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CITIZENS COUNCIL -- David Dutcher, first chairman of the GVSC Citizens Council resigned that post at the December Board of Control meeting.

Dutcher was a member of the original Committee of 10 which established Grand Valley in 1960. As chairman of the Citizens Council he was involved in the college's site selection and milliondollar fund drive; raising money for a HIFYS program at Grand Valley for excepttional high school seniors. He was also instrumental in restructuring the Citizens Council into its new form of Task Forces which will work with appropriate faculty on campus to support such programs as fine arts, athletics, School of General Studies, inner-city, and business administration.

Robert G. Watkins, Grand Rapids, also a member of the original Committee of 10 was officially appointed by the Board of Control in December as new chairman of the GVSC Citizens Council.

GVSC'S NEW SECURITY OFFICER -- February 17, Grand Rapids Superintendent of Police William A. Johnson will become Grand Valley's first Campus Police Chief. As the January 30, 1969

college's first campus security officer he will be responsible for setting up the college security force, acting as liaison with county, state and federal authorities, and advising the administration on campus security matters.

Johnson, 59, joined the G.R. police force in 1940 and has been superintendent for 11-1/2 years. He was due to retire in June of this year and asked to leave earlier in order to join the college.

Johnson's philosophy of non-violence and persuasion that he had advocated during Grand Rapids' summer disturbances he feels will be particularly applicable to work with students. "I am looking forward with great anticipation to association with Grand Valley," Johnson stated. "I hope to provide a service to the administration, the faculty, and most importantly, to the students."

ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING -- "The basis of our program is the very special relationship of one tutor to one child," Dr. Donald Lester, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, and director of the G.R. program of One-to-One Tutoring states. Over thirty GVSC students are among the 170 concerned citizens who are participating in the project which began in early November and will continue through May.

One-to-One Tutoring began last year in one Grand Rapids school and has been expanded by requests from school principals, to nine schools this year. Tutors meet at least one hour a week commencing at 4 p.m. with their third, fourth or fifth grade students.

"Through personal contacts of tutor and child we hope to spark a student's school work, and also help develop his interests and introduce him to such experiences as the public museum and library," Rev. Don Eddy states. Rev. Eddy, associate pastor of Burton Heights United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, and a member of the GVSC Campus Ministry, was in charge of recruiting tutors at the college, and as local director of One-to-One Tutoring at Sheldon School, serves as a liaison between tutors and teachers in the school.

GVSC CHILDREN'S THEATRE -- Readings from the Nonsense Verse of Edward Lear, including "The Owl and the Pussy Cat," will be presented by three casts of Grand Valley students to second through sixth grade children's groups. The performances are offered to all area schools, hospitals, libraries, and church groups at a nominal fee. Over 250 letters have been sent describing the program presentation, and any other groups interested in delightful children's entertainment are invited to call the college (895-6611, ext. 298) for further information.

Over 12,000 area students enjoyed last year's Children's Theatre presentation of "Charlotte's Web" and this year, with three groups available for bookings, even more can be entertained. BASKETBALL -- The GVSC Lakers won their first Furniture City Classic Basketball Championship on December 6 and 7, and placed third in a strong Alma Tournament on December 27 and 28. Dan Poole, Grand Valley's fine center from Jackson, was chosen the most valuable player in the tournament at Alma.

Up-coming games include: Feb. 5, 8 p.m., Albion, home; Feb. 7, 8 p.m., Spring Arbor, home; Feb. 12, 8 p.m., Ferris, home; Feb. 14, 8 p.m., St. Procopius, away; Feb. 15, 8 p.m., Judson College, away; Feb. 19, 8 p.m., Hillsdale, away; Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Lake Superior at Aquinas; Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Mackinac at Aquinas; Feb. 28, 8 p.m., Oakland, away. Home games are played at West Catholic High School, Grand Rapids, and Spring Lake High School.

NSF GRANT -- Grand Valley State College received a \$2,000 Institutional Grant for Science from the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. in December.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED --

- Jan. 12 Feb. 7: Studio 10 Exhibition. Manitou Art Gallery.
- Feb. 3 Feb. 31: Inmate Art Exhibit, State Prison of So. Mich. art exhibit. Mackinac Hall Gallery.
- Feb. 9 Mar. 7: Gallery 13 Exhibition Opening & reception, Feb. 9, 2:30 -4:30 p.m. Manitou Hall Gallery.
- Feb. 18, 7 p.m.: "Philosophy and Practice of Yoga," Alice Christensen, lecturer and philosopher. Sponsored by GVSC Student Activities. Commons Dining Rm.
- Feb. 24, 25, 27, 28, 8:15 p.m.: Experimental Plays, directed, staged and acted by GVSC students. 132 LHH.
- Feb. 24 Mar. 14: Art exhibit, acrylics and watercolors by Mrs. Howard Larson, South Haven. Mackinac Hall Gallery.
- Apr. 7 Apr. 25: Acrylics by Mrs. Clarence Brower. Mackinac Hall Gallery. May 2 - May 11: GVSC's annual ARTS ON CAMPUS.