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Snow!

Temperatures dropped below zero, winds gusted up to 45 miles-per-hour and the snow fell sideways. This was the picture last Wednesday afternoon as GVSC closed.



LANTHORN photos by Rex D. Larsen

Wednesday morning began as though it would be just another January day, but by 3 pm a full-scale blizzard had engulfed the campus and GVSC was forced to use its new Emergency Closing Policy. Under the new more comprehensive policy, GVSC will close "only in the case of extreme emergency caused by impassable roads, violent weather, energy loss or other conditions seriously endangering the health and safety of the students, faculty and staff."

Blowing snow created near impossible driving conditions and was the cause on numerous on campus fender benders. Off campus, zero visibility conditions were blamed for causing a 25 car pile-up on I-96 Ford Freeway. One woman died in that wreck.

Thursday, the school reopened at noon but classroom attendance was extremely poor and the school closed again at 5 pm.

Friday and again on Monday, only essential personnel were required to report: Safety and Security, Building and Grounds, Health Services, Food Service, WGVC-TV, and the Switchboard. Friday the campus center building was used as an emergency center for stranded motorists. Free food and entertain-

ment (no charge in the game room) was available to all waylaid commuters.

Tuesday morning classes resumed as the winds died and drifting snows were brought under control.

As the school reopened, roads remained closed throughout the state and Muskegon and Allegan Counties were still virtually closed. Vice President Ronald VanSteeland explained the early reopening (all other area colleges remained closed at the printing of this article) as being, "not really a discrimination against people who can't get here. It's more a consideration of the majority. I think we need to be open."

Students who could not attend classes due to the weather will be at the mercy of their professors. "I don't know for sure," said VanSteeland, "but there is some possibility of extending the term."

Staff and faculty who have experienced problems with getting to work after the reopening are eligible for salary continuation (sick leave). "It is up to their immediate supervisor to judge the appropriateness of the employees reasons for not being here."

VanSteeland pointed out that in the

event of another school closing announcements will be made by; WOOD-AM, WLAV-AM, WSRX-FM, WGHN-AM, WHTC-AM, WGVC-TV, WZZM-AM, WOTV-TV.

During the crisis dorm students and Ravine Apartment residents made endless complaints about the lack of heat and hot water. Some floors in the dorms have been without heat for up to three to four days.

All Winter Fest activities were cancelled and the ski hill remained closed Tuesday night due to the huge snow drifts.

Meteorologist Craig James told LAN-THORN reporters that, "this is the coldest winter of the century and one of the worst.

Grand Rapids' snow fall is now at 30 inches (about normal) while Muskegon is all the way to 60 inches."

Weather conditions for this week will not be bad enough to close GVSC again, according to James. However, he would not comment on next week's outlook.

Yesterday was Ground Hog's Day and whether he saw his shadow or not, modern Meteorologist James, is leaving the snow plow on the front of his pickup

Pub Crawling with the



Mace

A RISKY SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday and the snow is still coming down. The Shark refuses to move till it gets warmer and the weatherman expects fifteen below temperatures.

Wizard and the gang at the Ravines have been high since Thursday because of the snow, and *The All-Campus Party* has been cancelled.

It was too cold to go to the bars, so the gang gathered at my place for a game of *Risk*.

Risk, for the uninitiated, is a board game that makes the best of friends become the best of enemies. The object of the game is to conquer the world by military diplomatic means.

About eight o'clock they started to arrive, with bottles of Jack Daniels, Henry McKenna, brandy, peppermint schnapps, Cutty Sark and MacFarland with his case of Gobels, (as Mac calls it "the champagne of the lesser priced beer"), plus other paraphernalia.

The War room readied, bottles, glasses, ashtrays, peanut butter and crackers (for the munchies) and the game board.

We followed the *Abagoot* ritual as taught to us by our friend J.W. of the *HARBOR INN* in Grand Haven. (*Abagoot* is brandy with peppermint schnapps floated on top, which is used in a toast, swallowed, and then followed by the expression "OOP-SCHLAGEN") Each man toasted the other players, and each in turn downed their drink and exclaimed "oop-schlagen," and to ensure peace we passed the peace pipe.

Schoon's green army took Australia, Buck's blacks moved into Africa, my reds bordered the United States, Mac's pinks were in Asia and Pearl dominated Europe with the yellow. "To the Green Slime, oop-schlagen."

Buck captured Africa, and while moving into South America, he toasted Colombia. MacFarland, red-eyed and grinning, said "oop-schlagen."

Mac took on an non-aggression policy, because he "don't want to hassel no one, man," and was left sunning himself in Afganistan. Still red-eyed and grinning, he pointed to his possession, winked and grinned even wider. We left him sitting as he sucked down a Gobels.

I finally got control of the United States and Pearl took Europe. At this point the war began.

Pearl moved on Asia, Buck and Schoon badgered back and forth in the Middle East, I layed back and Mac grinned, pointed at his prize, and winked knowingly, whispering "Mace, psst Mace, Afganistan, man." We ignored him at this point.

Schoon moved on Africa, with Buck complaining, "Why me, take the reds." MacFarland perked up at that, and chided, "Hey man, if you don't want them, I'll take them."

Schoon continued to take advantage of Buck's weakened condition and took both he and Mac out of the game. In doing so he spread himself too thin. Pearl turned in his cards for fifty armies, took Schoon's countries, and I conceded.

Five hours, four fifths, and a case of "the champagne of the lesser priced beer" plus... We headed for the *Acapulco Cafe* for *Enchalladias* (with the grease drained off) and an order of *friolies*. (a sure cure for the munchies)... **NEXT WEEK... THE VALLEY BAR.**

Features

Odds against Snow

Bill Snow is alive and well

When Richard Nixon left office, he went into seclusion in San Clemente. When Congressman Richard VanderVeen was defeated, he maintained a low profile. It is believed that Gerald Ford will do likewise.

But what about Bill Snow? He is alive and well, still teaching Political Science at GVSC. The only difference is that Bill Snow is the only one of the above who was not an incumbent.

The political career of Willis (Bill or Professor) Snow began in 1969 when he spent a year as a Democratic intern for the Ohio legislature after doing his graduate work at Ohio State University. Why the Democratic party? "The offer was there, so I took it," Snow said.

From then on, Snow's political career really snowballed. In the fall of 1970, he became an associate member of the GVSC Political Science department (CAS).

But, good political people are hard to hold on to, and in the spring of 1971, republican Senator Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood offered Snow the position as his top senate aide. Up until then, Snow had no real party affiliation (even though he had been Democratic intern), so he accepted.

Snow had to choose between politics and teaching. He chose to go to Lansing. Thus, he was not being hypocritical when he told one of his classes recently, "Judgements should be based on long-term impact."

Snow's interest in elections heightened when VanderLaan ran for the 5th Congressional District Seat which was vacated by then Vice-President Ford. VanderLaan lost, so Snow returned to GVSC full time.

Last fall, Snow ran for the 94th Legislative District seat with the support of the Republican Party against four-term incumbent Jelt Seitsma. Even though Snow lost the same election to Seitsma in 1974, he was determined to try again.



LANTHORN photo by Rex D. Larsen

Bill Snow: "The offer was there, so I took it."

Using a lot of newspaper advertising and door-to-door contact, Snow and his staff gained much support. "Even though Grand Rapids is Ford (Republican) territory, we knew Seitsma was popular with most of the established voters," Snow said.

Even with the active campaigning, Seitsma won by about 1300 votes. Does Snow claim a moral victory? "No," he said. "Every election has one winner and one loser."

Snow is not going into hiding. "I feel very strongly that practical experience is a valuable supplement to academic study," he concluded.

How to combat the cold winter winds

by Clarissa Lack

All right Grand Valleyites! Winter has challenged the campus to a showdown. It is time to rally around the fireplace and plot some strategy.

With the current long-underwear shortage running rampant in Western Michigan, those who brave the savage winds of GVSC for the sake of education must protect themselves with alternatives.

According to many moms, hats are essential winter gear. A covering over the gray matter will actually keep in about 30

per cent of one's body heat.

Several layers of loose fitting, lightweight clothing are more protective than several layers of thick clothing. With a few moments between scurrying to classes, the layers can be removed (to a point of decency) to prevent perspiring and a subsequent bone deep chill.

Mittens with snug fitting wrists are more effective than the fashionable gloves of the five-fingered variety in keeping out the cold. Of course, mittens are not recommended for forming snowballs, as they make snow harder to pack and one loses a great deal of manual dexterity.

For romantics kissing in a snow flurry may have to be by-passed. Covering the mouth with a scarf protects the lungs from extremely cold air and, maybe, some potential cold germs.

Eating high-protein food before going outside will increase body heat. A rich source of protein is found in rawhide, which is usually chewed in small bits and then swallowed. It may taste a bit slimy, but it does provide a bit of extra heat through metabolism.

However, it is not recommended to eat your boots. They provide too great a service keeping your feet dry in this weather.

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Villemure gets 100th win at Hillsdale, 107-66

by Corky Meinecke

"This team is extremely strong on defense and extremely strong on offense," said Grand Valley basketball coach Tom Villemure in trying to analyze his 18-1 squad, a team that last Saturday presented Villemure with his 100th win as the Laker head mentor.

That doesn't leave too much margin for error. A good offense and a good defense would be sufficient, but an extremely good offense and defense makes life much easier to take.

"We're very tough mentally as well as physically," Villemure added. "They will play as hard as they have to play. . . and then they will play harder. That sounds silly, but that's the way it is."

The Lakers made their 15th straight victory look easy Saturday, putting eight players in double figures in a 107-66 rout of Hillsdale. It was Grand Valley's first time over the century mark this year, appropriately coinciding with Villemure's milestone coaching win. "All the players can perform

efficiently as a team," said Villemure of the all-out team effort against the Chargers. "They have a winning attitude."

Grand Valley has a comfortable margin in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference race, and could possibly wrap up the title with wins over Ferris State on Saturday and Saginaw Valley on Monday.

Villemure is confident his team will be ready for the challenge. "Before our game against Hillsdale, we listened to the last

part of the Michigan-Northwestern game," he said, "and we talked about the concept of being ready (Michigan lost)."

	W	L	All
1. Grand Valley	9	0	18-1
2. Ferris State	6	2	12-7
3. Northern Mich.	5	3	10-6
4. Saginaw Valley	5	3	14-5
5. Lake Superior	5	4	12-7
6. Wayne State	4	6	5-13
7. Oakland	2	5	6-13
8. Hillsdale	1	7	2-20
9. Northwood Inst.	1	8	5-13

sports

Showdown with Wayne State cancelled

Women take on Calvin tonight

by Margaret O'dwyer

Joan Boand and the women's basketball team took a week off after their 97-96 overtime win over Oakland January 22 to prepare for a first-round league showdown with Wayne State last Saturday. But like most other athletic events, the game was cancelled and tentatively rescheduled for February 9.

The Lakers, currently 7-3 overall, are tied with Wayne State for first place in the GLIAC. Both teams are 5-0.

Grand Valley has won two straight games over Calvin College to deadlock the series at 3-3. Tonight the Lakers could take over the lead when they meet the Knighties at 6:30 p.m. in the Knollcrest Campus Fieldhouse.

One of the most rapidly improving league teams, Ferris, awaits GVSC this Saturday at 5 p.m. following the 3 p.m. men's game. Ferris, with sensational freshman guard Linell Jones, upset Saginaw Valley last week and charged to

fourth placed with a 3-3 record. Jones scored 30 points in GVSC's 69-60 win over Ferris in the Dome earlier this season.

Sophomore Kim Hansen leads the scoring statistics with 183 points. That's the exact number of added points which she needs to break the GVSC career scoring record. Carol VandeBunte averages 15 points per game with a total of 153 for the season.

The next Laker home game is a

6:30 p.m. Tuesday rematch with Saginaw.

GLIAC Women's Standings

Grand Valley	5	0	7-3
Wayne State	5	0	11-1
Oakland	4	1	11-1
Ferris	3	3	4-3
Saginaw Valley	2	5	8-7
Northern Michigan	1	5	1-6
Lake Superior	0	6	0-6

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Women's tourney to be held at the Dome

Grand Valley State has been selected as the site for the 1977 State of Michigan Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (SMAIAW) basketball tournament.

The announcement was made Wednesday by SMAIAW tournament coordinator Pat Vannorsdall of Olivet College.

The tournament is scheduled to begin Wednesday March 2, and continue through the finals, March 4. All games will be held in the Laker Dome.

Western Michigan University is the SMAIAW defending champion. The Broncos defeated Central Michigan for 1976 championship at Western Michigan University. Grand Valley placed third in last year's tournament and went on to earn third place in the Midwest Regional Tournament at Central Michigan.

The winner and runner-up in the upcoming tourney advance to the 1977 Midwest Regional (six-state) tournament March 10-12 at Purdue University. Regional winners will advance to the AIAW National Tournament March 23-26.




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