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GREENHOUSE IN PLACE -- The largest self-framed greenhouse in the country ... built on the igloo principle, where each section is supported by other sections ... is now in place at the east entrance of Loutit Hall. The circular greenhouse is 26 feet in diameter ... next largest one is a 24' structure at M.I.T. Classes are being scheduled for Loutit Hall at the beginning of the winter quarter ... although the ground floor level, which houses the geology department, will not be completely finished at that time.

PRESIDENT RETURNS TO THE CLASSROOM -- President Zumberge is taking over the beginning geology class for a week ... to lecture on glaciation ... one of his specialties. These are eight o'clock classes, too!

WINTER QUARTER REGISTRATION -- All students who want to register for the winter quarter are reminded that their applications must be completed ... and in the Admissions Office ... by December 17.

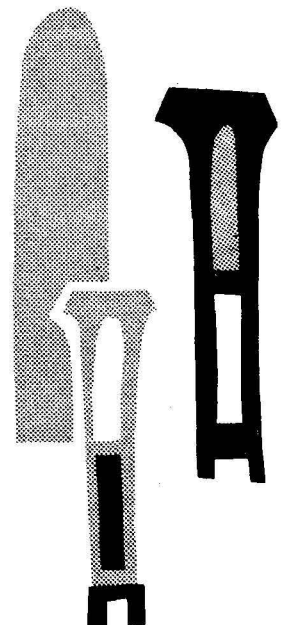
CHRISTMAS CONCERT -- Professor Beidler is planning a special Christmas program this year ... to be given at GVSC on December 10 and in downtown Grand Rapids on December 12. The GVSC Singers, the band, the All-College Chorale, and boy choristers from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will take part in the performance ... which features English music from a 10th century plain chant to the contemporary "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten.

MAVA MEETING -- On November 18 and 19 some 250 people in the A-V field will meet on campus at the Michigan Audio-Visual Association fall conference. The two-day meeting will include a talk by Dean Potter on our own A-V system ... sectional meetings, at some of which our A-V staff will speak or act as chairmen ... demonstrations of our A-V system ... and a display of what's new in equipment by various manufacturers.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE -- A different kind of student demonstration ... this one showing how college students can help in a community effort ... took place Tuesday, when 75 GVSC students met in Grand Rapids to take part in the Muscular Dystrophy Fund drive.

ART DISPLAY -- The exhibition in Seidman House this month is by Shirley Schroeder ... Grand Haven artist who has studied with John Goodyear and Harry Brorby. Mrs. Schroeder ... who is a Grand Rapids Union High School graduate ... has exhibited widely in Michigan and recently had a one-man show in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ENROLLMENT FIGURES -- At the end of ten days of classes of the fall quarter the enrollment stood at 1139. Students from 49 of Michigan's 83 counties ... 11 different states ... and two foreign countries are with us this year. On-campus residents number 280 ... in the Grand River and Grand Valley Apartments.



GVSC ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION -- The GVSC expedition ... directed by President Zumberge and financed by a grant from the National Science Foundation ... is now in camp at McMurdo Sound in the Antarctic and is preparing for its three-month traverse of the Ross Ice Shelf. Short-wave radio operators in the Grand Rapids area might pick up signals from the expedition ... and set up a "phone patch" with Dr. Zumberge ... until the traverse begins. At that time communication is limited to regular Navy channels from Antarctica ... since the exploring group will have with it only enough radio equipment to reach Antarctic bases.

TURKEY TROT -- Prizes are three turkeys ... one of them alive ... for the teams who will be competing at the November 18 Turkey Trot. Teams of six men and four women ... from residence halls, student organizations, and independents ... will battle in a series of novel races for the main ingredient of their Thanksgiving dinner.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGINS -- The new Jenison Junior High gymnasium is GVSC's home gym this year for the Lakers' basketball season. Practice has been underway for two weeks ... the squad has been cut to 25 from the 40 who came out ... and Coach Dave Sharporn is getting set for the first game, on December 4 at 7:45 p.m. against Calvin College JV at "home." By then the new uniforms ... blue with black and white trim ... will be ready, too. The cheer leading squad is ready with some new yells for GVSC partisans.

INTRA-MURAL ATHLETICS -- The final game in the intra-mural touch football tournament will be played November 23 ... and shortly thereafter the traveling trophy will be awarded. So far it looks as if the faculty team will be an also-ran ... and one of the apartment house teams the winner.

The resident students' tennis tournament will also finish some time this month ... weather permitting ... and a plaque presented for display in the lobby of the champs.

ACCREDITATION PROGRESS -- The recent visit from Dr. Dominic Guzzetta, North Central Association consultant for GVSC, resulted in endorsement of GVSC's progress toward accreditation. The Board of Control, faculty and staff are now moving toward the goal of accreditation before the pioneer class graduates ... and are organizing for the self-study which must precede our final exam.

The Michigan Commission on College Accreditation will send a group to visit GVSC in January. If its report is favorable, we could receive accreditation from this group at its February meeting.

VISIT TO ENGLAND -- Dean George Potter and his family plan to leave at Thanksgiving for a six week's visit to their homeland. After stopovers in New York and Iceland ... the Potters will arrive in Glasgow and begin a tour of universities. The dean will speak at the University of Reading on December 7 ... topic: "Building a New College in Michigan." A meeting with former colleagues at Oxford will, hopefully, result in a plan of faculty exchange between the two institutions.

Dean Potter will discuss with the presidents of four new universities ... York, Lancaster, Essex, and Canterbury ... the possibility of exchange of faculty and students in the future. He will also visit the House of Commons ... and take time for brief stays with relatives on both sides of the Potter family. Return is scheduled for January 10.