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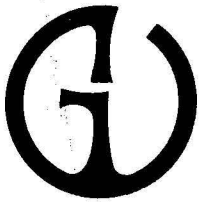
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URBAN STUDIES INSTITUTE -- Active involvement in research and instructive experiences in urban centers of west Michigan await a number of Grand Valley students this fall. The new Urban Studies Institute, financed during its first year of operation by a Grand Rapids Foundation grant, will use the academic and technical resources of the college to gather data, analyze problems, and propose solutions to urban needs.

Dr. Donald Williams, who holds a PhD degree in sociology from Western Michigan Un., has been appointed associate director of research for the Urban Studies Institute and assistant professor of sociology.

GVSC STUDENTS TO STUDY IN OTHER LANDS -- Eight Grand Valley juniors leave by plane in September to further their studies in various disciplines at the University of Lancaster, located in the northern Lake District of England.

Eight other students will participate during the fall term in the foreign studies portion of GVSC's new Latin-American Study Program in Yucatan, Mexico. Their study of the language, culture, geography, history, and ecology of the area, will be conducted in cooperation with Central College, Pella, Iowa, which has established such a program in Merida.

SPORTS -- Approval by the GVSC Board of Control has been given the establishment of varsity football as an intercollegiate sport at the college. Plans are underway to begin informal team scrimmages this fall.

When Grand Valley opened its doors in 1963, golf was the only intercollegiate sport offered. Schedules for 1969-70 now include games, tournaments, meets, and matches in baseball, basketball, crew, cross country, golf, indoor track, outdoor track, tennis, and wrestling. Soon, a full roster of football games will become a part of the growing intercollegiate athletic program.

BUSINESS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM -- Combining the knowledge gained in GVSC economics and business program courses and on-the-job experiences, Grand Valley students will have the opportunity to acquire a broad practical background in business and industry this fall.

The college's new Business Internship Program, according to Dr. Marvin DeVries, chairman of economics and business, "... has been created to place ... students in the business environment of western Michigan to enable them to better understand business and to develop analytical skills

in one or more functional areas of industry."

Area part-time jobs for pay and classes on campus are combined in the new program. At each firm, a field advisor will assist the student and also grade his performance. During once a month seminars, employers, students and faculty will exchange knowledge and ideas on work experience. GVSC course credit will be given based on seminar and required written report work.

John B. Payne, State Technical Services Director at Grand Valley, is director of the GVSC Business Internship Program.

COLLEGE PERSONNEL -- Kenneth R. Venderbush joined Grand Valley this month as vice president for student affairs. Mr. Venderbush graduated from Kalamazoo College, received his MA from Wayne State Un., and his PhD degree from Ohio State Un. Prior to coming to Grand Valley he was dean of men and associate professor of speech at Lawrence Un., Appleton, Wisconsin.

In July, Roy S. Lumsden, former vice president of Floxite Company, Inc., Detroit, joined GVSC as vice president for college relations. He is a graduate of Hope College, and holds the MBA degree from the Un. of Michigan.

GVSC's new director of teacher education, Dale O. Olsen, joined the college in August. A graduate of Western Michigan Un., he holds the AM degree in school administration from the Un. of Michigan, and the PhD degree in education-administration from U. of M. Prior to joining Grand Valley, he was coordinator of student teaching at Central Michigan Un.

Also joining the growing college in the fall will be twenty-two new members of the faculty.

A BUSY SUMMER SCHEDULE -- Six hundred and forty-six students enrolled this summer in over 45 course offerings at Grand Valley.

Groups of approximately 85 entering freshmen have been arriving on campus each Sunday evening for orientation programs.

Discussions with student assistants, tours of the campus, placement testing, course planning, pre-registration, and social events are parts of their two-day introduction to college life. The programs will continue each week through September 4. Transfer students arrive on Thursdays, to meet with faculty members in their major fields of study for course planning.

Two conferences, Unity Christian Church Valley and the National Pilgrim Fellowship, drew over 400 high school and college students from all parts of the nation to Grand Valley's campus during June. The groups enjoyed Robinson House dormitory living; dining at The Commons; movies, dances, lectures, and trips to surrounding communities.

FOND FAREWELLS -- George T. Potter, vice president for academic affairs, announced his resignation in June to take up the presidency of the State College of North Jersey, effective Sept. 8. Mr. Potter, one of Grand Valley's original staff members, was named to the vice presidency in 1966. A committee, chaired by President Arend D. Lubbers, has been formed to find his successor at the college.

Another member of GVSC's original staff, Nancy Dempsey, director of public relations, has also announced her resignation, effective Sept. 5. Mrs. Dempsey, who holds the AB degree from Vassar College, plans to pursue graduate studies in communications at Michigan State Un. in the fall.

DURING THE SUMMER -- Three Grand Valley professors are attending National Science Foundation programs this summer: Dr. Richard Atkinson, asst. professor of chemistry, NSF Research Participation Program for College Teachers at the Un. of Colorado; Paul A. Huizenga, asst. professor of biology, NSF Institute in Animal Behavior, North Carolina State Un., and Virginia S. Muraski, asst. professor of mathematics, NSF Summer Institute in Mathematics, Un. of Illinois.

Dr. Louis Rus, professor of English, is teaching linguistics at an NDEA Institute, Hays State College, Kansas.