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Accreditation

Team at College

A four-man team from the North Central Association visited GVSC on January 22 and 23 to investigate first hand GVSC's qualifications as a candidate for full accreditation.

The team consisted of President Sam Gates of Wisconsin State University at La Crosse, Dean Edward Lindell of the University of Denver, Prof. Mary Gaither of Indiana University, and Rev. L.W. Friedrich of Marquette University. Robert Bartlett, of the NCA's Chicago office, accompanied the group as an observer.

The group met in Grand Rapids on January 21, and spent the next two days meeting informally with students, faculty members, and administrators on GVSC's campus.

The group will make recommendations to NCA, and President Zumberge will meet with NCA officials in Chicago on March 25. The final decision will be made on public on March 27.

Experimental

Plays Produced

Something different is being started by the GVSC Theatre. Plays written and directed by students will be performed in 132 Huron on March 16 and 17.

Three different one-act plays will be presented. The first, "The Irrevocable Dot," concerns the problems of a youth attempting to write his biography. The second, "A Lighted Candle," involves an incident occurring in the past life of a famous archbishop. The third play, "The Forever Machine," is a strange tale set among mourners in a funeral home.

Two of the plays were written by Phil Bowman, and the other by Steve Pekich. Both are GVSC sophomores. Directing the plays are "Hotchie" Baron, Gary Burbridge and Mr. Bowman. Forming the repertory group for the theatre are Jan Bloom, Larry D'Haem, Nellie Dykstra, Jim Glenn, Judy Hathaway, Wayne Isbell, Arta JeHeer, Marion Reichel, Jane Round and Gord Wolotira.

'State of College' Draws Crowd

GV 'Improving'-Zumberge

President Zumberge's fifth State of the College address attracted a crowd of approximately 200 students and faculty to 132 Huron January 26.

The President opened his annual speech by praising the rising quality of the student body; according to his statistics, there has been a sharp improvement in grades over the past four years. He emphasized the point that, in order to maintain the quality of education at the college, Admissions is "putting greater stress on high-school preparation before coming to Grand Valley." Zumberge also lauded greater diversity in the student body, citing figures showing that only 71% of the student population now come from Kent, Ottawa, and Muskegon Counties, while 26% hail from the rest of Michigan, and 49 students originate outside the state. He noted the numerical growth of the student body, and predicted a population of 3000 by 1972.

Zumberge then moved on to academic affairs. While he was sanguine about the future of the School of General Studies, he commented that "we don't know if the School will succeed. We hope it doesn't fail." He announced tentative plans for the

establishment of a School for Professional Studies, which would offer courses in such areas as engineering and communications. Zumberge stated firmly that if the SPS comes off, Grand Valley's emphasis of liberal education will not be undermined; persons in the school would still be required to take humanities and social studies courses in the general college.

Zumberge became grim as he went on to financial affairs. The college has requested an increase in state appropriations of \$689,000 the Governor has recommended an increase of \$200,000 less, and there are fears that the Legislature may cut still more funds. The President stated that the college wishes to use the proposed appropriations increase to finance an increase in faculty salaries of 9% (the smallest yet), additional counselors, and janitorial service.

Zumberge then commented at length on Grand Valley's accreditation; he reviewed the visit of the North Central Association several days before, stating that although the team had been very curious about the

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Arta deHeer and Gord Wolotira rehearse "Lighted Candle"

Letters to the Editor

Denounces CASC Hearings

Dear Editor:

Last year the Apartment Senate did it. This fall the Campus View housing staff tried it. They took surveys to determine whether changes in housing rules were necessary. The residents were basically satisfied with the rules; only the strict cleaning inspections were modified. And this term we have the Housing Committee through CASC, an organ of the college not the apartments, who want to poll the whole campus, involving students who don't know nor care about the housing regulations or are misinformed. If the students under the rules don't complain, why should anyone else?

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Tutors Available

Steve Pekich, Grand Valley junior, announced January 26 the inauguration of the college's first tutoring program. Pekich, who had prepared the project during Winter term, told the Valley View that its essence was an attempt to bring together students in need of help in their classes with other students qualified as tutors. The two can then meet informally, on a one-to-one basis, and determine the amount and type of help necessary. (It should be noted that this is a plan for remedial instruction rather than a cheating device.) The program is aimed at social studies and the humanities, although tutors have volunteered to help in natural sciences and mathematics. Instruction in 100-and 200-level courses is accentuated.

Persons desiring tutors can contact Mr. Pekich, inform him of which course they are having trouble with, and what times they would like to devote to studying. He will then contact a person who has already volunteered to give aid.

Although special arrangements can be made for those in financial need, the usual price for the service will be \$1.50 an hour. The project is informal and unconnected with the college administration.

Mr. Peckich, who conceives of his role as that of a program co-ordinator, commented on his motives: "Last term the idea struck me that the Grand Valley dropout rate could perhaps be reduced by a kind of personalized instruction by students. Since there was evidently a need, and it was necessary for someone to take steps to organize a structure to fill that need, I decided to take time out and do it."

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"Be resolute but not boastful; resolute but not haughty; resolute but not arrogant; resolute because you cannot avoid it; resolute but no violent." Lao-Tzu

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"It is truly enough said, that a corporation has no conscience. Law never made men a whit more just." Thoreau

Business Manager Sought

This issue of the Valley View is late because of a critical shortage of funds that may result in its ceasing publication before the end of this academic year. The Valley View was appropriated less funds this year than it spent last year; this, coupled with the staff's early organization last term (ten issues during the first quarter as opposed to six last year), has led to a real possibility of the paper's demise and to the ex-

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Elections Set

On January 24 the Grand Valley State Student Assembly voted to hold an election for student members to the new college Newspaper Board. The election was set for February 14. The action came after the Assembly had been informed of the Board of Control's action in passing a student-revised Newspaper Board Charter. The Assembly had previously stirred a controversy by refusing to hold elections to a Board structured by the Administration.

Petitions qualifying names for the February 14 ballot must carry 25 names and be handed in at the UCO office in Seidman by February 7. There are three student positions to be filled.

Zumberge

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School of General Studies, inquiring about its resources, they had been extremely interested in the Grand Valley experiment. Since the team can only make recommendations to the NCA, they did not feel free to state their opinions regarding the campus freely. Zumberge added that the final decision on accreditation would be published by NCA on March 27.

While the President's address was made up of approximately equal portions of hope and gloom, its spirit was perhaps best expressed by his concluding remark: "The story of the college is one of continuing improvement."

pedient of partial curtailment of publication.

Part of this difficulty would have been solved by the procurement of a productive business manager and advertising staff. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a business manager with the will and the means to do the job.

Students interested in this position should apply at our office in Seidman basement. Applicants must have a least a 2.5 GPA; some knowledge and experience in advertising is desirable, but we're not going to stick at that point. The position is PAID.

Voice From the North

By Steve Cox

I first heard of Leonard Cohen in a friend's room at Georgetown, the night before the great Pentagon Thing. Expecting to be massacred the next day, we were all somehow being reduced to primeval emotions. Someone had a guitar, and we sang the proper New Left things: "Alice's Restaurant," some Dylan, some Joe Hill. The last song was Cohen's "Suzanne." As his beautiful images poured down the music, we began to know truly who we were and why we were there. And we knew that we were free. With no words to speak we walked out into the Potomac night.

Leonard Cohen is one of those artists who change your life.

Later on I found out that Cohen is a Canadian poet who spends most of his time in Greece, who is fairly well-known in his own country, and who considers his life to be, basically, a failure. He is a songwriter who is working on his first album. He is someone a few people have very tender emotions about, because they do not know him but he has entered their lives. And he is the author of "Beautiful Losers." (Yes, it's in paperback. Bantam, 95 cents.)

"Beautiful Losers" is a poetic novel representing an attempt to fuse the intellectual to the mystical, and the spiritual to the sensual. (If it ever becomes popular, the anti - "pornography" people will be out in herds.) The attempt is successful. For a change in an erotic work the people really exist -- in action, thought, and emotion. If they are losers (probably), they are not freaks. If they are seeking to be, and to have all the world as a sacrament and a glory of God, they do not seek as symbols but as real people. The reality of Cohen's creation is what is frightening and entrancing; he is like one of his own characters, who changes time by creating a fantasy that happens.

Cohen's style is capable of alternately gliding and plunging deep into the infinite human experience. He writes in a kind of ecstatic prose in which symbols and images are both liquid and masculine and engage in a dialectical brand of free association. For all that, the work is surprisingly graphic. And while Cohen's emotions may not be under control, his typewriter is: "Beautiful Losers" is almost perfectly constructed. The flashback technique slides effortlessly through time, contemplation and intense action alternate without embarrassment, and ideas find harmony in a great counterpoint of beautiful voices.

All of this is astounding; the decline of the English novel has been marked by a cracking of its voice, by its exaltation of detailed boredom, by its evident distrust of lyrical beauty. But Cohen still speaks, and will not distrust his visions.

Approve Charter, Building Cuts

Grand Valley's Board of Control met January 19 and granted its approval to the Student Assembly's revision of the Newspaper Board Charter. The Board's action appeared as the final episode in a lengthy student - administration controversy over methods of control of the Valley View. Several months before, the Board of Control had approved an administration document which was soundly defeated in an advisory student referendum. The Student Assembly then revised the document in an attempt to "insure the freedom of the student press," and submitted the new charter for its approval by administrative organs. The process culminated in the acceptance by the Board of Control on the 19th.

Also at its latest meeting, the Board was forced to cut back its plans for Grand Valley's Fine Arts Building. As originally planned, the structure was to include 66,000 square feet. Grand Valley's request before the state legislature for money to effect its plans was rejected by the Joint Capital Outlays Subcommittee. Lansing advised the college to cut the building size in half. The Board now plans to ask for money for only 38,000 square feet; it will request \$100,000 for

planning and start of construction in 1968 and 1969.

The current scheme is to construct the building in two phases, one-half being completed at a time. By the completion of the first phase, the structure will contain a theatre and about half of the art rooms originally planned. The second phase will add an auditorium and the rest of the art rooms. Architectural separation of the three departments (music, art, and theatre) to be included in the Fine Arts Building is envisioned.

Professor Chester Alkema of the Art Department commented to the Valley View concerning the construction difficulties: "Our hands are bound by the accident in Lansing, but I am glad our staff has chosen to construct the building in this manner, because it provides hope for the future. It should also present a real challenge to the architect to design the building so that its different departments -- art, music, and theatre -- can function separately as units in terms of their architectural arrangement. I am sure that if we get the proper genius it can all be done."

The Iconoclast

Candidate of Your Choice?

1968 is election year. Not just another election year, but the election year. If a candidate is elected who is irresponsible and incompetent, we may not have to worry about any future elections. Let's generalize a little, and examine the future rulers of the world. One of them is bound to be leader.

Richard Nixon is currently leading the GOP pack. As most of us remember, this is the same Mr. Nixon who about eight years ago lost out in a presidential election to a young senator from Massachusetts. Most of us now wonder why Mr. Nixon can't take the hint. Has he changed? Even his own state disowned him! Would you want to buy a used car from him?

Then there's George Romney. Now what can you say bad about him! What can you say good about him either? He mirrors the innocuous image of Eisenhower, and speaks with the same commanding authority.

Ronald Reagan is becoming popular. Reagan has proved he has a very appealing public image. Is this enough? As a former governor of California once said, "Remember, it was an actor who murdered Abraham Lincoln!"

Nelson Rockefeller is tired of losing, so he says he won't run. Percy and Lindsay are afraid of losing so they won't run. That completes the Republican roster for

1968.

Are the Democrats any better? No such luck. Lyndon Johnson is back on the same long-play label. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, and looking at Lyndon one tends to believe it. Some people say that Lyndon is trying hard, though, and we can believe this. He is trying hard to become the first president in US history with a popularity rating of minus seven!

Then there are the peace candidates: Senator McCarthy and Senator Kennedy. Of the two, only one has any chance of dethroning King Lyndon. Eugene may be eloquent, intelligent and capable, but he is also an egghead (sic Stevenson). His appeal to the average voter is nil. Kennedy on the other hand has the appeal that McCarthy lacks, but is not willing to risk his ideals on the contention that he might ruin his political career. Take '72, Senator, if anyone want's you then.

Is there another choice for those who cannot be content with any of the above candidates. Yes! On the Bigot party ticket, George Wallace will be running. 'Nuff said!

Gord Wolotira

The Vulture Speaks!



TO: The Vulture
FROM: The Yearbook Staff

Throughout the past year, the Yearbook staff has been hard at work putting together the 1968 Yearbook. We have encountered many difficulties. The most recent and monumental concerns the whereabouts of the underclassmen pictures which were taken early in the fall quarter.

It seems that we have been the victims of some sort of conspiracy and that the pictures and negatives were destroyed by fire. However, all is not lost!! Alston Studio has made arrangements to come to Grand Valley and retake pictures in time for us to meet our deadline.

There will be a Yearbook! But we must appeal to you, the student body, to have your pictures taken. It makes no difference if you did or did not have it taken in the fall. There is no charge.

Pictures will be taken on February 15 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Seidman basement. They will also be taken in Robinson House from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please help us make this year's Yearbook an outstanding one.

The results of the latest VULTURE POLL are hereby ANNOUNCED!

The question:

Would you vote for a candidate who is a practicing thespian?

I'm not prejudiced -- 1%.

Some of my best friends are that way -- 25%.

They like it better when they stick with their own kind -- 24%.

I never discuss religion -- 10%.

If they don't like this country, they should move -- 10%.

I am opposed to creeping Thespianism -- 30%.

One student seemed to express the general attitude of Grand Valley students in this comment to the Valley View: "The rich get richer and the poor get poorer, and I don't know where it will all end. I'm getting pretty sick of these people -- I believe in rights, sure, but some guys want all of them. Didn't you know that they've got guns inside all of their churches. Did Steve Cox make up this question?"

People tell us that "Vote for McCarthy -- Not Joe, Eugene" has changed to "Vote for Eugene -- Not McCarthy, Debs."

Floyd Bloss of the Capri may soon hire himself a new censor. Steve Foster of GVSC has applied for the job.

The post of censor at the Valley View remains open.

MEMO

TO: The Vulture

FROM: ? (One of those things we find under the door)

Alma Mater song contest ...open to all persons connected with on-campus activities at GVSC (i.e. students, faculty, staff, alumni, administration) ...just submit to the music department in Mackinac (on scaled manuscript paper) music and words that compose a song suitable for a GV alma mater ...contest open from now until Friday, March 8, 1968. ... complete judging and presentaion of song will be during Arts on Campus Week--end in May ...hurry and start jotting down notes now and submit an alma mater possibility.

The Vulture requests pencil sharpeners in Mackinac Hall.

Men's intramural basketball is held at Jenison Fieldhouse (?) Wednesday evenings starting at 6. Women's intramurals are on Mondays at 5:30 in the Allendale P.S. gym.

There will be a meeting of the Winter Carnival Steering Committee in Seidman Faculty Lounge at 7:30 p.m. February 6. All clubs, organizations, and interested people are invited to attend. Coffee will be served.

Indoor Sports

It was Fat Albert all the way -- at the UCO sponsored pizza-eating contest January 25. Fat Albert -- or Phil Bowman as most of you probably know him -- brought in the honors for student government by consuming almost three 14-inch cheese pizzas in the half-hour allotted for the test of strength.

Following close behind Phil was Tom Woodruff representing Copeland House and Art Shapiro of the Dizmal Dozen. The also-rans were, among others, Gail Fox, who received a little help from Professor Anderson of the PE Department, Mr. Wolfe, who seemed a little out of shape compared to the days when he was halfback for CMU, Dean Hall (believe it or not), and other LUCKY CONTESTANTS.

The event, which was held in town at the Village Inn was, mildly speaking, a contest between indigestion and suffocation, as over 200 people roistered in the packed building.

GV Loses Two

The Lakers traveled to Big Rapids January 23 and came up on the short end of a 77-62 score. The Lakers rallied several times during the contest, but led on only one occasion.

The Ferris State Bulldogs shot an impressive 55% from the floor, compared to GVSC's 40% effort. Ferris also topped GVSC in free throw percentages: 80% for Ferris to GVSC's 50%.

One bright spot for the Lakers was in the rebounding department. GVSC out-rebounded Ferris 43-36. Dan Poole led GVSC with 18 points, followed by Ed Crisman and Jim Kerr with 15 points apiece. J. C. Mangham, Ferris' 6' 5" center, led the scoring with 19 points.

Consistently high scoring by three Oakland starters and the inability of Grand Valley to sustain its comebacks united to cause the 94-78 defeat of the Lakers by Oakland University January 26. The Oakland team was led to victory by their two guards and their center. Guard Glenn Beier hit on 80% of his field-goal attempts for a game high of 23 points. His counterpart, Gordy Tebo, added 18 points to the effort. Center Tom Allan chipped in with 17 points and a crushing 22 rebounds.

For Grand Valley, the leading scorer was Guard Larry Aldridge with 19 points. Dan Poole hauled down 20 rebounds in a valiant, though unavailing, effort for the Lakers.

With only 3:47 to go in the contest, Grand Valley State was down by only 3 points. But the rally fell short and Oakland rolled inexorably on to victory. In game statistics, rebounding was even with 58 bounds for each team.

The Lakers lost a golden opportunity for victory at the free-throw line. They hit on only 22 of 39 charity tosses. Oakland meanwhile was not inactive. Their percentage on shots from the floor was 43.1%. In contrast, Grand Valley State hit only 31.5% of their field goal attempts.

While it is obvious that Grand Valley will have an uphill battle in its attempt to gain sports recognition, it is becoming equally clear that the team intends to fight the odds against all new and small colleges with their own brand of spirit and determination. Besides this all-important factor, information has been received that Grand Valley is the first and tentative stages of consulting with other small colleges in the area which are unaffiliated, for the purpose of forming a new conference. When Grand Valley is no longer pitted against what seem to be giants, but can play against schools of its own character, it will undoubtedly have better success.