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NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS APPROVED -- In keeping with its goal of education for the individual student, GVSC is inaugurating new programs and modifying graduation requirements so that each student can be helped to achieve the education best suited to his needs.

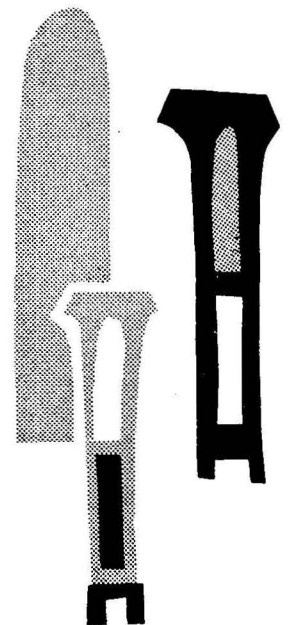
Bachelor of Science degree programs ... with no mandatory foreign language requirement ... have been established in economics, psychology, behavioral science, sociology and anthropology, mathematics, physics, geology, biology, chemistry, and group majors in social studies and in science. A new physical education major program ... leading to the BS degree ... will make full use of the new P.E. building to be ready next fall. The economics BS program is set up primarily for the student looking forward to a career in business ... and will include new courses dealing with marketing, personnel, finance, and other areas of concern to the businessman.

GVSC's freshman Foundation Program also has changed ... allowing students more choice in subjects and extending through the sophomore year the time for completing the program. Each division ... humanities, social studies, and sciences and mathematics ... will offer a selection of courses for the Foundation Program, from which students must choose three. Distribution requirements for graduation have been modified in order to give students a more flexible program.

For students in the teacher preparation program, credit hours for graduation have been brought into conformity with other degree programs ... and elementary school teacher candidates are allowed to plan their own minor programs, with the help of their advisors.

In other developments ... cooperative programs with the University of Michigan in engineering and with area hospitals in medical technology are being worked out.

Admission with advanced placement ... giving college credit to those students with exceptional high school preparation who can qualify through placement tests ... has been authorized.



These changes will go into effect with the beginning of the winter term, 1967. A supplement to the 1966-67 Catalog, to be published shortly, gives details.

FALL TERM ACTIVITIES -- Speakers, dances, entertainment ... the fall calendar is crowded with a variety of activities for students. Election year politics has brought a series of candidates from both parties to meet informally with students in pit sessions. House minority leader Gerald R. Ford, Jr., was the latest visitor.

A discussion between Dr. Duncan Littlefair, of Grand Rapids Fountain Street Church, and Dr. Dewey Hoitenga, GVSC philosophy professor, on the topic "Is it Possible to be a Christian in the Twentieth Century?" brought an overflow crowd to the Lake Huron Hall auditorium.

Les Visages is planning a program of three one-act plays ... the Cinema Guild and CASC have Friday evening movie programs scheduled ... the Ski and Canoe Club is sponsoring the Ottawa County Blood Bank drive once again ... formal or informal dances are planned for almost every weekend.

To keep students informed of what's happening ... a student newspaper is once again being published. The weekly Valley View promises to provide much-needed communication to the students.

COMMENCEMENT '67 -- June 18 has been set as the date for GVSC's first commencement ... with Harlan Hatcher, president of the University of Michigan, as speaker. Diplomas are ordered ... and decision has been made to award honors to graduates with outstanding academic records. Board of Control members will wear hoods lined with Grand Valley blue as part of their academic dress.

ANGUS IN DRYDOCK -- The job of moving the 50-foot motor vessel Angus has been completed ... and the largest ship in GVSC's fleet is on campus, 20 miles from deep water. Over the winter the GVSC maintenance staff will refit the Angus with navigational aids and install scientific equipment ... so that she will be ready for a proposed institute in aquatic ecology, scheduled for the month of August and open to undergraduate students from GVSC and other colleges.

CREW RACES MAY FIND NEW COURSE -- If all goes well, negotiations with the GR Navy Reserve training center will result in giving GVSC's oarsmen access to a stretch on the Grand River almost in the heart of Grand Rapids. Coach Jack Anderson believes this mile-and-a-quarter straightaway is one of the best courses in the Midwest for spectators and crewmen ... and may attract the Mid-American College Rowing Association Regattas in future years.

Coach Anderson's schedule includes instruction to 10 co-eds who indicated an interest in learning how to wield an oar. They use the new 4-oar shell recently purchased in Toronto ... the varsity uses the new 8.

MADRIGAL SINGERS -- Prof. Beidler's group of eight ... the GVSC Madrigal Singers ... is the only group on campus that includes in its membership faculty, staff, students, and an alumnus. Recent graduate Lyn Sova ... now teaching in Grand Rapids ... returns to campus for rehearsals and performances. The Madrigal Singers will be featured in the coming Erasmus Cinquecentennial Conference scheduled for next February.