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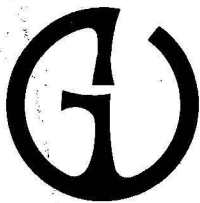
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STATE COLLEGE

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PRESIDENT INAUGURATED - Nearly 3,000 guests witnessed the inauguration of Arend D. Lubbers as second president of GVSC on Sunday, October 12. The ceremonies were held in the new Field House, which was dedicated along with the new James H. Zumberge library as part of the festivities.

In his address, President Lubbers outlined a middle course in the future operation of the college. However, he pointed out that students are taking an increasing part in GVSC policy and decision-making. He also foresees a movement in curriculum to serve the community needs in technical areas, while at the same time maintaining the "solid liberal arts basis" originally intended as the central element of GVSC.

He also stated his intention to foster continued excellence in teaching by not burdening faculty members with unreasonable research and writing demands, but rather encouraging scholarly methods that provide the best possible basis for teaching.

GVSC GROWTH CONTINUES - Student enrollment this fall increased by almost 500 students. Of this year's 2,700 students, 600 are newly entering freshmen and some 370 are transfer students. About 100 of this year's students are from other states and countries.

USI OFFICES OPEN - GVSC's Urban Studies Institute has opened its offices downtown in Grand Rapids at 330 State Street. Dr. Gilbert Davis, Director of USI, outlines its functions as integrating urban affairs into the college programs through teaching as well as research and community outreach while at the same time bringing the college's resources to the urban centers of western Michigan.

COLLEGE WITHIN A COLLEGE - GVSC's School of General Studies has a new name. The board of control recently approved the change of name to the Thomas Jefferson College of General Studies. Students enrolled in TJC are those who achieve better in an unstructured situation, according to Dr. Daniel Clock, head of Thomas Jefferson College. They will tend to do a great deal more independent study and to initiate many of their own projects. Much of the activity and many of the courses are developed through student requests and recommendations. The goal of such unstructured learning is to encourage a freer pursuit of knowledge as compared to the more directed and structured approach of more traditional institutions and programs.

NEW BUILDINGS PLANNED - With 13 buildings now completed on campus, the college board of control has approved schematic drawings for a proposed Campus Stores Building.

Roger Allen & Associates of Grand Rapids was chosen by the board to begin preliminary architectural plans for a fourth apartment-type complex housing unit. Also in the offing is the new Fine Arts Building, still planned for use by fall, 1972.

FULL-TIME MD APPOINTED - Dr. Henry J. Kreulen, Kent County Medical Examiner for 17 years, became GVSC's first full-time physician in September. The lower level of Seidman House has been remodeled to provide three examination rooms, a laboratory, rest area, first aid room, doctor's office, nurse's office and reception area. Ambulance service is also provided by one of the campus police vehicles.

FOOTBALL TO BE ADDED - The practice field west of the new Field House is in good shape, a coach is being sought, and it looks like there will be the sound of football in the air around GVSC within the next year.

Athletic Director Chuck Irwin says that he would like to have the new coach start by the first of the year so he could get equipment ordered, team members recruited and schedules developed. He believes that competition during the first season a year from now will be somewhat limited because of unknown player quality and the length of lead time needed for setting up schedules. There will probably be a number of informal games with other college junior varsity and "B" teams.

GVSC now has teams competing on an intercollegiate level in cross country, basketball, tennis, golf, wrestling, track, rowing, and baseball.

The cross country schedule continues through November 15, and basketball starts on November 22, continuing until January 7. First tentative date for wrestling is December 1 at Alma College. All home events will now be held at The Field House, which is being put to use on a busy schedule.

CITIZENS WORK FOR GVSC - Several citizen groups are now working to further GVSC programs to make the college's educational and cultural impact greater. Robert G. Watkins of Grand Rapids, heads the citizens council of which the groups are part. Each action group devotes its efforts toward a particular part of the college program in fund raising, advisory councils and liaison with the community. Each group is headed by a citizen and a faculty member who work together to coordinate the activities of the group. Most active groups so far are Friends of the Arts and the Business Advisory Council. Other groups are the Athletics Action Group, Friends of the Thomas Jefferson College of General Studies, and the Urban Studies Institute Action Group. Anybody interested in becoming involved in these groups should contact Roy Lumsden, Vice President for College Relations.

"PROJECT MAKE-IT" MAKES IT - Close to three-quarters of GVSC's 22 summer students in the Project Make-It program enrolled for the fall term as a result of the summer's exposure to the college. The goal of the program was to convince potentially capable students with discouraging educational experience that they could "make it" at the college level.

Students who had dropped out of high school or experienced situations causing them to feel alienated towards education and its institutions were invited to attend 10 weeks at GVSC taking courses on social problems and basic skills as well as counseling with tutors. In addition to four days on campus, the students attended two night sessions each week downtown in Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids Foundation provided tuition, books, transportation and lunches; and part-time work in their own neighborhoods was also arranged for students.

POLICE ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL - Latest suggestion for an addition to the GVSC curriculum is that a school of police administration be established. So far reception of the idea has been good.