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GVSC's Largest Graduating Class Numbers 600

BY LANCE CLIMIE

Almost six hundred Grand Valley Seniors, the largest graduating class ever, will receive their degrees June 12 at commencement ceremonies in the fieldhouse. The ceremony will begin at twelve noon.

Two honorary degrees are to be presented. The recipients will be Dr. John Hope Franklin, professor of American History at the University of Chicago, and Dr. Hertha Firnberg, Austrian Minister of Science and Research from Vienna, Austria.

There will be no commencement speaker but Rosemary Alland says students won't mind.

"Graduation has become more important to students,"

stated Alland of Campus Activities. "The student feeling was that it was a choice between students receiving their diplomas on stage or a speaker. The trend is away from having a special commencement speaker."

Although there will be no "main speaker," both Dr. Firnberg and Dr. Franklin will address the graduates in accepting their honorary degrees.

A "first" for Grand Valley this spring will be the first grad from the Graduate School of Education on the first anniversary of the first graduate from the Seidman School of Business.

Seniors are reminded that rehearsal is at 10 am on graduation day. Robes should be picked up at the bookstore soon.

Newspaper Board Elects Guthrie Lanthorn Editor

The GVSC Newspaper Board announced Monday their selection of Doug Guthrie to succeed Bill Rohn as Editor-in-Chief of the Colleges' student newspaper, the Lanthorn. Guthrie's appointment will be effective June 10.

Guthrie's selection culminates a four week search for consideration of applicants by the board.

A CAS student, Guthrie has been with the Lanthorn for six terms, most recently serving as Managing Editor. He also works for the Grand Rapids Press Sports Department as their Motorsports writer.

"I hope to keep the format basically as it is," said Guthrie, "although I have plans for experimenting during summer term."



Present Lanthorn Editor-in-Chief, Bill Rohn, and the newly selected Editor-in-Chief, Doug Guthrie.

Lanthorn Photos by Thomas Sumner

There were three other applicants for the job: WJC student Gretchen Bendler, TJC student Marion Bates, and CAS stu-

dent Dave Walker. "All of the applicants were impressive. Guthrie's advantage was his knowledge of the (Lanthorn) opera-

tions," explained Board member Craig Vaughan

"Doug can have the job and my guess is that he'll improve the paper," said Rohn, who will attend Law School at the University of Notre Dame in August. "Perhaps his 'chief' problem will be making sure the paper continues to evolve. Things can get rather stale when we are unable to attract new faces to our staff," Rohn continued.

Guthrie said that recruitment of new faces has already begun, noting "I can't possibly meet everyone though, so we'll continue to invite anyone wishing to join our staff to stop by our offices.

Lanthorn offices are located in the Campus Center.

Woodbeck To Succeed Ross As WSRX General Manager

BY CRAIG VAUGHAN

WSRX General Manager Jeff Ross announced Tuesday the selection of Dale 'Woody' Woodbeck as the new general manager of the radio station for the 1976-77 school year.

It has not been determined yet when Woodbeck's tenure as general manager will begin. "We really don't know when Dale will take over, because we don't know whether we will be broadcasting this summer," explained Ross. "It's up in the air right now," Ross said, "We don't know yet how many students are going to be available to work."

"Within the next few weeks we will be able to piece things together. We want the radio station to broadcast twelve months out of the year. It may not be possible to broadcast 24 hours a day during the summer due to the lack of students with 3rd class operator's licenses," said Ross.

Ross will stay with the station next year for the fall term, until the time that he graduates. "I will be staying with the station as a regular staff member," said Ross. "So that Dale will be able to draw on my experience if he needs to."

Woodbeck was selected by a vote of the Radio Advisory Board. "The RAB requested applications and resumes for all

interested parties, the staff of the station took a straw vote, and then all of the candidates were interviewed, and the vote was taken," explained Ross.

Dale stated that he was "elated" at his selection for the position of general manager. "I'll be meeting with Jeff in the next two weeks to get oriented," said Woodbeck.

Woodbeck foresees no great changes in the station when he takes over. "Of course there will be a staff turnover," Woodbeck said, "Now that the radio station is together and functioning, I see next year as a chance for a coherent expansion, especially of our news department and our record library."



WSRX General Manager, Jeff Ross



BY JIM GALLAGHER

The Second Annual WSRX-LANTHORN RITES OF SPRING (Grasser) was held Saturday night in a field just south of campus. The party started at 7:30 pm and finally ended after the last beer was consumed around 2:30 Sunday morning. The estimated attendance of 500 easily drank the 12 kegs of beer offered to the crowd. WSRX and the LANTHORN report that they made no money at all from the event, and that every dollar paid to them for beer was in turn used to buy even more. The proof was in the pouring as the photo above shows.



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Page Two with Darlene Basto

An "evader" dramatized Grand Valley's Third Annual Marijuana Demonstration last Friday.

The "evader," who remained unidentified, was said to have approached a Campus Police officer to converse. Unfortunately, in doing this, he left some "demonstrative evidence" sticking out of one pocket.

As student Karen Brinkman said, "The cop grabbed the stuff; but the next thing I knew, the guy had grabbed it back and started running."

Which proved to be quite an inspiration to an otherwise passive crowd, who rose to their feet to cheer the evader on. "Run to the Ravines," was the general cry.

In his pursuit, the Grand Valley officer made little effort, simply walking after his suspect. The evader truly did evade!

And the band played on, even during the chase scene.

Later, after the excitement had disappeared, TJC students performed an innovative "hello" dance. One student, as he walked away, commented to no one in particular, "That's unusual."

And students did demonstrate. Although an impromptu MC kept them informed as to when and how to smoke, in order to keep the smokers from getting busted.

Student Congress candidates took the opportunity to pass petitions against the tuition hike (and maybe, subsequently, pick up a few more votes in the coming election).

"Marijuana demonstrations just aren't the same anymore," said one observant participant. "Maybe because smoking pot isn't a big issue like it used to be," he added.

Although pot demonstrations aren't creating as much of a stir as they did in the past, there were a few curious spectators on hand via the plate glass of Mackinaw, Manitou, and the Commons.

Women workers in the Commons were supposedly very upset by this show of marijuana. One reportedly asked, "Why don't the cops come and arrest them all?"

But lack of enthusiasm reigned over the demonstrators, who passively smoked, played frisbee and kept track of their dogs.

GVSC's Third Annual Marijuana Demonstration went to pot.

We want to thank all of the people who helped with the WSRX-LANTHORN RITES OF SPRING.

Staff members from both organizations provided the sweat and the Plant Department provided the necessary hardware (fence, generator, etc.).

We hope everybody enjoyed the affair, cause that's what it was for.

LETTERS

... Thanks for Residence Week. . .

EDITOR:

A year ago, we began what we hoped would be a tradition at Grand Valley. We called it "Residence Hall Week," and the three residence halls participated and competed against one another in a number of games and recreational activities. This year, Residence Life Week took place and was a greatly expanded program involving many more games, picnics, recreational activities and just plain fun.

Hundreds of students participated in Residence Life Week this year including the residence hall students, Ravine Apartment students and students from off-campus. I believe that if crowd reaction and scattered comments mean anything, the event was highly successful.

The purpose of this letter is to publicly thank the Housing Staff (particularly Linda Gammes, Dennis Batt, Woody Byrd, Susan Bey and Ron Murdock); Campus Activities (particularly Alexander Pleues, Steve Sangeorzan, and Buzz Carhart); Ann Rancourt's officiating class; Plant Department; Campus Police, Barry Keefe; A V Department; Saga Food Service; Student Allocation Committee, several local merchants, the Allendale Fire Department; and the many students who helped make this such a success.

I hope we'll be able to continue to provide activities of this caliber in the future, and I look forward to the third Annual Residence Life Week next Spring.

Thank you,

Jackie Scott

... Philosophers, Take to the Ring. . .

EDITOR:

I am deeply concerned about the students of Grand Valley "University," and the education they acquire on the banks of the gentle Grand. It is my interest in Philosophy that promotes these views. After all, exactly what is an education? Is it vocational instruction? Liberal learning? Business statistics? No. It is all these and a rational, individualistic, and conscious formation of knowledge. It means that we often assume and take for granted too much of what we are exposed to. The experience of a college education should be based on a common-sense approach to the nature of the world around us. It is not as some pseudo-philosophers of science would like it to be, rather it is reality, independent of what we would like it to be.

There is an extreme tendency for the majority of educators to attempt to reduce our experience of nature to simple

materialism. The conflict arises out of postulating a reality quite unlike that which surrounds us. Many psychologists and scientists will explain things to us in often unrealistic and logically unsatisfactory ways, without appealing to common sense.

These esoteric philosophers of science make the world over from their subjective outlook, when it should be as objective as possible. The proposal is that philosophers retreat in the face of scientific evidence, when they should stand their ground. Philosophy is on the decline at our higher institutions (colleges, legislatures, city halls, and executive offices). I propose that philosophers retreat no further, and take on the challengers on their own "Physical Level of Reality." I propose that the CAS Philosophy Dept. begin at once to fight the physical battle. The laws of physics can work for both the moderns and the classical teams.

The philosophy depts. around the nation should form campus Boxing teams to compete in the classical style of the ancient Greeks. Men and women should be welcomed with clenched-fist anti-deterministic fervor. I extend this invitation to fight any and all other departments, participants are restricted to wearing twelve-ounce gloves, and each bout to about three rounds.

Those of you without any boxing ability should enroll in those philosophy courses that will enhance our cheering section and show our strength at each contest. Those boxers who win will receive letters of recognition and honors galore from each department. This whole program should hopefully serve to show what not to take for granted, and should knock-out any materialists on their own terms. The classical philosophers have been taking it on the chin long enough, it is time to start counter-punching, and artfully boxing-in the opposition.

Perhaps the athletics budget money could be put to good use in this liberal way; it may be the only way to keep philosophy an on-going concern at all levels. Henceforth, the *Philosophy Dept. Boxing Team* is open to all who aspire to become part of the tradition of *Classic Heavyweight Champions*: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Veatch, Whitehead, and others. This is a valued opportunity to develop a boxing skill uniquely formidable, like that of the present and former contenders.*

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Campus Housing Undergoes Change, Says Scott

BY DAVE WALKER

According to Housing Director Jackie Scott, the on-campus housing at GVSC is going through some changes. The changes involve Life-Style options, building renovation, more programs and activities, new and increased staff personnel, and increased staff training.

Concerning life style options, Scott commented, "Since Copeland was a great success as the quiet house, not only are we going to keep Copeland as it is, but quiet/study floors will be added in the other two halls as well.

"These floors will differ from the quiet house concept in that seminars will be held on things like study skills, test anxiety, and procrastination to assist students. We think these floors will be a great success and hope the students who will be living there feel the same way."

In addition, single rooms may be available, if there is a lot of interest. If available, the singles will cost \$630 more a year, and will be guaranteed for the whole year. Students will be assigned to the options they prefer whenever possible.

In the area of building renovation, since Robinson House will be the only dorm closed down during the summer (Copeland housing orientation, and Kistler housing conferences), that dorm will

get most of the changes.

According to Scott, "Current plans call for painting, new carpeting, and renovation and redecoration of several floor lounges in Robinson. In addition, we're kicking around the idea of redecorating the bathrooms and experimenting with room redecoration by the student themselves."

Concerning programs and activities in the dorms, Scott stated, "We feel it is essential to supplement a resident student's college life experience with activities of interest and need to him or her. By the time orientation takes place this summer, a master calendar of programs and activities in the dorms and the Ravine Apartments will be available to all residents. Some of the programs we will be offering include: stereo component building, basic auto maintenance, photography, craft workshops, human sexuality, study skills, assertiveness behavior groups, career planning workshops, ski trips, folk concerts, theatre trips, and some recreational tournaments."

When asked if Residence Life Week would be continued, Scott commented, "very definitely."

The new RAs (Resident Assistants) for next year are: Jim Ackles from Niles; Mary Baushke—St. Joseph; Richard (R.J.) Belanger—Grosse Pointe Farms; Joe Devine—St. Claire Shores; Barb Dey—Lowell; Mike Gurwin—Southfield; Deana Halsey—Charlotte; Larry Hambidge—Port

Huron, Greg Harakas—Detroit, Mike Harrison—Muskegon, and the only non-Michigander on the entire RA staff, Jodi Singer—Evanston, Illinois.

RAs returning next year are Pat Boyer—South Lyon, Joe Hoyle—Kalamazoo, Cathy McCardell—Mamistee, Kitty McNamara—Eaton Rapids, Kaye Palmer—Detroit, Vanessa Purcell—Grand Rapids, and Mary Weertz—Warren.

In addition to the new RAs, two new Hall Directors will soon be named to replace Linda Ganness and Sue Bey who are resigning at Robinson and Kistler Houses. Robert 'Woody' Byrd at Copeland and Dennis Batt at Ravine Apartments will be staying on for next year.

A new staff position, that of SA (Student Assistant) will be added. The seven people who will soon be selected as SAs will be hourly employees (around 10 hrs/week) who will be working on programming, and general 'RA-type' responsibilities. According to Scott, "These people will probably be moved into RA positions as they become available, thus giving us trained people instead of grabbing them off the street."

In addition to having new and more people working in the dorms, staff training will be upgraded next year. "Each term a mandatory class in basic counseling skills, programming skills, and assertive behavior/discipline will be held for RAs and SAs," said Scott. "Desk workers will be trained in receptionist skills/



Housing Director, Jackie Scott

Lantern Photo by Brent Bridges behavior and dealing with problems at the desk. Also, Hall Directors will be involved in sessions geared to develop their administrative skills and professional growth."

Scott also asked for student input stating, "All these efforts are being made to enhance residence hall life. We'd like to encourage students to come talk to us at the Housing Office about any ideas they have concerning the Halls. Anybody who wants more information can find us at 114 Commons."

UESI Does Research In Area Surrounding GVSC

BY LANCE CLIMIE

Grand Valley's Urban and Environmental Studies Institute (UESI) for the past two years has been involved with much research in communities surrounding GV's campus.

With only one full-time staff member, UESI has completed local studies on Criminal Justice, School Perception, Community and City Perception and a marketing study for solid waste recycling and disposal. UESI has also developed an infection-control training program and is currently carrying on studies on agricultural and suburban water quality on Mill Creek, is monitoring the Grand River's water quality, is developing a public energy education program and is making continuing community attitude surveys.

UESI is not a traditional research organization in that it does not sponsor individual research. It does its studies by contract with sources outside campus. Before a contract is made, funds must be secured for the project. Funds for UESI's studies come from private sources and from federal, state and local government agencies. Every project has to have a need to be done with a specific purpose and have some finished product or goal to be attained.

The main portion of UESI's budget comes from outside sources. GVSC gives a small sustaining budget that allows UESI to look for funding sources. Over the last academic year (74-75), GV

money has accounted for only 1/3 of the total budget.

Assistant Director Phil Nunn (UESI's only full-time staff member) commented, "The institute is here primarily to stimulate funded research at GV for students and faculty. We are community-oriented and we are looking for problems that GV can help with."

The Institute was formed in 1973 as a combination of the faltering Center for Urban Studies in downtown Grand

Rapids and the Center for Environmental Studies here on campus. It has prospered through the guidance of Director Phyllis Thompson (a WJC professor), Assistant Directors Phil Nunn and Rod Mulder (a CAS professor) and with the enthusiastic support of GV's Administration. Other faculty on part-time appointment are Bill Yerkes, Fred Bevis and Larry Watson of CAS and John MacTavish of WJC.

At the present time UESI is seeking contracts and funds for developing a

financial family planning guide, financing of insulation of sub-standard housing and an extension of the Mill Creek project for public information services. A study to develop more accurate employment statistics and development of an alternative management scheme for residential sewage treatment are two other projects that hopefully will be funded.

In the future, UESI hopes to become a revenue producing part of Grand Valley.

Awards Banquet Honors 46 CAS Students

BY BILL ROHN

Forty-six CAS students were presented with awards recognizing them as outstanding students in their departments at the GVSC Honors Banquet on May 18.

The evening banquet, held in the Campus Center, featured a prime-rib dinner for award winners and music by the Student Woodwind Quintet. Award winners were also allowed up to three guests providing that the guests paid six bucks a head for their meal.

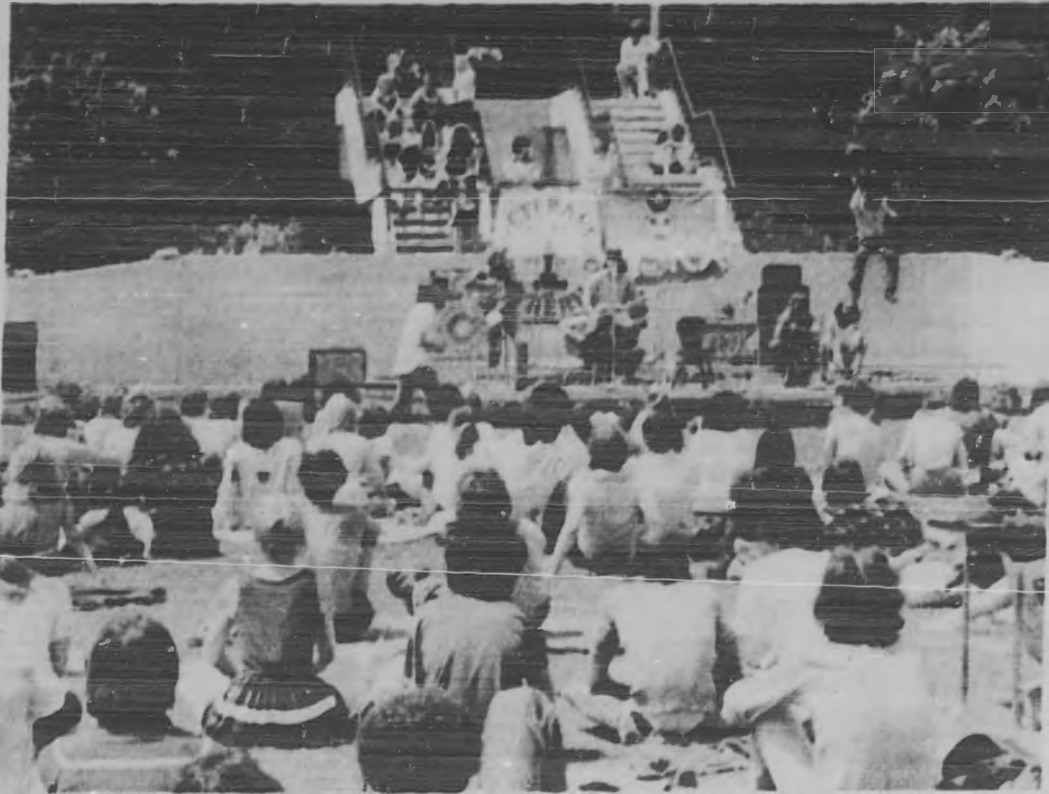
Twenty-eight departments were represented. Some departments conferred more than one award.

Award winners for 1976 were: Anthropology Pamela Shreve Sociology Peggy Too is Art Dolly Tar Behavioral Sciences Susan Bol Biology Andrew Abler

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- Nancy Starling
- Physics William Kline
- Cynthia Mast
- Political Science William Rohn
- Psychology Jane Ranson
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- Public Service Stanley Ketchel
- Richard Matrice
- Randy Mayra
- Patrick McGladdery
- Russian Studies Marilyn Moore

FEATURES

Mellow Mood Prevails At Blues And Jazz Festival



Three months of preparation peaked last Thursday, when hundreds of students, spectators, and musicians enjoyed fourteen hours of jazz, blues, and booze.

"Our main objective was to keep everybody smiling," said Dave Strobbridge, Blues and Jazz Festival Chairman, and that's exactly what happened—everybody went away smiling.

Strobbridge was mildly surprised and completely pleased with the fortunate circumstances surrounding the festival.

"The weather was good, the bands were cooperative, and everybody did an excellent job, especially the WSRX staff."

Walczak and Barrath, members of the Vet's Brotherhood kicked off the show shortly after 1 pm. Following them were such bands as Northeast Timberline, the Bryon Lee Blues Band, Short Stuff, and Sun Seals Blue Band.

Around 1 pm small groups of blan-

kets formed patches around the stage which grew into a multi-colored, quilt-like pattern by dusk. Unable to contain their enthusiasm, groups of spectators began dancing and generally having a good time.

Campus police remained on the fringes throughout the event, and only one arrest (for possession) was made.

"There were no real problems with rowdies," remarked Al Wygant of the Campus Police, "Although, we hope next year things will tighten up a little. Maybe they could get a one-day liquor permit and things would be easier for everybody."

Vet's Brotherhood members are enthusiastic about next year's festival. "I just hope next year's will be as successful as this year's festival—it's a heck of a way to end the year," said Jack Rice, Vet's Brotherhood President.

CAS English Dept Offers "Drama At Stratford"

BY LEE LAMBERTS

Planning on going to Stratford this summer? Why not take an inside look at Shakespeare and get five hours of credit for it too?

Prof. Caroline Rodney of the CAS English Department will be the instructor of a five-week summer course, Drama at Stratford (English 213).

The course will center around a weekend trip (August 19-22) to Stratford, Ontario, where students will view

four of Shakespeare's plays: "The Merchant of Venice," Thursday; "Anthony and Cleopatra," Friday; and "The Tempest" and "Hamlet" on Saturday.

The Stratford Festival, in its 24th season of repertory theatre, "is making an all out effort to present a really big season in honor of the Canadian Olympics," Rodney said. Special guest artists will include Maggie Smith, Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy.

In the three weeks preceding the trip,

students will look at the plays "from a theatrical, rather than a literary viewpoint," according to Rodney. "We will look at various options the director has to work with," along with pre-play production problems.

Rodney said, "We will travel as a group in car pools, and tickets will be available for friends and relatives of students enrolled in the course. Plans for departure are Thursday morning (August 19); the trip will take about seven hours."

Total cost of three days in Stratford will be \$37.00 for four plays, plus \$9.00 for three nights at the youth hostel. Students will return Sunday unless they want to "stick around for 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' Sunday afternoon," Rodney said.

The final two weeks of the course will be a discussion of the four productions. Other works, such as "Three Sisters" and "A Midsummer Nights Dream" will also be covered.

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BY JERRY MASEL

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"*Instant Blap*" can be used in many ways — term papers, essays, and speeches — think of the impressed professor when a statement such as "Synchronized third generation hardware" comes into the discussion.

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"*Instant Blap*" is not new, Lewis Carroll in "*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*" has the Dodo tell the Eaglet, "In that case...I move that the meeting adjourn, for the adoption of more energetic remedies..."

Attorney General Richard Kliendienst told newsmen that the FBI post, which was subject to Senate confirmation for the first time, calls for "...a broad reference person" not one with "...a limited or myopic background..."

Aldous Huxley said on war, "They sum up the long-drawn sufferings and atrocities of trench warfare in a phrase "a war of attrition, the mangling of human beings is assimilated to the grinding of a lens."

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Sports Comment

Proposed Stadium Still on Boards

BY CORKY MEINECKE

When the idea first came up about playing some of next year's football games in Grand Rapids at Houseman Field, it seemed like a pretty good idea from the standpoint that a few more people from the Big City would get a look at our talented team.

But the more you think about it, the more it appears that the school has given up on the program of selling the product on its own turf. And since that program of selling Grand Valley football on campus would involve spending money and energy, forget it.

President Lubbers is always the first one to stick out his right hand to congratulate winning teams, but when those squads ask for a little green, that same right hand never leaves the safety of his pocket.

Yes, the first thing you get back is, "we have to cut out budgets." and sports is always the first to get the axe. At Saginaw Valley, football coach Muddy Waters has an unlimited account and a salary that hovers around the \$30,000 mark. Northern Michigan is in the midst of completing a 9.8 million dollar complex.

Northern spends more money on its football program than Grand Valley puts into its *entire* sports program. Doesn't sound like the economy is putting the hurt on those two programs.

That's not really the point, though. The point is that our athletes are expected to not only compete with, but dominate these teams and it's simply not fair.

Ohio State just gave its women's program a budget of \$80,000, and Eastern Michigan came up with \$54,000 for its girls. Grand Valley girls could probably do a number on both of these schools in any sport and they're allotted 1/11 of what the Buckeyes receive.

In the sprint of 1975, a proposal for a combination football stadium and track which would run over \$200,000 was brought up. The money for the track was there, but an additional \$150,000 was needed from private sources to complete the project, so the whole idea was scratched.

John Edison, who is in charge of development at Grand Valley, was to be responsible for finding the private sources to fund the project.

Construction would take about six

months, according to Vice-president Ron VanSteeland. This last spring the six-months deadline passed again with no word from Edison on how the money from private sources was coming in. The Sports Advisory Council wasn't even asked how it felt about the stadium.

The saddest thing of all in this situation is that track coach Bill Clinger will have to do without a track for at least two more years. No one can say that he hasn't paid his dues, because he has (eight years as track coach).

Clinger never complains, he just hops into the car and goes to Jenison for practice. Then on the weekends it's into the car again for the away track meets.

Athletic Director Don Dufek said that there is now more negative talk about the project than positive. "Because of the money situation in the state," Dufek said, "it's going to be difficult to get it done."

There is a thing called the Grand Valley Athletic Association, which is one potential source of cash, but no one seems to know who the head of it is, so that should tell you how effective it has been.

Rosemary Alland, director of Campus Activities, was the most interested in the project, but still had reservations. "There's no question about the need," she said, "but still someone has to sign the check."

Let's take a look at the state of athletics now:

Football—All Jim Harkema's team has to do is go undefeated and hope Northern Michigan does the same. A win over the Wildcats in the last game of the year could then send the Lakers to Wichita Falls in the NCAA Division II championships. Don't laugh, stranger things have happened.

Basketball—Central and Western Michigan are on the Laker schedule for the men, and the ladies beat everybody, no matter who it is.

Baseball—No scholarships at all, and if it wasn't for the football players, the program would be nothing. It's rumored that a kid from Grand Haven, who the pro scouts are going crazy over, wants to come to Grand Valley, but won't because Phil Regan can't offer him any money at all.

Softball—Michigan State went on to win the national championship and by their performance against the Spartans a couple of weeks ago, the Laker women have to be rated number two. Think about that, second in the entire nation.

Track—Clinger continues to do an amazingly great job, and with a track his potential is scary. Also, can you imagine how good a ladies track squad could be.

Not to mention the "minor sports" on campus, such as wrestling and crew, both of which have established themselves as champions.

There it is, big time performances on a small-time budget.

To get this stadium and track thing on the way, we've got to get some communities and parents interested. Get someone to head that Athletic Association who will get things done.

And don't think the parents of the athletes won't chip in with some help either. Just to mention two, Kurt Bultema's father is a contractor, and Scott

VanDyken's dad is an electrician.

There are two ways the program can go: (1) de-emphasize sports and stop recruiting the high quality athlete, (2) Everyone interested in Grand Valley athletics start finding those private sources and begin really backing the program.

By the tone of this article, you can tell what I want done. I really don't want to see sports fade at Grand Valley, but I also don't want to see the athletes get ripped off either.

The LANTHORN sports staff would like to know the views of Grand Valley students regarding the proposed stadium situation. Please circle your opinion below, clip this box and mail it to us at the Campus Center. Or, you may stop in anytime and express your view or give us a call at 895-6611, ext. 120. The results will be published in next week's final issue of the term, and a random sampling of comments may be used. Speak up. We're listening and so, hopefully, is the administration.

A. Yes, I'd like to see a combined football-track stadium here on campus.

B. No, I don't think Grand Valley needs a stadium.

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