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REMINDERS FOR NEW STUDENTS -- Incoming freshmen and transfer students should mark these dates on their calendars ... orientation, September 27 and 28; registration, September 29. Returning students register on September 28 and 29.

Planning to live in college-approved housing near the campus? Be sure your arrangements have been made with householders or apartment owners.

And don't forget ... health forms are due before registration.

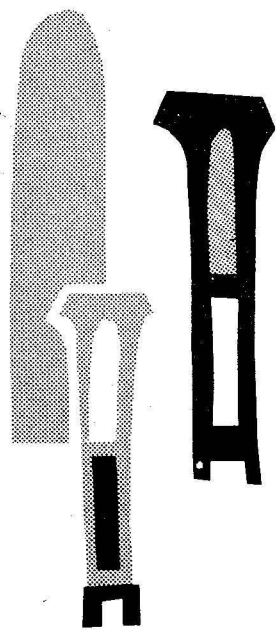
NEW PLAN FOR HOUSING ADVISORS -- One of the main duties of Glen A. Eskedal, who begins September 1 as assistant to the dean of student services, will be to take charge of student housing. Eskedal ... a Staten Island, N. Y., native who received his BS and MA from Michigan State ... plans to establish and conduct an in-service staff training program for residence halls personnel. Included in these weekly sessions will be upperclassmen who will serve as resident advisors in the Grand Valley and Grand River apartments.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS -- GVSC has now been approved by the Michigan Department of Education to participate in the state scholarships program under the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority. This means that students who took the state competitive exams last fall are eligible for consideration for a state scholarship to GVSC. For further information ... contact Gordon Langereis, GVSC placement and financial aid director.

TV STUDIO ON CAMPUS -- One of the basement rooms in Lake Superior Hall is being remodeled ... to serve as GVSC's television studio for all productions not done right in the classroom. Professor Hall's Descriptive Astronomy course will continue to hold night labs for stargazing ... but all lectures will be done on video tape and presented to students only in the carrels.

Lectures in Mr. Alkema's art survey course will be presented with slides and audio-tape ... then programmed to the carrels for review.

NEW ROLE FOR GVSC -- We are now giving advice on how to start a new college ... instead of taking it. Samuel Marble, president of Saginaw Valley College, paid a visit to the campus to get some tips for the time when his college becomes Michigan's eleventh state-supported four-year college. Saginaw Valley, now



a private college, must pick a new site and start building in the near future ... and Dr. Marble wants to benefit from our experience.

HIFYS -- The Honors Institute for Young Scholars concluded with a banquet last week...at which the HIFYS voted the program a great success. Their trips to the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford, Ontario ... the Argonne Atomic Laboratories and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago ... and the library, museum of natural history, and botanical gardens at the U of M ... were high points of the six-weeks session.

Plans are already underway for next summer's Institute ... based in part on the results of an opinion survey given to this year's students ... on which one of the questions was, "If you were the director of the HIFYS, how would you change the program?"

CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDS -- In another month the facade of the Loutit Hall of Science will be completed ... and the limited corrosion steel will begin to acquire its reddish oxidation coat. The greenhouse is ready for installation of its bubble top ... and trusses for the bridge across the nearby ravine are being put into place.

The utility tunnel is approximately half finished ... the steel skeleton of the central heating plant is scheduled to start September 1.

Bids on the first dormitory building will be opened on September 1 ... the new collegiate center plans are now in working drawings ... and drawings for the athletic building show that three huge domes will cover the interior spaces. Earth from the excavation will be banked around the domes so that they will look like extensions of earth mounds. We have learned from the sad experience of the Houston Astrodome ... our domes will be opaque.

LEGISLATIVE VISIT -- The Joint Legislative Capital Outlays Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations and House Ways and Means committees ... met on GVSC's campus August 3 ... along with other legislators and state officials. They reviewed programs for three new projects ... academic complex II, library-communications-administration building, and fine arts building ... which will come to \$7 or 8 million when complete. No specific action was taken during the visit ... but we think a go-ahead for planning will come shortly.

MUSICAL GROUPS -- The GVSC Singers will be outfitted with new choir robes ... and the band with blue blazers ... for their planned tours in the spring. The music faculty wants to extend a special invitation to new students with music ability ... to join these groups in the fall.

NEW FACULTY -- Faculty members joining the staff next fall are busy locating homes ... in Grand Haven, Jenison, Spring Lake, Grand Rapids. They are due to arrive on campus the week after Labor Day ... and have already been sent their office assignments. A faculty-staff roster ... complete with pictures ... will be published at the start of the fall quarter ... to help newcomers and oldtimers alike with identification of "who's who."