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GRAND VALLEY
STATE COLLEGE

No. 59

May 31, 1968

FOND FAREWELLS -- Graduation, 1968 will bring wishes for success and happiness not only to more than 180 graduates, but also to Grand Valley's first and highly distinguished president, Dr. James H. Zumberge. Dr. Zumberge will return to the field of geology in August as Director of the School of Earth Sciences and Professor of Geology at the Un. of Arizona, Tucson. During his presidency since 1962, Grand Valley has grown from a "drawing board" plan to a thriving reality. Classes have grown from 226 freshmen enrolled in 1963 to a four-year student body of 1,729 in 1967. Faculty members now number 89. Accreditation by the North Central Association was granted March 27, 1968. Eleven buildings are completed on the campus with two scheduled for completion in 1968/69. And the social, cultural, and sports activities of the college community have drawn the support and interest of all the area it serves. Dr. Zumberge's enthusiasm and continual endeavor for the college will always remain a part of the future growth of Grand Valley.

PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE -- Appointed by the GVSC board of control, the committee has been active in the search for a new president. Its members are representative of the faculty, administration, students, alumni and the community.

GRADUATION EXERCISES -- Ceremonies marking the second graduation of Grand Valley State College students will take place June 11, 1968, at 2:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids. John Hannah, president of Michigan State Un. will be featured speaker. Honorary degrees will be conferred by Dr. Zumberge upon Dr. Hannah and Edward J. Frey, former pioneer member of the GVSC board of control. Dr. Zumberge will confer baccalaureate degrees following presentation of the candidates by vice president George T. Potter.

Eleven students will receive their degrees with high honors, fifteen with honors. Approximately 47 will also receive elementary teaching certification and 51 secondary teaching certification.

AN INVITATION -- is extended to high school counselors to include GVSC as a point to visit during the summer vacation. Grand Valley admissions office will be open during the summer months from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admissions counselors will also be available to visit high schools during the summer if this time seems more convenient to high school counselors than the normal GVSC fall visits.

STUDY TOUR -- Vice president George T. Potter visited the Un. of California at Santa Cruz on May 9, to observe the college which he found "incorporates many plans similar to our own." Begun in 1965, with a student body now numbering 1,900, it is a collegiate university with all students and most of the faculty members of the small colleges as well as the entire university. Main library and science facilities serve the entire campus. The Merrill College, Potter felt, was much like our School of General Studies, and he will continue to watch the parallel development.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION -- Students will have a bigger voice in the formation of college policies following a vote by the GVSC Faculty Assembly. Five students, representative of the four classes in the College of Arts and Sciences and from the new School of General Studies, will be voting members of the assembly which considers all aspects of academic affairs.

BOARD OF CONTROL NEWS -- Irving Bluestone, administrative assistant to the president of the United Auto Workers, and member of the GVSC board of control has resigned his position at Grand Valley.

Faculty appointments for the 1968/69 academic year and their positions at the time of acceptance include: assistant professor of physical education, William L. Clinger, teacher, Grand Rapids high schools; assistant professor of English, Walter Foote, teaching assistant, Un. of Wisconsin; assistant professor of economics, Paul L. Gernert, instructor, Western Michigan Un.; assistant professor of geology, John MacTavish, graduate assistant, Western Reserve Un.; assistant professor of German and Russian, Patrick McNally, Dept. of Slavic and Eastern Languages, Wayne State Un.; associate professor of English, Anthony Parise, assistant professor,

Algoma College; assistant professor of chemistry, Gary D. Richmond, teaching assistant, Ohio State Un.; assistant professor of mathematics, Wilbur J. Walkoe, Jr., half-time associate, UCLA.

SPORTS -- The annual GVSC Athletics Awards Banquet honoring outstanding athletes at GVSC will be held June 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Comet Restaurant, Grand Rapids.

The spring season saw the development of Grand Valley's first varsity baseball team; an impressive crew record, placing first in every dual meet the team entered; a 7 to 4 record in tennis; and a fourth place in the NAIA District 23 Golf Tournament.

GVSC 1968 GRADUATES -- will attend a variety of graduate schools in the next year. Receiving fellowships are: Richard Dean, Grand Rapids, speech, Un. of Michigan School of Graduate Studies; Kenneth Stevens, Allendale, business administration, Western Michigan Un. Assistantships have been awarded Terry VanderMolen, Wyoming, vocational rehabilitation, Un. of Arizona; Steven D. McEvoy, Grand Rapids, clinical psychology, Northern Illinois Un. Sam M. Zainea, Grand Rapids, has received a grant for graduate study in recreation at Central Michigan Un. Donald Bouma, Grand Rapids, will attend the Un. of Michigan Medical School, and Peter J. Wiebenga, Wyoming, and David VanderWall, Grand Rapids, will attend Michigan State Un. Medical School.

Others attending graduate schools include: Kenneth J. Koster, Hudsonville, business administration, Michigan State Un.; James C. Ondersma, Grand Rapids, business administration, and Tim Losey, Grand Rapids, anthropology.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR CORRECTION

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GRADUATION EXERCISES: Grand Valley State College graduation exercises will take place Sunday, June 16, 1968 (not June 11) at 2:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids. John Hannah, president of Michigan State University will be featured speaker.