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51 Attend UCO Meeting

Student government's open meeting with students October 11 drew a small but active turnout. Fifty-one people were on hand as Pete DeWitt, UCO President, opened the discussion session.

DeWitt emphasized the necessity for student interest and involvement in school affairs, hinting that in many cases the Administration does not know what is best for students: "We have to urge people to speak

perfect their system," Art Shapiro, a senior, was more concerned with "the reign of terror certain professors run during exams." It soon became apparent that even the few non-apathetic people who turned out for the open meeting were in wide divergence of opinions.

John Hackenburg, a junior UCO representative, called attention to undue Administration influence on student affairs. He used

of this year we will have at least partially accomplished what we set out to do."

"Underground" Press Appears

Oblivious of the dismal results in the past whenever GVSC students have attempted to establish independent publications on campus, a group of students are now having another try at an old game.

NOVA, an "independent, libertarian journal of opinion", is set to appear on campus today. According to Steve Cox, editor of the new effort, it "will be published whenever we have something to say and will cost about ten cents. Is that vague enough?"

The major purposes of NOVA are said to be to provide an "unfettered forum for student opinion", and to keep GVSC students informed on both cultural affairs and radical political events.

Check on Grad School and Scholarships

Any seniors interested in attending graduate school are urged to begin making preparations now. The library reference section in LSH has information on most graduate schools, funds available, and applications.

The Graduate Record Exam, which is required for admission by many graduate schools, will be administered on 28 October, 9 December, 20 January, 24 February, 27 April, and 13 July. The October and December tests will be held at both Hope and Calvin; the January test only at Hope. Anyone planning to enter graduate school next year should take the exam before April. Information and application blanks are available from Dean Langereis, 142 LMH.

Also students can get help from their advisors and counselors, and from the Fellowship and Scholarship Committee which acts as a "clearinghouse for opportunities

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Empty seats: sign of student apathy.

up--the Administration tried to outguess students regarding enrollment in the past and failed." But DeWitt pinned the blame for lack of student involvement in Administration affairs on student apathy. He emphasized particularly that students of the future Second Collegiate Society have "a large opportunity to influence policy here."

Bob Tinney, chairman of UCO's Honor Code Committee, which is attempting to evolve a system of student responsibility for honesty in testing, was subjected to searching questions regarding the feasibility of his committee's plans. Pat Walsh, a sophomore, represented the views of many in stating that student responsibility in this area would "open the door for cheaters to

the example of the Administration-established Newspaper Board, "which leaves the field wide open for censorship of the student newspaper."

Jan Pence, another UCO representative, stated that only massive student interest and involvement in forwarding their interests could work any changes with the Administration.

But with the small turnout at the meeting, the realization of such schemes seems to be somewhere in the future.

DeWitt termed the meeting a success. "There are now at least fifty persons more interested than there were yesterday. Although the start is slow, if we can work up enthusiasm at a steady rate, by the end

Draft Law Explained

(Ed. note; On June 20, 1967, Congress completed passage of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967. Because the provisions of the bill are of interest to most GVSC males, the VALLEY VIEW is publishing a short summary of its provisions. This summary of the new draft law is reprinted from News Notes, the publication of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors.)

Student deferments: The II-S student deferment has been declared mandatory now, upon the fulfillment of these requirements: 1) student has written to request deferment, 2) university or school has sent Student Certificate (Form no. 109), 3) student is receiving credit for his courses toward a degree, 4) student is making satisfactory progress (e.g. has finished 25% of credits needed for a four-year degree by the end of his first academic year, 50% by the end of his second academic year, etc.) and 5) student has not yet reached his 24th birthday. "Academic year" defined as "12 month period following the beginning of his course of study".

Graduate Student Deferments: There has been no change. President Johnson can defer graduate students or not, as before. He has said he would defer only graduate students of the healing arts.

Lottery: President Johnson is forbidden to use a lottery system without submitting it to Congress first for approval.

III-A fatherhood deferments: This status will not be available to men who have requested or received student deferments after June 30, 1967.

Youngest first: Congress has expressed a

preference for drafting 19-year-olds upward, instead of 26-year-olds downwards, which the president authorized and intended to do.

Appeals: The period during which registrants have the right to request a personal appearance or to appeal a classification has been extended to 30 days. This does not, however, change the 10 day cut-off date for returning all SSS forms.

CO provision - CO claimants now follow the same appeal procedures as registrants claiming other classifications. This eliminates the provision requiring appeal board to seek an advisory opinion from the Department of Justice. (VISTA is now available to CO's as alternative service.)

The Acropolis

by Steve Cox

It cannot be said that Grand Valley is totally lacking in artistic pursuits; we excel in one field--architecture. It is a mind-blowing experience to take the long walk from the southern campus to the northern. Starting at the frontier outposts on the south (the Grand Valley Apartments), one passes our modern temple compound (the Great Lakes Group), with Seidman House afloat on one of the ravines. In the distance, sheltered by a faint haze, is Grand Valley's own private Acropolis--the north campus.

Rising out of the ravines like a behemoth, and protected by the snaky dormitories, the north campus is a world to itself. The Commons, our modern castle (which room are they keeping the dragon in?), was seemingly built for grand and mysterious things (the flowing ramp to the second floor, the baronial staircase, the massive walls impregnated with unexpected and furtive devices).

But while the south side of the Commons is intimidating, the north side degenerates into a mere pavilion for the Second Academic Complex. It has to, SAC is too much. The pebbly terrazo plaza, the grand vista between Mackinac and Manitou toward the Fieldhouse, the majestic and Teutonic staircases, the clean-lined but ingenious massiveness of the two buildings--all imply a kind of Wagnerian Mayanism, if that is conceivable. About 2 A.M. on a starlit night SAC takes on the look of all the ruins of time.

There is fantastically little to say about Loutit, except this: it has a phenomenal ability to retire into itself. Walking past it at night, it is very easy to miss, unless the cleanup crew is working. Then it conveys a perfect air of nefarious experiments being conducted somewhere within its bowels.

All this makes me wonder what the Third Academic Complex will be like.

Subtle and Slapstick

by Phil Bowman

The GVSC Cinema Guild launched its 1967 Fall series of films Wednesday evening, October 4, in Lake Huron Auditorium. The fare for the evening was a very amusing classic American comedy, "The Bank Dick", starring W.C. Fields, a short film reviewing the spendors of the England of Elizabeth I, and attractive refreshments were served afterwards in the Seidman House student lounge.

Many modern comics owe a great debt of gratitude to the comedy of W. C. Fields. His brand of comedy has been mimicked by such comics as Jerry Lewis, who in fact, uses the same format in his films (as in *The Errand Boy*), that of a group of scenes or episodes loosely joined by a common thread of unity such as the setting or the main characters. Fields perfected this technique in the early days of filmed comedy and Lewis has brought it into a new popularity today.

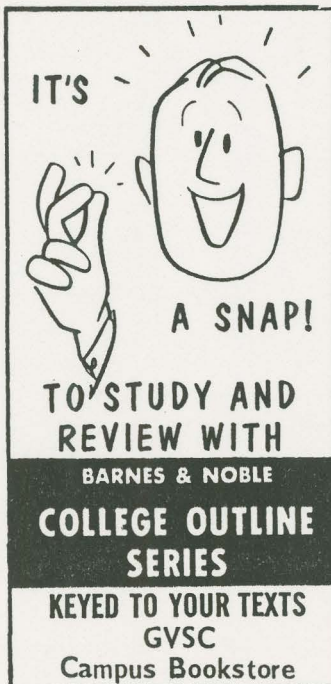
Fields is without a doubt the past master of the sight-gag and comedy that is both subtle and slapstick. "The Bank Dick" is replete with all of these comedic techniques. The funniest example of the sight-gag was when Fields tried to climb up an end-table instead of the stairs. This may not sound funny in the telling, but it brought gales of laughter from the audience watching it.

Fields' legendary hatred of children was also played upon in the film. His youngest daughter in the movie was played by a perfect brat of a kid; they were almost constantly at each other's throats.

"The Bank Dick" has been called one of Fields' greatest and funniest films. If the reaction of the audience last Wednesday night is any indication, his comedy will never grow old or stale.

The companion piece, a short entitled "The England of Elizabeth", was an excellently photographed and produced period piece. The richness and glory of Elizabethan times was captured by looking at drawings and paintings of the time as well as shots of the present-day English countryside, which, in many areas, is unchanged since the time of Elizabeth.

The officers of the Club reported that the appreciative audience of over 150 persons made a good beginning on what looks like a good year for campus films. The next program, on Wednesday, 18 October, 8:00 P.M., will include two short comedies written by, directed by, and starring Robert Benchley, the only American humorist to offer James Thurber any competition: "The Trouble with Husbands" and "How to take a Vacation". The full length film will be "Beauty and the Beast", the beautiful fairytale as rehandled for adults by the famous French surrealist Jean Cocteau, its director. Student tickets, sold at the door, are fifty cents each.



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Freedom and Rationality

by Ross Overbeek

In order to terminate the political barbarism we are now enduring, a political philosophy embracing the standards of rational conduct must be delineated, advanced, and tenaciously adhered to. It's base, human rights, must be amplified into a cohesive doctrine of intellectual protest. The system ultimately envisioned, capitalism, must be advocated as the only moral, as well as the most economically expedient system discovered by man.

All human rights are derived from the basic human right--the right to life. The right to life is not an arbitrary convention to be granted and retracted by the State, according to the whims of the Machievellians in control; it is a direct manifestation of the requisites of man's existence QUA man. To fail to recognize another's right to life is to reduce ones self to the level of a caveman (or, to that of a Johnson-McNamara-Hershey cretin); to fail to demand the requisites of one's own life is to commit psychological and potentially physical suicide. The immediate corollary of the right to life is that of property. These two rights constitute the basis of capitalism, and, ultimately, of man's future.

To disregard the nature of rights is to act in defiance of reality, that is, to reduce one's position to contradictory of non-existent premises. Military conscription is an obvious example; to defend the freedom of a nation by limiting or completely destroying the freedom of a segment of its populace is absurd, besides criminal.

There are analogous contradictions in virtually all areas in which the United States government has blatantly disregarded individual rights. Since these areas have been conspicuously ignored by "defenders of our liberty", allow me to list several:

1. Values are extracted from citizens at the threat of imprisonment. We are told that this is necessary to protect our freedom.
2. Businessmen are imprisoned for committing non-coercive actions. This is necessary to preserve a "free" market.
3. An employer is fined for allowing a 6'6", 200 pound student to lift a 30 pound object or climb a ladder. This is necessary to protect a vague group of idiots who invariably select an employer who asks them to endanger their health.
4. A man's land and possessions are confiscated and sold at public auction in order that he be allowed to enjoy a reasonably comfortable old age.

The list could be indefinitely extended. Freedom, the state of non-coercion, is

presently being defended by a variety of intellectual club-swingers. The future, however, belongs to the rational, i.e., the capitalist.

Paragon Presented

by Regan Holcomb

In 1897 Edmund Rostand published what was to become the paragon of romantic drama. CYRANO DE BERGERAC was an instant smash. And since that time it has continued to delight audiences all over the world.

Cyrano de Bergerac--poet, philosopher, playwright, swordsman, intellectual, and soldier--is the drama of a man who loved living and loved himself, but was blessed with a nose of unusual length. ("Tis a rock--a crag--a cape--A cape? say rather--a peninsula!")

One is literally captivated by this unusual hero. The wit of Cyrano's jests, the beauty of his imagination, the freedom of his spirit, and above all the stainless integrity of his character appeal to all those who have not betrayed the ethereal joy of romantic ideals.

When experiencing a first rate performance of Cyrano, one is carried into a universe of life, joy, and beauty. Jose Ferrer's performance is brilliant. Ferrer brought new life to Rostand's play, first on the stage and then in the film version where his performance won an Academy Award.

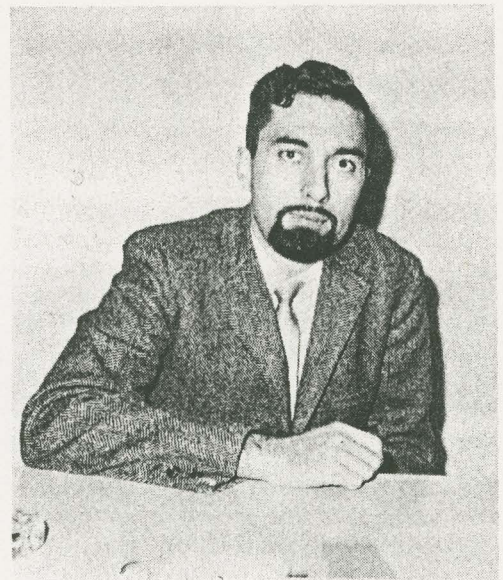
The movie will be shown at Grand Valley on Friday 20 October in room 132 Huron at 8:00 PM.

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Pedro Rivera-Muniz: new math prof.

Mathematician Joins Faculty

Professor Pedro Rivera-Muniz represents a significant addition to GVSC's math department.

A native of Puerto Rico, Professor Rivera-Muniz received his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Syracuse University. After leaving Syracuse he went directly into work in applied mathematics. Working for N.A.S.A. and B.F. Goodrich he became acquainted with several interesting problems. In particular he worked on the problem of mobility in pressurized space suits.

Gradually Professor Rivera-Muniz became more interested in theoretical math. He went to Wayne State University in Detroit to teach and renew his studies. Presently he is working on his doctoral thesis, his subject is the theory of perturbations of linear operators.

Besides his rather esoteric research, Professor Rivera-Muniz teaches two regular courses, has accepted a student on independent study, and is preparing contestants for the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition.

Residing in Grand Haven, Professor Rivera-Muniz is married, has one child, and seems to enjoy life in Western Michigan.

Professor Rivera-Muniz enjoys chess and bridge. He also plays an oriental game, go, which is considered to be one of the most interesting and intricate games of strategy.

When asked why he came to Grand Valley, he answered, "Why not?"

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of all kinds outside the college for GVSC students". Faculty members of the committee are Profs. Goss, Mary Seeger, Carley, and Muraski.

The Vulture Speaks!

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The Ski and Canoe Club will meet Tuesday at 8:00 PM in 154 Superior.

On Wednesday, the GVSC Association of Students of Objectivism will present a live lecture, entitled, "The Political Theory of Objectivism". All students invited. (3:00 PM, 7 Seidman House)

This week GVSC students at GVSC can see two cunning little movies. Run and see "Beauty and the Beast", a Cocteau party. "B and the B", with his little brothers, "The Trouble with Husbands" and "How to Take a Vacation", will start on October 18 when the little hand is on the 8 and the big hand's on the 12 (after Mr. Sun has gone to sleep). At the same time on October 20, "Cyrano de Bergerac" is on, and if you're good children, we'll let you see "Barney Oldfield's Race of Life" at the same feature. Say thank-you to the nice people from the Cinema Guild and CASC who will charge you 50 cents to see the shows (that's one buck if you're grown up).

Philosophical note: Bigamy laws prove that you can't have your Kate and Edith too.

It has been rumored that admission to basketball games this season will be free, with presentation of GVSC ID card. Last year the cost was one dollar.

The yearbook staff will sponsor a dance October 27th.

Steve Cox is a mystic.

No date has been set to begin the programming of WGVS, Grand Valley's own radio station. The radio station is waiting for its facilities to be completed in the basement of Seidman House, after the movement of classes is completed to Mackinac and Manitou Halls.

Girls' intramural volleyball games began Thursday, and will be held each Thursday at 3:30.

Men's intramurals are held weekdays, 4 p.m. Spectators are welcome at these football games held outside the crew house.

This week's Vulture Poll (33% accurate):

Don't know	34-1/5%
Don't care	17-9/32%
Uncommitted	45-98/176%
No answer	10-1/0%
Speak no English	80-1/3%
	198-1/17%

While it is obvious that a plurality of suburban Polish home-owners question the Vulture's methods, but not his motives, it is obvious that at this early stage Ralph Muncie has a big lead in the race for Guinea's UN seat.

Several GVSC German students toured, studied, and worked in Germany, Switzerland, and France during this past summer. Through an agreement between Lufthansa and the German government several students got jobs. One of the students, Brian Byrne, is still working in Germany. Anyone who is interested in such a program can contact Dave Korhorn or come to a future meeting of the German Club.

Arts on Campus, which last year attracted over 750 high-school students will be extended this year to three days to include more plays and films.



Kenneth VerBurg

VerBurg Resigns

Kenneth VerBurg, director of personnel and purchasing at GVSC and one of its original staff members, has resigned his position to become Consultant in the Bureau of Higher Education, Michigan Department of Education. He will begin his duties in Lansing October 23.

VerBurg joined Grand Valley as administrative assistant in December, 1961, when GVSC's offices were located in the old Manger Hotel and its staff numbered four. He was appointed to his present position in July, 1965.

After earning his BA and MA from Michigan State University, VerBurg served as committee counsel to the Michigan Senate Labor Committee. He was then appointed as community development specialist for the Institute of Community Development and was stationed at Oakland University.

Basketball-Hopeful?

by Jim Lewis

For the last week there has been a great deal of talk and rumor on campus concerning Grand Valley's having a powerful basketball team this year. This optimism both impressed and interested our staff and, therefore, we decided to investigate these rumors.

Upon confronting the coaching staff with this second-hand information, we detected what might be considered a "hush" attitude. We did learn that there are 25 boys working very hard to make the squad and that they are also looking very good. We left with the impression that there may be some truth to the rumors. Grand Valley could very well have something good under the wrappings.

One thing is for certain. Students at GVSC will be able to see some exciting basketball this year. The Lakers will open their season on November 28 at Kellogg Community College and will follow this game with a game against Alma College at Jenison Junior High School. Other familiar names on their schedule include Adrian, Hillsdale, Calvin, Oakland University, and Ferris State College. We hope that the student body will show their appreciation for this rugged schedule and support the Lakers vigorously. This loyal support could help the squad to prove those rumors true.

Harriers Win One, Lose One

GVSC's harriers lost to Southwestern Community College 22-33 (lowest score wins), on Monday 9 October. On Wednesday 4 October the team placed second to Spring Arbor in a triangular meet including Bethel (16-43-69). Dick Consek recorded the best time for the Blue in both contests--followed by Don Verway and Greg Testini.

With this year's squad comprised of seven freshmen and two sophomores, its record should be better. The next three dual meets will be only a prelude to the tough competition they will face in the upcoming city meet at Calvin's Knollcrest Campus, where Aquinas' team is a strong pre-meet favorite.

Schedule

October	
11	At Calvin
14	At Spring Arbor
16	At U. of D.
19	City Meet
24	At Defiance (Ohio)
27	At Oakland

November	
4	At Oakland