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THE COMMONS OPENS -- The Commons, GVSC's new student center and dining facility, was on display this week with a Christmas open house. The entire college community visited the new building for a preview of the spacious new dining facilities and up-to-the-minute kitchen. Meals will be served in The Commons on a daily basis beginning with the winter quarter. The bookstore moves into its new home in The Commons in mid-February ... game areas, snack bar, and student lounge in the lower level of the building will be completed in the spring.

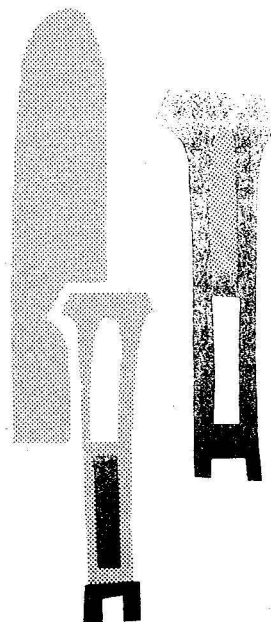
AWARD FOR LOUITIT HALL -- The Loutit Hall of Science recently won the First Honor Award in the 1966 Detroit Chapter, American Institute of Architects Honor Award Competition. Architects Meathe, Kessler and Associates of Grosse Pointe received the award jointly with GVSC vice presidents Philip W. Buchen and George T. Potter at a Detroit banquet.

A picture-feature on Loutit Hall is contained in the November issue of the Architectural Record ... with striking photos of the building's limited corrosion steel and fiberglass panel facade.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT -- Artifacts from the Hopewell Indian mounds dug up by Professor Flanders and his class ... including several copper items never found before in Hopewell mounds ... are on display in Loutit Hall. Professor Flanders finished his dig just one step ahead of bulldozers beginning work on a new home for the property owner ... who had let GVSC students dig his land for more than a year and decided that time was up.

SKI SLOPE WARMING HOUSE -- Thanks to the generosity of several Board of Control members ... the ski slopes will have a warming house this winter. The 20' by 30' A-frame structure will contain a fireplace, coffee vendor, and comfortable furniture for tired skiers. The Ski and Canoe Club plans to use the building for meetings and social gatherings as well.

GLASS BLOWER ON CAMPUS -- Because so much scientific equipment must be custom built for a specific use ... a glass blower usually is hired by scientific establishments. GVSC's Jerry DeGroot, sophomore pre-veterinarian student and science storeskeeper, has been perfecting the art as part of his job. He has made two trips to the Ford Motor Company's scientific research building in Dearborn to receive instruction from Ford's glass blowers ... and is now able to con-



struct and repair the glasswork needed by GVSC's scientists. Besides a good pair of lungs and a steady hand, Jerry has a special torch, glass shaping tools, and glass tubing with which to work. For fun he makes figurines of fantastic animals ... which now add a bit of humor to the science facilities.

GVSC ON THE AIR -- A closed circuit radio station run by GVSC students will go on the air about April 1 ... with hours from 5 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. The Radio Club is now polling students to learn their preferences in programming and music ... collecting equipment ... and lining up personnel for announcers, newsmen, and sportscasters. Call letters? WGVS, of course.

FINANCIAL REPORT -- GVSC's financial report for the year ending June 30, 1966, has just been published ... and shows that total assets of the college now top \$10 million. Aggregate payroll of college employees reached almost \$1.3 million ... and total college expenditures, the bulk of which was spent in the local area, reached \$5 million. Copies of the report are now being distributed ... if you would like one, let us know.

CATALOG SUPPLEMENT -- A supplement to the current catalog ... outlining changes in the academic program to go into effect with the winter quarter ... is now available. Another publication on "Preparation for Teaching," detailing the revisions in that program, is also ready. These important changes are of special interest to prospective students and to high school counselors ... and may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

"BOOK" IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD -- That's the title of an exhibit in Lake Huron Hall library illustrating censorship through the centuries. Earliest example of book banning shown is a Roman edict against Homer's "Odyssey" because of expression of free Greek ideas ... in 35 A.D. In 1954 Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales were stamped "for adults only" in Illinois and called "smut" ... the same year U.S. Army posts banned Kinsey's report on women, deeming it "not of interest" to soldiers. Other classics that have suffered include the Koran (in Russia), the Arabian Nights, and reproductions of Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescos.

The library's next exhibit ... due for display just before Christmas ... will consist of the selections made by faculty members of books they would take for a three-year sojourn on that familiar desert island.

EARLY REGISTRATION -- The end of the fall term marks the first time students may pre-register for the next term's courses. Those who have chosen a major and been assigned to a faculty advisor may pick their courses and receive their schedules before they leave for vacation. All that's left for them to do at registration is to pay their fees. In this way GVSC hopes to help students plan appropriate academic programs, ease scheduling difficulties for the college, and eliminate those long lines at registration.