

The thirteen students selected will be a representative group of the entire student body. The four seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen will be both male and female and commuter and resident students. The group will also represent various campus organizations such as CASC, food service committee, German Club, UCO, and the yearbook and newspaper staffs.

The students who have been invited to participate are: senior Buz Graeber, Katie Lupton, Annie McDonald, and Dave Feldkamp; juniors Steve Patterson, Brian Byrne, Jan Pence; sophomores Jeanne Viele, Bryan Wemert, Bruce Nyland; freshmen Mary Spruit, Bob Tinney, Pat Walsh.

President Zumberge stated that the Round Table will not be an action group, but mainly a discussion group representing the various interests of the student body. It will, however, have some indirect influence on administrative policy.

Another attempt to involve students is the proposed Student Policy Council which will have a more direct influence on administrative affairs than the Round Table.

For the first time, students will be represented on the existing policy committees which before consisted of only members of administration and faculty. Now students will have a direct voice in 1) academic policy committee, 2) student services, 3) business affairs, 4) developmental policy

Four major issues covered by Prexy

President Zumberge's annual "State of the College" address dealt with four major problems and issues facing GVSC. He discussed enrollment, state fund cutback, accreditation, and the student role in administrative policy.

Student enrollment, Zumberge stated, has been disappointing mainly because the 1960 predictions were unrealistic. The projected enrollment figures were a means of advertising the ambitions of GVSC. Increasing growth of the large State universities and the rise of new community and junior colleges were developments not envisioned in 1960.

The slow growth rate at GVSC, Zumberge commented, is partly our own fault. A high academic standard and a consistent admissions policy was imposed in spite of the number of students who apply. Since 63 only 65% were accepted of all who sought admission.

Because only half of the 3,000 students planned for '66 populate the campus, facilities will not be used to full capacity. However, Zumberge said, we will be able to maintain small classes, high quality instruction, and a small college environment.

Dr. Zumberge continued by explaining the causes and consequences of the fund cut-

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Applications taken

Housing Officer Glen Eskedal announced that applications for resident assistants and supervisors are being accepted for the fall term, 1967. He noted that the supervisory positions are primarily geared for married couples. The resident assistantships, he further stated, are open to single upperclassmen. Applications, which should be made through the Housing Office, will be accepted up to the third week in March, at which time applications will be processed and candidates interviewed.

All students feeling qualified for the positions are urged by the Housing Office to apply at their earliest convenience.



A loaded toboggan gathers speed . . . more Winter Carnival pics on page 4

Faculty drops students in IBM game

The faculty tromped the students -- the bank game was a supplement to the economics classes, and it turned out to be quite a contest.

Based on its success, a new econ game is planned for next term. It is a production-inventory course without a computer to figure results. The students will learn or lose again.

According to Prof Marvin DeVries, "The faculty team won in the sense that they were able to accumulate the greatest amount of profits through asset management while abiding by all of the financial and legal ratios that affected the play of the game."

Letter to the Editor:

Young Dems blast Scott

Dear Editor:

I was rather surprised to read in your Feb. 3 issue the rather petulant outburst of Mr. Gil Scott as regards the alleged refusal of the GVSC Young Democrats to debate the Young Republicans.

Mr. Scott, as is his custom, chooses to indulge himself in the flamboyant oratory for which he is so widely noted, while knowingly avoiding an honest statement of facts. Mr. Scott would appear to say that the only way in which the Young Dems can contribute to an atmosphere of intellectual understanding is to debate the Young Republicans. In this he clearly twists the truth to suit his own advantage. The facts are that the Young Dems have sponsored speakers including the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, the Democratic candidates for U.S. Senator and Governor of Michigan, the Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, two Michigan Representatives, as well as a large number of candidates for other state and federal offices. We have sponsored a movie, a panel on Viet Nam, and we co-sponsored a presentation of the election results last fall. And yet, in the face of all this evidence of which he is fully cogniscent, Mr. Scott would tell you that, "... it is unfortunate that they have failed to live up to this high goal."

The reasons that the Young Democrats have turned down Mr. Scott's plea for a debate in the past are several:

- 1) The large number of other activities we have and will continue to sponsor;
- 2) The very poor result of the last debate held with the Young Rep, to an audience of only twenty persons;
- 3) The fact that no officer of the Young Rep requested a debate, and since Mr. Scott's propensity for debating everyone about everything is well known at GVSC, we could not be certain this was an official request;

The bankers' team placed second. The fourteen participating GVSC seniors had good profits at times, but they lost in the long run, and violated the financial "rules". The rules or ratios are necessary to the game; they are not legal, but actual restraints. For example, there are Federal Reserve requirements on the amount of reserves which must be kept. Operational experience of banks show there must be some ratio between cash and loans; total loans must not exceed eight times the capital funds. These are all reasonable financial restraints. Otherwise the banks would take a high risk and vulnarize their positions.

The students made excess loans, as the computer indicated. They learned to make decisions over time, and to better understand the banking business.

One asset of this system is that one can speed up the play, or compress time. The bank's unit of time is one quarter. The econ students in one GVSC quarter made seven plays, or seven quarters, one and three-fourths years, of bank time. And they don't have to just sit and wait for results; they control the environment with their decisions.

John McGraw famed New York Giants' manager, batted .390 in 118 games while playing for Baltimore in 1899.

Negroes accounted for about 18.9 million, or approximately one-tenth of the nation's population as of the last census.

Great Britain's 90,000 policemen do not carry guns.

4) The fact that our members, of whom three are on the Kent County Democratic Committee, and one is on the Executive Committee, are devoting themselves to more meaningful political efforts than indulging in the whims of Gil Scott.

5) The obvious fact that the Young Dems cannot and will not allow their activities to be chosen and dictated by the Young Repubs or their spokesman.

In concluding, however, so that Mr. Scott will not feel totally frustrated, I will agree to a debate. I will not, however, accede to his obvious intent, which is not a debate between the two clubs, but rather another forum for Mr. Scott to display his forensic prowess. For this reason, and since the clear choices for a debate are the respective club chairmen, the leaders chosen as the outstanding leaders by their memberships, I challenge the present chairman of the Young Republicans to a debate, subject, time, and rules, to be mutually agreed upon.

Respectfully,
Richard J. Marek
President GVSC
Young Dems.

NOTICE:

Students - prepare to air your pent up irritation, afflictions, distresses, grievances, and complaints, for GRIPE DAY is coming. The dates to remember are: February 20, 23, 28, and March 3. The place: any study carrel equipped with microphone and dial. The time of day: 9 a.m. - 12 noon, and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. These times are in effect on each of the four days of "gripe". The number you dial is 6-97. Topics prompting "gripe" might be as follows: administration, curriculum, personal, social, athletics, food, and financial aid. If you can think of any others - fine.

Each "gripe" is automatically put on tape as the student "sounds off". His comments are played back by members of the administration. Don't be embarrassed at the last moment; your aired "gripes" will eventually serve you with benefits - maybe. Anyway, get busy and start grumbling!!!!

Alfie comes to Grand Rapids

by Nelly Wagenaar

The recurrent theme of many modern movies, one which appears also in much of contemporary literature is not: Will he or won't he get the girl? but rather: What of the garbage within us? The hero is no longer clad in white nor kisses the beautiful maiden at the end, but is instead a scoundrel, an anti-hero, a misanthrope who abandons the mores of society because he feels society has abandoned him. Such a man can either withdraw from society, violently protest against the existing order, or he can seek to gain as many experiences as possible, each experience becoming significant only in the amount of pleasure it affords.

Alfie, in the movie of the same name chooses the life of pleasure and his pleasure is women. As a "free agent", he takes pride in his escape from the usual bonds of human relationships and finds himself in the privileged position of needing no one and belonging to no one. His women, or "birds" as he affectionately refers to them, are much like the pieces of furniture in his apartment. They cook his food, scrub his floor, make his bed, and when they no longer challenge Alfie's lust for experience, he throws them out like old pillows.

Yet the "birds" adore him. And big,
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What happens to class standing?

by Evelyn Baron

It is easy for instructors to distinguish between an honor student and a poor student, or even an average student, but what of the "B" student? Is he enough above average to merit an "A", or is he almost average, deserving a "C"?

A pass/fail system would possibly solve this problem. However, excellence should be rewarded, hence, an H-S-U system -- Honor, Satisfactory, and Unsatisfactory.

A freshman, especially, has many aspects of college life to adjust to, and such a grading system would relieve much of the pressure.

Two unanswerable questions have thus far been raised. What of class standings and/or draft standings? Until these and many other questions can be answered, the pass/fail system will remain a topic of administrative discussion at GVSC.

Four Major Issues

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back. Due to an imbalance in the State Budget, the legislature will appropriate an \$84,000 increase instead of the requested \$276,000. The cut is not as severe as it might seem; he said, "nobody ever gets what they ask for." Until Michigan legislates a general tax reform, all state institutions of higher education will receive less money.

As a result, the library will not acquire the planned amount of books. Reduction in the amount of staff positions, and postponed development in the A-V division will ensue. "Even if we have to wade through snow two feet deep and ask for volunteers to mow the lawn," Zumberge said, "our high quality instruction will be maintained." The new library and the Kenneth Roberts House will proceed on schedule.

GVSC has still not been accredited by the North Central Association. The official announcement would probably come spring '68. However, GVSC is accredited as an A rating in the '67 booklet published by the Michigan State Commission, giving the same academic status as the other state institutions.

Concluding by expressing his feelings on the rising issue of student voice in administration policy, he noted that students feel they must have a voice in policy under the assumption that a college or university is a democratic institution. He stated emphatically that it is not. The GVSC Board of Control, which has sole authority, is appointed by the Governor with approval of the State Senate. Yet the Board does delegate authority to administration and faculty since these are the people closest to the educational environment. However, even the President is only an agent who must carry out the Board's policy.

Stamatakos discusses housing

by Carl Rickert

L.C. Stamatakos, Dean of Student Services, answered questions on proposals revising housing rules for women's hours, specifically at the apts. The clamor raised last quarter resulted in student gov't submitting proposals in that direction, and he was questioned about the action taken.

Considering the differences between the initial draft of the Ad Hoc committee's proposal, and the final draft submitted by Student gov't, Stamatakos stated that the original proposal asked complete abolition of hours for women students in the apts. However, the final modified version called for a weekday midnight curfew with no weekend hours, and an open house policy 1-7 p.m. weekdays and 3-11 p.m. weekends. He explained that this would not involve the dorms, and that this would require parental approval unless the resident was 21 or over. Then the age limit and the sophomore standing requirement would be waived.

Some restriction is necessary, Stamatakos cautioned, because of the disturbance to some by others running in and out at all hours as would be the case if the original proposal were in effect. Any liberalization could be better granted to apt. residents if upperclassmen and over 21.

While not trying to degrade underclassmen, he did feel that as a group they are expectedly not as mature and able to handle a new environment of college as well as upperclassmen under the liberalized conditions proposed. Stamatakos added that this situation is never clearcut and complications could be expected to arise.

Asked to comment on the progress toward a conclusion, the dean reported that copies of the proposals were being considered by the

total population of girls living on campus. The girls are asked to turn in to the Housing Office both their remarks and desired changes after serious consideration. Student Services Policy committee then will meet with housing council members and representatives of UCO. Next step would evolve from the meeting. Until the replies come in, no move will be made by his office.

Gil Scott, who had been involved in the issue last quarter, and who supported the proposals made by the Ad Hoc committee, reacted to the Dean's remarks with the statement that it was not "the school's business to enforce virtue." Scott did agree with the plan presented by Stamatakos in some areas: he saw no reason why any student couldn't live anywhere on campus that he so desired. His final remark was, "I have the feeling that the administration is trying to lose the proposal in a mass of bureaucratic red tape."

Meanwhile, the issue is still hot, the jury is still out, and there's chance yet to express your feelings or even organize your own faction

The picture of Salmon P. Chase appears on \$10,000 bills, Grover Cleveland on \$5,000, and William McKinley on \$1,000.



The insane Aurelia (Lisa McClow) ignores the angry Sue Pearl while Mary Digby, seated, talks to her invisible voices. Scene from "Madwoman of Chaillot."

Pit session answers questions

A pit session with the President took place Friday afternoon, February 10. The ground rules for the informal discussion, held primarily as a means of further elaboration on points made in the President's address, were loose. Questions from the floor could be concerned with anything relating to GVSC or the college community.

In reference to the budget cut, one student wondered if a drastic cut in operations could be expected. The President said "no" since GVSC started out on a fairly high base of operations, therefore, the Governor's cut wouldn't hurt.

The next question: Would students included on the policy councils have a voice and a vote? The President said they would.

Tuition rise next year? No!

Will grants and/or aid be offered in the form of athletic scholarships? Athletic scholarships will be offered next fall to those worthy of same, providing the student quali-

What's going on here?

The Grand Haven League of Women Voters will give a presentation on water pollution, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. in 114 LMH. They have done research on water pollution bills and the finances available. Everyone is welcome to come.

Copeland House Council is sponsoring a hairstyling talk by Tieke Bowman of Haute Couiffure A Tieke Tues., Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Commons. Coffee will be served following the discussion.

There is a Spanish Club meeting at 3 p.m. in Rm 136 LSH Wednesday, Feb. 22, to plan the play "Rosina Es Fragil". All interested persons and the play cast, please attend.

Saturday is music night at GVSC. On Feb. 25, the first of the series, folk music will be presented, featuring our own GVSC talent. After the performances, is an informal hoot-enany in the GT Room, 8-12 p.m. Bring your guitar, and a friend, and a rug to sit on.

Various students have been asked to attend a workshop sponsored by the Michigan State Human Resources Council on Sat, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hope College, Holland. This workshop is to encourage the development of Student Volunteer Programs. Mr. Wolf will take with him five students to represent GVSC.

There is a new cheerleader to urge the team on to victory. She is Kathy Cotter, who moved up from being an alternate to replace Nadja Chapman and Sally Geerlings. Kathy joins Nan Frost, Gail Fox, Mary Lynne Settles, and Jan Visser. Chip Saltman will be back next year to add his spirit to the squad.

fies academically.

Will there be a division plan separating classes within the dorms next fall? If this is desired, plans or suggestions should be submitted.

A free choice of living quarters is retained by the student through next year. Freshmen will not be required to live on campus.

The Phys. Ed. building hopefully will be ready for the first basketball game next fall. Will there be enough activities on campus to warrant sale of an "activity ticket"? Possibly; this will be left up to the students when the time comes.

Will the results of the professor evaluation, computed last term, be made available to the students? Yes, at present, the student government is typing it up and will soon sell a booklet of results for 15-25 cents.

What will be done with the results? 'I'm gonna read it', said President Zumberge. The information gathered will be considered, but chances are that what shows up in the report will be verifications of what the administration already knows.

Where is Prof. Freund?

The President is only able to say that Dr. Freund is on sick-leave, which means he is drawing his full salary.

After approximately 80 minutes of discussion, the President and students enjoyed refreshments served in the Faculty Lounge by CASC.

Alfie

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blond and beautiful, his humor and boyish innocence charms even the audience. Even the most proper of viewers as he witnesses the lusty romp from bedroom to bedroom, probably wishes he had the stamina and courage to be a "free agent" like Alfie.

Yet the fun must end -- our conscience demands it. After the horror of seeing the fetus of his unborn child, Alfie cracks, revealing a trace of humanity after all. Slowly he becomes aware of the aching void. His onetime son now under the care of a legal, if not real, father no longer needs him. Even Ruby, the eager middle-aged nymph, rejects him for a younger playmate. Suddenly Alfie comes to the painful realization that HE is the one no longer needed.

Yet in the end, Alfie seems confused about what has happened to him; perhaps as confused as we are. And we too, like Alfie who is forced to confront the very meaning of his own existence, will finally ask: What's it all about?

Applications for financial aid during the 1967-68 academic year are now available in the Financial Aids Office, 254 LMH. Those intending to apply for assistance of any kind SHOULD NOT WAIT until next year. The filing deadline is April 15.

'And away we go . . .



get set . . .



go . . .



oops! . . .



Unfortunately this fellow fared worse in the ski race at the Winter Carnival Saturday.