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UCO Attacks Newspaper Board

Student Government Balks at Administration Action

The Student Assembly, at its regular meeting Wednesday, October 25, unanously passed a resolution against the Newspaper Board. The Newspaper Board was formally organized by the Board of Control at a meeting this summer.

The Board was to have certain powers over the content of the newspaper: it was given the power to decide what statement regarding the newspaper's relation to the college is included in each issue, to provide for the paper's opening itself to all points of view, to declare "standards of responsible journalism", and to set a policy regarding the disclosure of names of the writers of letters-to-the-editor and editorials.

In a memo sent to Mr. Wolf and Mr. Buchen last spring in lieu of a minority report, Acting Editor of the Valley View, Bill Bradford, wrote:

"The addition of this grab bag of powers to the Board is uncalled for. They are properly part of the editorial policy (the power over which is exclusively reserved to the editors and staff elsewhere in the charter). Its inclusion is in direct contradiction to another part of the Charter (the provision that the Board shall "not abridge the freedom of the student press"). If the Board were to control these areas it would indeed "abridge the student press."

The memo also decried the "piously hypocritical attitude" of a Board that is forbidden to abridge the freedom of the student press, but in the same sentence is given the power to.

The Student Assembly came in the wake of a strongly worded CASC protest sent to the Board of Control. Under new business at the Assembly meeting, Steve Cox, CASC Chairman, proposed a resolution for the Student Assembly to voice its support of the CASC protest. Discussion followed, during which members of the Assembly came to the conclusion that CASC's protest was well-taken. Jan Pence, Senior Representative, questioned the very existence of such a board. During the discussion that followed, members of the Assembly came to the conclusion that the most effective protest was a challenge to the entire plan. Cox

withdrew his motion.

The Assembly reconsidered their action of the past summer establishing a Election Committee and directing it to hold elections for, among other items, the three student positions on the Board. The Assembly instead directed the Election Committee to place on the ballot a referendum on the question of the existence of such a newspaper board at GVSC.

Also on the November 7 ballot will be the election of five freshmen representatives and a proposed UCO Charter amendment to give Freshman Representatives the right to vote in the Assembly.

The proposal was passed unanously. Pete Dewitt, Student Assembly President, said, "No one in the Assembly liked the idea of the Board. We could not in good conscience hold an election for a Board of which we so strenuously disapproved. The Assembly has taken decisive action. In taking this way of protest, we believe we shall be much more

successful."

The Board cannot meet without the three student representatives. Its charter defines a quorum as a majority of the members. Because the three student members constitute half the membership, no quorum will be possible. Dewitt did indicate that, if the students favor the Board, he will support Student Assembly action to hold elections for the positions.

Several Student Representatives, announced their plans to actively campaign against the Board. They included two announced candidates for the Board, Jack Baker and Ken Skar. Both Baker and Skar said they were running to prevent the Board's censoring the newspaper.

This action by the Student Assembly marks its first serious disagreement with the Administration. For the first time, UCO has vociferously protested an Administration action. The days when UCO can be derisively referred to as an "Administrative toy" are over.



The remains of the barn in west campus. Its burning Monday nite, October 23, brought out a crowd of dorm students.

Diplomat Speaks Here

Ambassador Clare Timberlake, former U.S. Ambassador to the Congo, spoke at GVSC, on Tuesday, October 24.

He addressed June's political science class at 10:00 AM on the topic, "Governments and Politics of East Asia". He discussed the legal aspects of the Japanese claim on U.S. occupied Okinawa. He also answered questions concerning Cuba, Latin American problems, and the Congo.

Timberlake entered the diplomatic service in 1930 and has held posts on four continents. He also has served as a deputy representative of the U.S. on the ten nation disarmament conference in Geneva. He is presently on the Foreign Services Board of Examiners in between assignments.

Timberlake also took part in a panel discussion on the question, "Should the UN have a role in peacekeeping operations?" Also on the panel were Dirk Jellema of Calvin and GVSC's Sungjook Junn. Everyone said, "Yes".

The panel was polled on the following questions: Should we support Red China's admittance to the UN? Is LBJ right about Vietnam? Timberlake took the government line on both counts: Keep Red China out and LBJ is OK. Jellema and Junn took an opposite view: let Red China in, and LBJ is not all right.

Approximately fifty attended the panel discussion.

Talk-In-Set

GVSC's Second Society will hold a Talk-In at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 1, in the Faculty Lounge in Seidman. Advocates of the proposed program will present the tentative details of the 1968-9 academic year, including the topics for examinations and colloquia.

Applications will be available by the end of the quarter. Those planning to graduate from the Second Society in the spring of 1969 should see Daniel Clock.

Poetry Contest Announced

An annual poetry contest has been announced by GVSC's recently appointed college relations officer, James Allen. The contest, founded by the Dyer-Ives Foundation, will offer six awards: two of \$75, two of \$50, and two of \$25.

It will be divided into two main divisions, one for students and the other for non-students. Grand Rapids area college students are eligible to enter.

The final judge for the contest will be Anne Sexton, a Pulitzer prize winner and author of four books of poetry. Preliminary judging will be done by GVSC's Robert

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Olivier, Bardot

Star at GVSC

This week GVSC will be treated to two on campus films. "Hamlet", sponsored by the Cinema Guild, will be shown Wednesday nite at 8:00 p.m. "A Ravishing Idiot", sponsored by Student Activities will be shown Friday nite at 7:30.

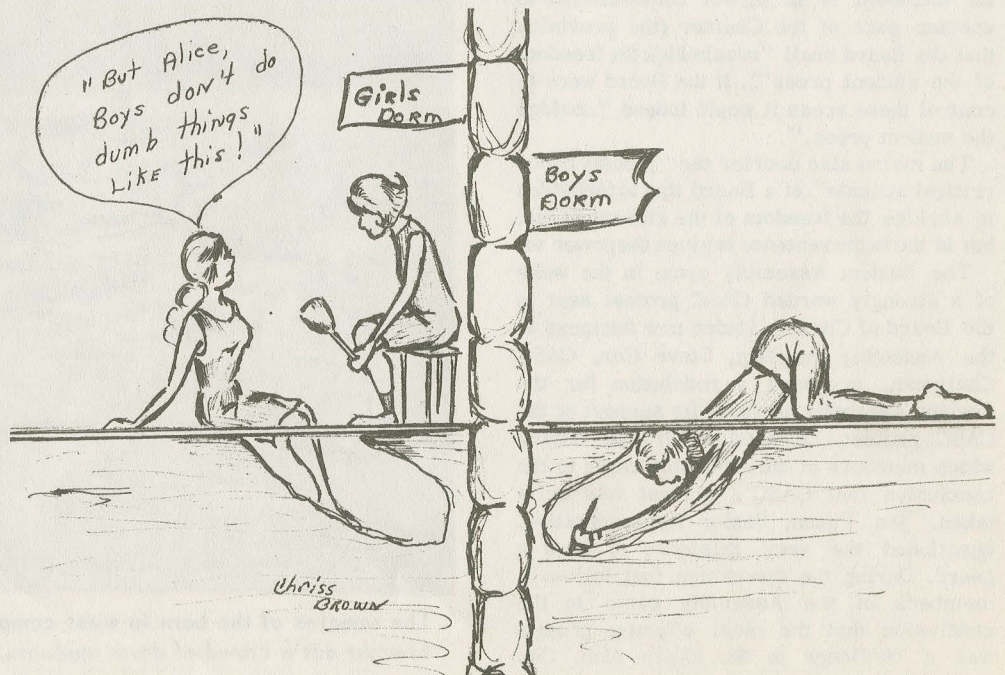
"Hamlet" stars Sir Laurence Olivier and Jean Simmons. "TV Key Movie Guide" describes it as follows:

"Shakespeare's tragedy of the Danish prince brought to life by Olivier; film-making at its finest, should be seen by all. The greatest play in all literature superbly directed and performed by the greatest actor of his era -- a perfect combination."

"A Ravishing Idiot" stars Bridgitte Bardot and Tony Perkins. A publicity blurb from Verne Wolf's office describes it as follows:

"In this very special second opportunity to show her real talent for comedy, Bridgitte Bardot is as successful and even funnier than in the popular "Babette Goes to War". The British secret service is faced with an unusual problem. They want Russian secret agent Tony Perkins to succeed in his attempt to steal some high level government secrets. The problem is that Tony's such a bumbler that it's a sure bet he'll never succeed. And the solution is to assign double agent Bardot to make sure he completes his mission. Bridgitte uses a few tactics James Bond never thought of and in the process carries off as sparkling a screen comedy as you will see for a long time."

The price for both films is 50 cents for students.



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Hallowe'en Feted

There will be two (count 'em) two Halloween parties at GVSC on All Saints' Eve. The Spanish Club will have a blowout in the Grand Traverse Room from 6:30 to 11:30 P.M.

Robinson House is sponsoring a trick or treat open house in the girls' dorm from 7 to 11 P.M. Boys will be allowed to visit girls' rooms for tricks (also treats). Also planned is a tug of war (Robinson House vs. Copeland House), and an apple dunk. Cider will be served to all the participants attending.

Peacenik View

Powerful Pentagon Protest

by Steve Cox

Nothing had ever happened like it before. On the night of October 21, 1967, between 50,000 and 100,000 Americans protesting the Viet Nam War faced 10,000 troops armed with rifles, bayonets, and tear gas guarding the Pentagon in Washington D.C. The vast field below the building was filled with demonstrators, singing "America" and "We Shall Overcome"; the great terraces and ramps of the building, rising thirty feet above the crowd, were packed with thousands more demonstrators. In the smoke and the flaring light from bonfires on the field and terraces, the troops could be seen attacking the hundreds who attempted to sit in at the entrances of the building, throwing them down the steps, beating them, and carrying them away. As the tear gas flowed from the troops' ranks, the multitude chanted "Fascists", "You must have been in Hungary", "Peace--Now" . . .

Earlier that day, as the climax of a week of world-wide protests against the war and the draft, more than 200,000 people, the vast majority of them college students, had assembled at the Lincoln Memorial to hear everyone from Peter, Paul, and Mary to Dr. Spock call for immediate withdrawal from Viet Nam. The mass extended from the Memorial to the approaches of the Washington Monument. There was minor violence as a few Nazis attacked the podium during a speech by a British labor leader. The crowd's mood was that of a college holiday.

As the lines prepared to march to the Pentagon, it was announced that the government had reneged on its agreement to allow the Fall Anti-war Mobilization to use the entire North Pentagon Parking Lot. Marching was held up for hours until the government agreed to remove its barricades. As the first lines of marchers reached the Pentagon, a group of demonstrators, determined to disrupt the functioning of the war machine, attempted a sit-down to block the building's entrances. Norman Mailer and others were arrested and hauled away as another group outflanked the troops and rushed into the Pentagon lobby. It took a company of troops 45 minutes to knock these sit-ins out of the lobby and down the steps. In no mood for another rally, most of the crowd took advantage of their opportunity (most of the troops had moved to the front of the Pentagon) and committed mass civil disobedience by moving into forbidden areas on and around the building.

The increasing violence of the troops to non-violent, if illegal, people (it was common

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Innovation and Education

by Ross Overbeek

Although the existence of the Second Society is still tentative, serious students should now begin considering what advantages are potentially offered by the new institution. The most exciting innovation planned is the emphasis on individual study supplemented by tutorial assistance; class lectures will

to see soldiers coming up to girls who were just **STANDING THERE**, and hit them in the stomach or over the head), incensed the "mob" to a fever-heat of emotion. Gord Wolotira, one of several GVSC students in attendance, comments: "I felt that some of the troops were especially anxious to incite the crowd to violence by means of unnecessary brutality and unreasonable methods of force. But they failed." Draft cards began to go up--one to two hundred of them, spontaneously burned. Because of the crush on the terraces, many who wanted to sit-in were forced to scale the walls with ropes, to the cheers of the crowd. A huge Cornell banner appeared on the terrace ramparts; next to it, an American flag was reared. The Georgetown contingent started it--and the multitude sang "The Star-Spangled Banner".

"Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming." Someone shouted to the troops, "And this is what that song MEANS."

Soon after, from three to five troopers defected to the marchers. Many others were observed crying, asking to be relieved, as the demonstrators reasoned with them, inviting them to "come on over to our side."

The demonstration continued through the 22nd. When it ended, over 700 people had been arrested, and an unknown total had been beaten in varying degrees of brutality. It is impossible to estimate how many white, middle- or upper-class collegians had been gassed.

The Mobilization proved several things. The scene at the Pentagon (it was a non-violent "Lysistrata", a pacific storming of the Winter Palace) showed that a huge number of the future leaders of America are so completely disgusted with both the war and the pervading quality of violence in American life that they are willing to lay their bodies on the line to resist it. It also proved that peace demonstrations in this country will no longer be polite debates, they will be real efforts to stop the war through non-violence.

A new thing under the American sun!

"The UN should have a significant role in peacekeeping operations."

Sungook Junn

not exist in any form except occasional discussion groups. The effects of this method of instruction have been widely debated; many, perhaps most, instructors believe that students either can't or won't learn anything unless they are placed in the environment of class attendance and daily homework. However, advocates of the Second Society argue that students will be able to attain higher academic excellence, through the individualizing of their instruction. Faster students will not be held back, and slower students will not have to proceed using half-learned concepts.

Many objections to the methods of individual study can be eliminated by a discussion of the nature and goals of the educational process. Education as opposed to training is a self initiated process rather than mere assimilation. There remains, however, one serious point to consider: most students simply haven't attained the skills required for individual study. The most serious deficit seems to be in the area of reading; the ability to read material and to integrate it seems to be lacking in many students. After examining the cause of this problem, however, one can only consider student incompetence an indictment of the present methods rather than a reason precluding individual study. The ability to study without a repetition of the material by an instructor has not developed because there has been no demand for it; there hasn't even been significant encouragement. One point must be made: an educated person must be able to continue his education when he leaves school; if he still hasn't learned how to study by the time he is in college, he cannot afford to disregard his handicap and leave school without acquiring this skill. It will be interesting to compare the degrees to which the ability to study has been developed in emerging members of the Second and First Societies.

The advantages of independent study are more numerous than simply learning how to read. Programs can be accelerated and, hence, more material covered, allowing a student to study topics which are not yet offered in the First Society. For instance, a student in physics may wish to study thermodynamics, a course offered in all large universities but not yet in GVSC's curriculum.

Another aspect of interest is the ability to discuss, study and develop ideas and viewpoints which are normally treated only cursorily in classes. To encourage this intellectual independence along with criticism from one's peers periodic discussion sessions will be held; topics will include a wide span of current issues, philosophic controversies and social phenomena.

The Vulture Speaks!



Someone is trying to organize a "Pep" Club. They want everyone to come to their first meeting, Wednesday at 3:00 PM in 132 LHH.

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CASC, in a bold imitation of Copeland House's "Folk Fest" of October 14, will attempt one of its own on November 4--Saturday evening, 8 - 12 PM.

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WGVS is planning a "Sock Hop" (!?) in the Commons Dining Room this Friday from 8 to 12 PM.

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All students interested in graduate work in business administration or secretarial science are invited to meet with L. Lynnwood Aris, Director of Admissions at the U of M Graduate School of Business Administration, who will visit GVSC on Wednesday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information contact Prof. DeVries, Room 124, Huron.

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The Grand Valley Theatre has announced additional plans for its performance The Rivals. The group will tour to Grand Haven on November 20. Their appearance is part of a reciprocal agreement between GVSC and the city of Grand Haven. It will be sponsored by the Central Park Players.

Saturday, November 18, will mark the fourth annual matinee for area high school students.

Of special interest to critics: on November 21, at 3:00 PM, the entire company will be at a Pit Session, opening themselves for criticism of the production.

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According to usually reliable sources, the recent burning of the Barn (see p.1) was the work of a secret revolutionary group at GVSC. The Vulture is planning on printing an expose of the shocking activities, total depravity, and seditious goings on that this group is promulgating.

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MEMO

TO: The Vulture

FROM: A GVSC peace marcher

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the city of Washington for its hospitality during my recent visit there. I would especially like to thank the six MP's who roused me from sleep Sunday morning and escorted me at gunpoint from the bus in which I peacefully slept.

The Vulture Poll question for this week: Who do you favor for president in 1968?

Responses:

- Yes 39.1%
- No 21.6%
- Undecided 39.3%

This poll seems to indicate an increased student interest in politics. For the first time in GVSC history, the Undecided figure is less than 40%.

Looks like a wild election year!

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The Campus View Girls were aroused Thursday evening (October 19) for a fire drill at 11 p.m. It was no ordinary drill for apartment no. 215, for when the girls returned, they had a fire in their kitchen. One girl had left hot grease on the stove, which burst into flame in her absence. There was no damage other than the burned pan, but the irony is this: if the practice fire drill had lasted much longer, another drill would have been necessary--this time for real!

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The fall semi-formal ("Some Enchanted Evening") will be held at the Black and Silver Room of the Civic Auditorium on November 11th, 9-12 p.m. The "Ambassadors" will entertain. The dance is sponsored by UCO.

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All persons interested in the blood drive to be held November 10th can hear Mr. Bruce Raymond speak on blood donating on Tuesday, October 31st at 8:30 in 154 S.

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Usually two ski trips are planned by the GVSC Ski and Canoe Club each year. The first trip will be December 15-17, the weekend after exams, the beginning of Christmas vacation. The club plans to lodge at the Village Inn which is in between Boyne Mt. and Boyne Highlands, near many other resorts. At least 42 persons are expected to do, with their ten-dollar deposit fee due at the next Ski Club meeting October 31st.

The last Ski and Canoe Club meeting included discussions of a hayride in the near future, the ski school and the Winter Carnival (January 28-February 4).

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Sign on Prof. Beidler's door: Notice: Due to Lack of Interest, Tomorrow Will Be Postponed.

Sports Notes

Harriers take fourth

GVSC cross country team placed last of four teams entered in the city meet. A strong Aquinas squad ran away with the honors, taking four of the first five places.

The first GVSC runner to finish the tough fourmile trek was Dick Conser, who placed 24th of 41 runners. He was followed by GVSCers Testini (30th) and Terrien (34th).

The final score was Aquinas - 20, Calvin - 40, JC - 67, and GVSC - 120.

And Now Soccer . . .

GVSC's fledgling soccer team dropped their first match last Monday against Calvin's reserves 6 - 0. Calvin scored heavily early in the match. GVSC settled down and played even ball for the rest of the game.

The soccer schedule for this fall will be "catch-as-catch-can". All games will be away because GVSC does not have a large enough field. Watch the bulletin boards for the next match.

Psych Plans

The Psychology Club is shifting into high gear with a trip planned to either MSU or U of M Graduate School. The students going on the December 1 trip will be divided into three groups: Clinical Psychology and Counseling, Social Work, and Experimental Psychology.

The Psych Club also plans a series of lectures by area authorities on various subjects before the trip.

Anyone interested in club activities or the trip should go the Psych Club meeting. They're held on Tuesdays, 12-1 in 101 LHH. If you can't make the meeting, contact Dennis Potter through the Psych Dept.

Poetry Contest Announced

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Chamberlain, Calvin's John Timmerman, JC's Marinus Swets, and Aquinas' Sister Mary Bride, O.P.

The six prizes (three for non-students and three for students) will be awarded annually. Complete information on the contest can be obtained from Allen at the College Relations Office in Lake Michigan Hall. Allen, formerly in the brokerage business, has published several of his own poems and for several years has conducted a program devoted to reading poetry on radio station WXTO-FM.

"I can resist anything but temptation."
Oscar Wilde