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ETV, CHANNEL 35 - Grand Valley State College has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a license to operate an educational television station in the West Michigan area. It will take approximately \$1-million to get the station on the air. At last report about \$300,000 in pledges had been received. If area wide funding can reach \$500,000 within the next few months, Grand Valley will have an excellent chance to qualify for federal matching funds. The new station would serve more than a million people in Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, and Van Buren counties. Tentative plans call for the UHF station to broadcast in color high quality educational and cultural programs, 10 hours a day, five days a week. Wolverine Educational Television Corporation, a non-profit organization long active in attempting to bring educational television to this area, will serve as advisors in the future.

ENROLLMENT CLIMBS - There were 583 more students on campus during the fall term as compared to a year ago, raising the total enrollment to 3,301. The faculty increased from 115 to 150 this year. Growth is not only apparent in the student body and faculty, but also in the construction of a new residence hall and fine arts building. Both buildings are scheduled to open in September, 1971.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS - Fifty-four GVSC students are among the 350 area volunteers in a "One-to-One Tutoring" program in Grand Rapids. One elementary child is paired with one volunteer. They work with the children after school hours in school buildings. The current program began this fall and will continue through the second week in May. The Grand Valley students are assigned to the Campau and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

BAND TOUR - The Music Department is busy scheduling stops for its annual tour. This year the combined orchestra and band will be in the Southwest Michigan area April 21-23.

DECENTRALIZATION - Grand Valley is undergoing internal reorganization this year that aims to retain personal identity and to create a responsive college government as the College grows and expands its educational program. GVSC President Arend Lubbers says "one of the most significant elements of the new plan is the decentralization of academic units. Each unit is essentially autonomous and offers students a channel for personal, career-oriented education. The learning environment is filled with satisfying individual choice, rather than stifling group molding." As to college government, new policy recommending bodies, such as the All-College Senate, share student, faculty, and administrative representation.

CONCERTS SET - Student Activities has scheduled two concerts during the Winter Carnival, which will take place on campus January 22-31. McKendree Spring, a rock group, will perform in the Field House, Sat., Jan. 23rd, at 9 p.m. Folk singer Buffy Sainte-Marie will entertain on Sunday, Jan. 24th, at 8 p.m., also in the Field House.

GVSC EXTENSION - Off-campus courses will be offered beginning in January at the Godwin Regional Adult Education Training Center (for undergraduate credit) or at the University Center in Grand Rapids (for undergraduate credit or Univ. of Michigan graduate credit). Psychology 201, Music 100, Political Science 101, and Sociology 312, will be offered at the Godwin Center. Psychology 303 and 475, Art 226, and Art History 478 will be offered at the University Center. Call 895-6611, ext. 346, for further details. Grand Valley began offering extension courses last September.

FOREIGN STUDY - Grand Valley's Office of International Studies announces two new foreign study programs for next summer. The first is in cooperation with the Great Lakes Colleges Association Latin America Program. Students enroll at the Program's Centro de Estudios Universitarios Columbo-Americano in Bogota, Colombia, South America. Numerous levels of Spanish language study are offered, as well as courses taught by Colombian professors in humanities, economics, and all the other social sciences. The second program is Grand Valley's German Language Summer School on Lake Wörth in the Province of Carinthia, Austria. Intensive courses in Intermediate and Advanced German will be taught by GVSC and Austrian Professors.

DOG SLED RACES - The 2nd annual Great Lakes Sled Dog Association races will be held on campus, Jan. 23 & 24, as a highlight of the 2-week long GVSC Winter Carnival. More than 70 teams from the United States and Canada are expected for the 2-day 18 mile event. World champion sled dog racer Dr. Roland Lombard is expected back to defend last year's victory. The race is sponsored by GVSC's Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

SPORTS - Basketball is creating a lot of excitement at Grand Valley this year. It appears after the first three games that Coach Dave Sharporn has assembled what could be Grand Valley's finest team to date. The Lakers opened with a 67-71 win over Kalamazoo, then fell to Alma 78-72. Then came what Sharporn termed the team's biggest victory ever, an 83-70 upset over Calvin College before a near capacity crowd in the Field House. Now on a long road trip, the Lakers will be back home on January 11th to entertain Northwood.

Grand Valley's wrestling team opened its current season with losses to Albion and Olivet. This is the second year for intercollegiate wrestling. Their next meet will be in the Field House, January 13th against Olivet.

The girls' volleyball team went through its season with a perfect 9-0 record. The junior varsity did almost as well, dropping only one of its games.

The cross country team won its three dual meets and did fairly well in eight invitational meets. Spring Arbor won Grand Valley's first annual invitational.

Football became Grand Valley's 10th intercollegiate sport this fall. Head coach Rip Collins began his building program with 38 players. The Lakers finished with a 1-5 record with competition limited to junior varsity and freshmen teams. Collins has a big recruiting job ahead of him as he prepares for a regular varsity schedule next fall. So far, games have been scheduled against Kalamazoo, Hope, Ferris State, Alma, and the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS - On behalf of students, faculty, and staff at Grand Valley, we would like to wish you a joyous holiday season.