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U.S. "Friendless"

-Bronson Clark

Bronson Clark, an American Quaker prominent in political action in this country and in charitable concerns in Viet Nam, spoke in Grand Valley's Pit on February 1. Speaking to an audience of about 100, Clark brought his case for ending the Viet Nam war to the attention of Grand Valley students. Aside from the issue of morality, his chief argument for withdrawal from the war was that "it cannot be won."

Clark stressed that "we have no friends left in Viet Nam--only employees", that "pacified" areas in South Viet Nam are armed camps where American troops ventured out only in armed convoys, and that the Viet Namese are a strongly nationalist people who resent the division of their country and hate Americans for what the war is doing to them.

Clark spoke to the question of negotiations by saying that America has nothing to negotiate, because it has won nothing. He referred to Ho's seven offers to negotiate, and quoted Johnson's remarks to the effect that he had never been approached with any of them.

Concerning himself with the political situation in the United States, Clark noted the growing anti-Viet Nam faction in the United States government. There is, he says, a "shadow government' led by Robert Kennedy, ready to oppose Johnson when the situation is politically feasible. Clark wishes the American people to "punish" the Democratic power structure for its failure to stand to its 1964 mandate for peace and social change.

While Clark's speech, concerned as it was with the pragmatic aspect of the Viet Nam war and the pragmatic issues of politics in the United States, was apparently well-received by his audience, some students commented that his remarks lacked depth; he barely touched on the ultimate question in war and peace—that of the moral issue.

Thaw Hits Carnival

Grand Valley's 1968 Winter Carnival is being rated as a success by many students, faculty and staff, although the traditional event was sabotaged by good weather.

The cycle of acticities, which began January 25 with a UCO-sponsored "pizza-eating contest", concluded February 2 with a "variety show" and Circle K's "White on White ... on White" dance. Highlights of the variety show included songs by Professors Beidler and Tevebaugh, and a reading of poetry by Vice-President Potter. A like event was held on January 29 in connection with the Carnival: an all-college "talent contest" drew 246 to view a program consisting almost entirely of student acts. Barry Lambeck and Paul Skipper, folk artists, highlighted this event. A comedy act produced by "The Campus View Gals" was also provided impetus for the program: the young ladies sang original and satirical compositions on campus life to the accompaniment of a jug-rhythm kitchen band.

Other events of the week's entertainment included; a beard-growing contest which culminated with the awarding of first prize to freshman Jerry Olway for length, neatness, and originality of beard; a well-attended kick-off dance sponsored by the GV Ski Club; and the Snow Queen competition on January 31. An official of WZZM chose Miss Gail Clark as Grand Valley's 1968 Snow Queen; runners-up were Mary Ann Reichel, Sue Byers and Mary Kempski.

While disappointment was profound among planners of the Winter Carnival that it was impossible to hold winter activities, including the traditional snow-sculpture contest, due to the lack of winter, the decision was made to postpone, rather than cancel, these events. Barb Avendt, Secretary of the Steering Committee which made the carnival possible, commented that she felt the event was "highly successful, even though the weather wasn't on our side."



"Campus View Gals" in satirical act

The Vulture Speaks!

Evidence to support the theory that the continents were at one time joined together will be presented in an illustrated lecture by Dr. Kenneth Caster, visiting geo-scientist at GVSC, on February 15 at 8 p.m. in 132 Huron.

Dr. Caster, professor of paleontology at the University of Cincinnati, will spend two days on campus at GV to meet with geology and anthropology students. His lecture of "Continental Drift", sponsored by Sigma Xi at GVSC, is open to the public at no charge.

Three one-act plays written and directed by GV students in the Experimental Theatre Program will be presented February 16 and 17. 'The Irrevocable Dot'', ''The Lighted Candle'', and ''The Forever Machine'' range from straight drama to black humor. Elever students form the company, which is under the general supervision of Richard Dean, GVSC graduate and recently appointed instructor in English.

The Vulture has been asked to request shelves and coat-hooks in the ladies' euphemisms.

The Pre-Law Club will meet February 14 at 3:30 p.m. in Seidman basement.

Great Salesman Speaks

On January 31, Dr. Zumberge addressed interested students on "Antarctica -- the Lost Continent".

"I'm a great salesman of people knowing more about the planet Earth before they go about exploring outer space," Zumberge remarked. It was this conviction that motivated him to go to Antarctica in late 1957 and early 1958. At that time, the continent of nearly five and one-half million square miles had never been crossed, and less was known about it than about the moon's surface. It was the aim of his small party to collect geological facts about the frozen continent. They spent the sub-zero Antarctic summer surrounded by hundreds of miles of white waste.

But it couldn't have been all that bad; as he pointed out, they did survive on beer to save the fuel it would have taken to melt snow for fresh water (instead they used the fuel to melt the beer that arrived frozen); and, as he pointed out, "One of the nice things about going to the Antarctic is that you have to go through the tropics to get there."

Zumberge finished his address with the assertion that he had "visions of going back in the not-too-distant future."

Preregistration dates:

Seniors (130 hours or more)--February 12, 13, and 14.

Juniors (85-129 hours)--February 15, 16, and 19.

Sophomores (40-84 hours)--February 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Freshman and cleanup (0-39 hours)--February 26 through March 1.

Prior to preregistration, freshmen should secure a program schedule form from Counseling in 148 Michigan, make sure that the form is stamped "Adviser" in the "approved" space, and fill it out. It is NOT necessary that the form be signed by a counselor. All other students who have been so indecisive as not to have declared a major should make an appointment with a counselor for help in filling out the form.

Hillsdale

Almost Beaten

The Grand Valley State Lakers put on a surprising show of strength last Thursday night against one of the best small-college basketball quintets in Michigan. Hillsdale College, with a front line averaging a staggering 6'6', and two fine sharpshooting guards, posed a formidable threat for any squad to overcome. The supposedly weakshooting Lakers led with 6:30 to go in the game by a score of 72-67.

However . . . Hillsdale's experience and poise overcame their deficit to win the game by a score of 87-81.

The addition of guard Brad McLouth to the Grand Valley lineup proved a big asset to the Laker team. Brad transferred from Hope College recently, and was just eligible under NIAA rules for the Hillsdale game. He promises to be a major part of Laker plans to win or at least make a good showing against the rest of this season's opponents.

The next home game will be on February 17, a Saturday, at 8 p.m., against Judson College.

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Praises VALLEY VIEW, SPU

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the article, "Marines vs. SPU", in your January 23rd issue. I wish to compliment you on the method in which you presented the situation. You were fair, objective and accurate. I enjoyed being apprised of campus happenings in such an orderly fashion.

I also wish to go on record as saying that the Student Peace Union was equally orderly. They presented their side of the issue in a dignified and orderly manner. If all dissenting opinions were presented in such a fashion they would, as a general rule, be better received.

> Sincerely, Paul Rickert

Replies to Posvistak

Dear Editor:

In reply to Miss Posvistak's missive in the February 5th issue of the VALLEY VIEW:

Last year the Apartment Senate did what? They most assuredly did not poll students for their opinions concerning housing rules and regulations. They very biasedly asked what the APARTMENT STUDENTS wanted changed in the housing rules. This fall the Campus View housing staff tried what? Again there was no polling of the students but instead a plea for gripes by apartment residents ONLY. Yes, this term we have the Housing Investigation Committee through the Cultural and Social Council of United Collegiate Organization, but if Miss Posvistak will look in her back issues of the VALLEY VIEW for fall term, when she was a member of the VALLEY VIEW staff, she will discover that the Housing Investigation Committee was formed long before "the Campus View Housing staff tried it". Now this term the Student Service Policy Council is holding hearings to investigate student feeling toward the present housing rules and regulations. What Miss Posvistak fails to understand is that both of the "surveys' taken to date have been of apartment residents only, who compose less than onethird of the resident students here at Grand Valley. By the way, Diane, the reason for forming the Housing Investigation Committee was because students DID complain.

John Hackenburg Chairman, Housing Investigation Committee