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THE YEAR ENDS -- The first academic year at GVSC finished June 17, when the last exam was over at noon. The pioneer class immediately headed for Grand Haven and a beach party.

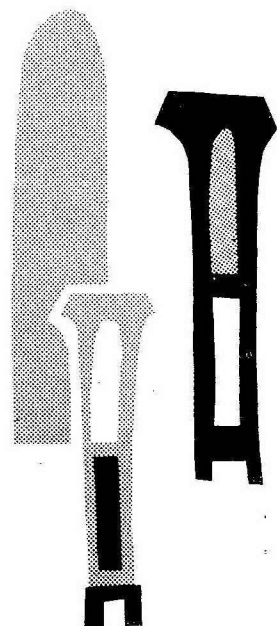
Year-end activities included a tea for students and their parents at President Zumberge's home ... an honors convocation to present prizes provided by an anonymous benefactor to 12 students for outstanding improvement or achievement academically ... and a special issue of the Keystone with two pages of pictures on "That Was the Year That Was".

ANOTHER GROUND BREAKING -- This time it's for student housing units on the Faculty Club land south of the campus which are to be built and operated by a private firm. Each unit will contain 12 apartments, housing four students apiece, with one apartment set aside for a supervisory family. All apartments are fully furnished ... including kitchen equipment ... so bring your cookbooks and calorie counters if you've made your reservation.

RESIDENCE HALLS IN THE FUTURE -- They're not called "dorms" any more, but by any name GVSC will have them within a few years. The Dexter Ferry Jr. Trustee Corporation, a Detroit foundation, recently made a \$50,000 grant to GVSC for the purpose of (1) planning the location of all on-campus student housing, and (2) drawing up plans and specifications for the first building or buildings to house 200 students. Architects Meathe, Kessler and Associates, and site planners Johnson, Johnson and Roy ... who have been with us since the beginning ... will soon be at work on this newest project.

BE SURE TO WATCH -- Sunday, June 28 at noon ... WZZM-TV (Channel 13) will present "The First 300 Days, a progress report" showing what has been accomplished this year at GVSC. It features Dean George Potter and student Marcia Darin ... conducting a tour of the campus ... and President Zumberge with an outline of the way we're looking ahead.

NEW FACES FOR '64 -- The faculty roster grows ... seven more were appointed by the board of control to begin duties on September 1. We will have with us Daniel Andersen, assistant professor of physics, from Grand Rapids J.C. by way of Teachers College of Columbia University ... William Beidler, now instructor at MSU but better known as a top talent folk singer, as assistant professor of music ... Frederick B. Bevis, curator of the herbarium at Michigan Tech's Ford Forestry Center, as assistant professor of botany ...



Donald L. Herman, PhD candidate at the University of Michigan and veteran of army teaching in Japan, as assistant professor of political science ... David A. Huisman, teaching fellow at the University of Michigan, as instructor in English ... Dr. Carl Ridge Meloy, head of the division of physical science at the University of Illinois (Chicago Undergraduate Division), as professor of chemistry ... and Donald W. Vander Jagt, instructor at Iowa's Central College, as assistant professor of mathematics.

Within our own staff ... George Potter has been appointed academic dean and music professor Arthur Hills will assume the duties of assistant dean, in addition to his work with students in music.

OTHER NEW FACES -- For next fall ... we have accepted 405 students ... 504 applied ... and several late applications are now being processed. This number shows an 80% increase over last year at this time. About 25 of these new students will be sophomore transfers.

STEPS TOWARD ACCREDITATION -- During his second visit to GVSC, Dr. Dominic Guzzetta, our consultant for accreditation, interviewed faculty and students, dined with board members, and outlined a course of action leading to a visit from a North Central Association accreditation committee. Dr. Guzzetta suggested requesting accreditation from NCA by the fall of '66 ... with decision expected by spring of '67 ... shortly before graduation of the first class. He warned that accreditation before the first graduation is extremely rare ... it has only been granted once before, to the Air Force Academy ... but GVSC's program seemed to him impressive enough to warrant a try.

INVASION BY ROTARIANS -- The Grand Rapids Rotary Club ... some 200 strong ... had lunch in the Grand Traverse Room and then toured the campus. Many favorable comments were heard ... including the advantages of an air-conditioned college on a torrid day.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS -- The financial aid committee continues to receive funds and make awards ... as of now, 57 incoming freshmen have been notified of scholarships granted to them, and 39 members of the pioneer class for their sophomore year. Announcement of more awards will be made shortly.