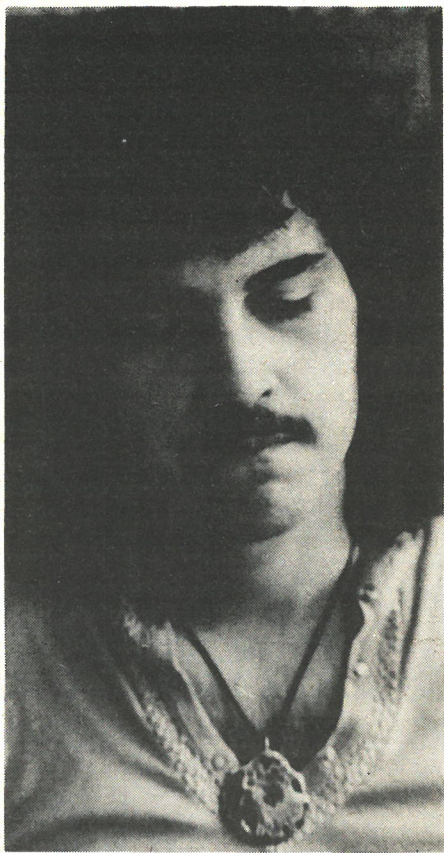


# From the inside: Liberal Facades not enough!



By Bob Fittrakis  
President, GVSC All-College Student Congress

Fellow students,

This is not my original piece. I first wrote one that was somewhat depressing and quite a bit pessimistic. Marion Bates, the editor of "the insider," returned it to me suggesting that I rewrite it and that if I must swear, I would be allowed one 'shit.' I quickly assured him that I found his decision a wise one and that I would utilize my obscenity option.

Writing a second piece, I reflected on the content of the first. It was, I admit, a negative, confrontationist piece of dispensed feces. Perhaps I might share my insights into Student Government and GVSC that motivated that first piece.

In my role as Student Congress President I have viewed many student concerns. Every time I approach an administrator, that individual quickly agrees that a grave injustice has been done and must be resolved. Why, if everyone agrees with me, does nothing ever get done? I am patted on the head, assured that everyone is on my side, but no one has yet proposed by who's initiative or by which vehicle these concerns can be resolved.

I am sincerely concerned over this institution. Does it really give students a choice, as all the hype says? Do students, or faculty for that matter, have any real input? I suspect not. Grand Valley seems to see expansion as its primary function and purpose. Does the All-College Academic Senate really determine academic policy? Can the Student Congress effect change in response to student input? We, the Student Congress — the voice of Grand Valley students! — are not set up to accomplish anything, or provided for in any adequate sense to influence the course of this college.

The Student Congress is funded like any student organization. The Sailing Club, AKS Karate Club, and the Geology Club all fit into this institution's organizational structure, with the Student Congress at the same level — the bottom of Campus Activities. We do not control our own budget. Final authorization authority is in the hands of a Campus Activities bureaucrat. The Lanthorn's budget is not scrutinized as carefully as is ours. Should our budget be controlled and monitored by the administration? If so, shouldn't we be funded sufficiently to monitor and perhaps control their spending?

Last year the Basketball team received six times as much money in Campus Activities grants as Student Congress. Is the Basketball team charged with the task of speaking for the GVSC student body? Are they responsible for correcting bureaucratic injustices?

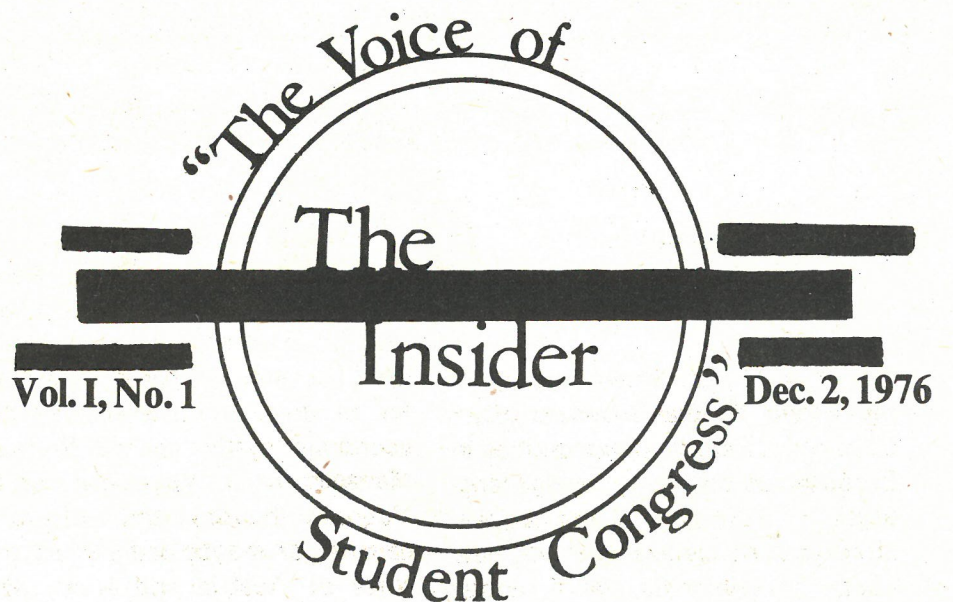
If the administration is really interested in student input, then the vehicles of student input must be better provided for.

Only three members of the Student Congress Executive Board receive any compensation for their efforts on behalf of the student body. Many of the other six members, as well as many interested students working with us, receive no monetary compensation whatsoever. Many put in long hours and see their studies suffer.

If Robert Kharasch is correct and we do have "an inescapable human duty never to give our conscience to any institution," then you must realize your duty to join us in our struggle for you. Pats on the head and liberal facades are not enough. We demand, and are committed to struggle for, the power to be an effective vehicle for student concerns.

We created "the insider" to offer the student body the opportunity to express student concerns no matter how controversial they are. Unlike the Lanthorn, we need not — and will not — fake objectivity. This is the voice of the Student Congress and the Student Congress is the voice of the student body. Please utilize this forum.

P.S. — Doug, would you have failed to print President Lubber's viewpoint?



## The Huvendick report:

# Student Congress

by Eric Huvendick

The first meeting of Student Congress was September 28th, where some goals and boundaries were defined. Our first goal was the successful October 13th boycott, the fall term budget of \$2,830 was approved as presented by the Student Congress president Bob Fittrakis.

It was decided, after Mark Mondro and Bob Fittrakis had attended the conference of Students Associated for Lower Tuition (SALT) that the Student Congress of Grand Valley would actively support the state-wide boycott for lower tuition and be in attendance at a rally at the state capitol in Lansing. Marion Bates and Jenny Sevin attended the MHESA conference in Kalamazoo representing Student Congress. They are of the opinion that this is a responsible and responsive organization and that their president Ken Penokie, is well versed on legislative policy in Lansing.

There were some other major concerns facing the Executive Board of Student Congress as it opened the academic year. Foremost were the committee appointments for which Student Congress is responsible. Numerous announcements were made in the Lanthorn and Clear Hooter with an underwhelming response. The majority of the appointments as a result were made from within the ranks of the Student Congress Executive Board. The following is a partial list of the appointments the Executive Board made this term:

to the Newspaper Board:

Marion Bates  
Rick Gamber  
Tim Goodwin  
Kate Smith

to the CAS Senate:

John Breen  
Make Hart

Eric Huvendick  
Student Life Council  
Chuck Wiersma

Space Allocation Committee  
Herbert Porter

Any students interested in committee vacancies should contact the Student Congress. There are some vacancies on Graduate Task Forces remaining unfilled.

To become more involved with student concerns on a national and state level, Student Congress became active members of the Michigan Higher Education Student Association (MHESA) and the National Student Lobby. Membership gives Student Congress, and so the students, a vehicle for and response to student and higher education concerns in Lansing and Washington.

At the the October 11th meeting of the Executive Board, Bob Fittrakis suggested to the Board that it initiate the services of faculty liaisons to give Student Congress the benefit of faculty input to

the Executive Board. Formal invitations were made to numerous faculty.

Another innovation for Student Congress this fall was the inception of a newsletter to voice student concerns and to publish news of Student Congress. Marion Bates was appointed as the editor of this newsletter to be called "the insider"

Office hours have been a major concern of the Executive Board throughout the term. Many times Mr. Fittrakis reminded the board members of this requirement as well as the recall procedures as per the Student Congress constitution.

The Executive Board meets at 4:00 every Monday. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the meetings. Any changes in meeting times for winter term will be announced in the Clear Hooter and Lanthorn. Student Congress has offices in the South wing of the Campus Center and welcomes anyone to stop in to talk about things that might be of concern to students. No appointment is necessary but our extensions are 651 or 249 if you want to give us a call.

## Grand Valley joins NSL

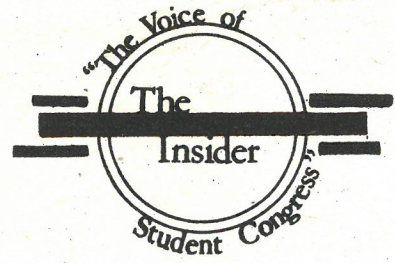
by Doug Miller

On Monday, October 25, GVSC became a member of the National Student Lobby. The Student Congress authorized \$300 to be paid to the NSL for a year's membership. Membership rights include full voting rights, a bi-monthly newsletter from the NSL, and invitations to conferences sponsored by the NSL.

Dan Shottentels, Executive Director to the NSL, attended the meeting and explained to Student Congress Members the various functions of the NSL. Beside lobbying for student concerns at the national level, the NSL draws up information on legislation which affects students and distributes it to the member institutions. In addition it informs members of how area legislators have voted on Educational issues as well as future issues that they should be aware of.

Student Congress members believe that membership in the NSL will be profitable for GVSC and educational institutions in general. Student Congress member Bill Smith commented, "The NSL is a dedicated force for students working with Congressmen in Washington for student concerns. I'm glad we're involved."





# Fight the hike/ Education is our right!

by Rick Gamber

"2, 4, 6, 8, we can't afford to graduate!"

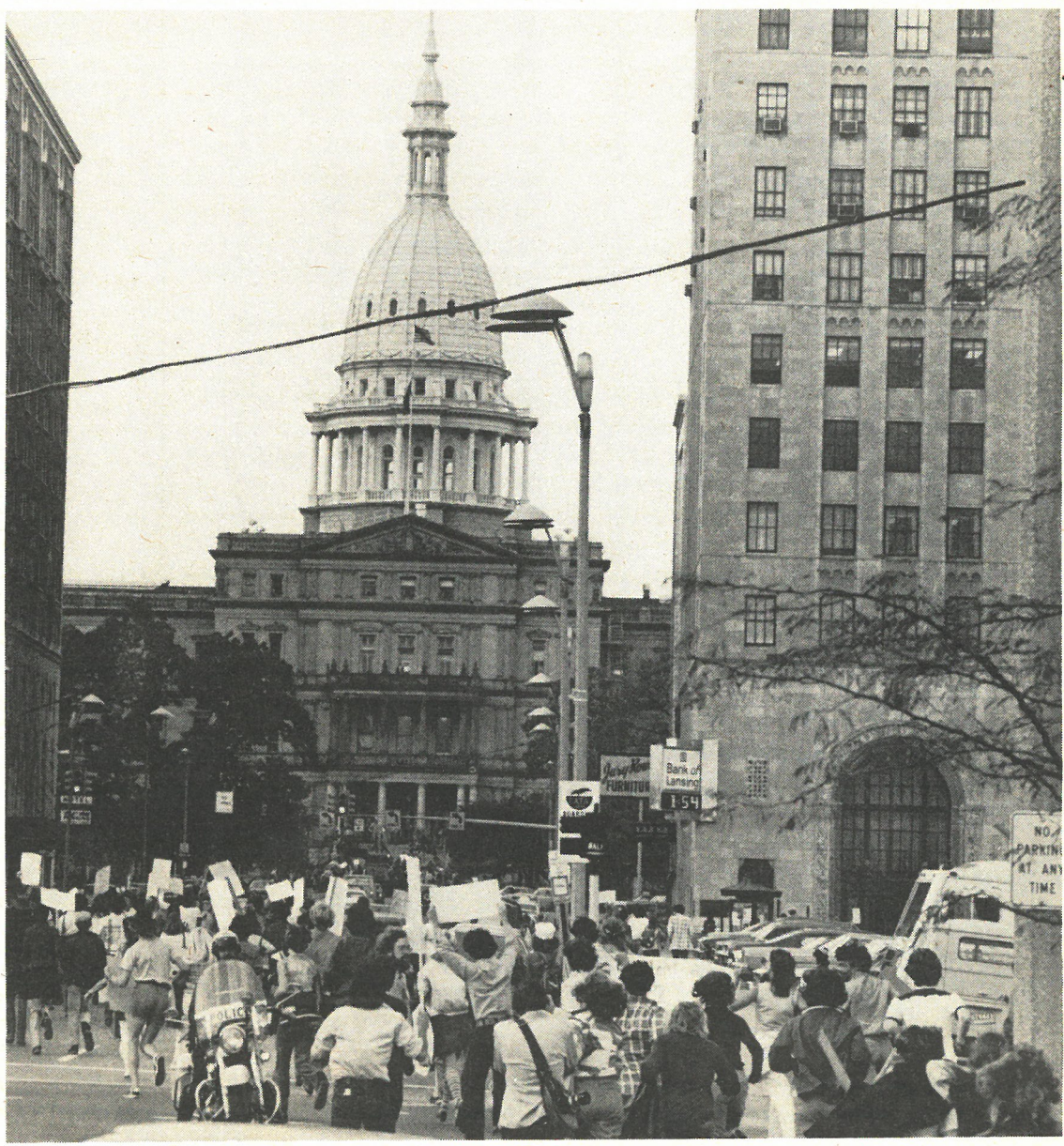
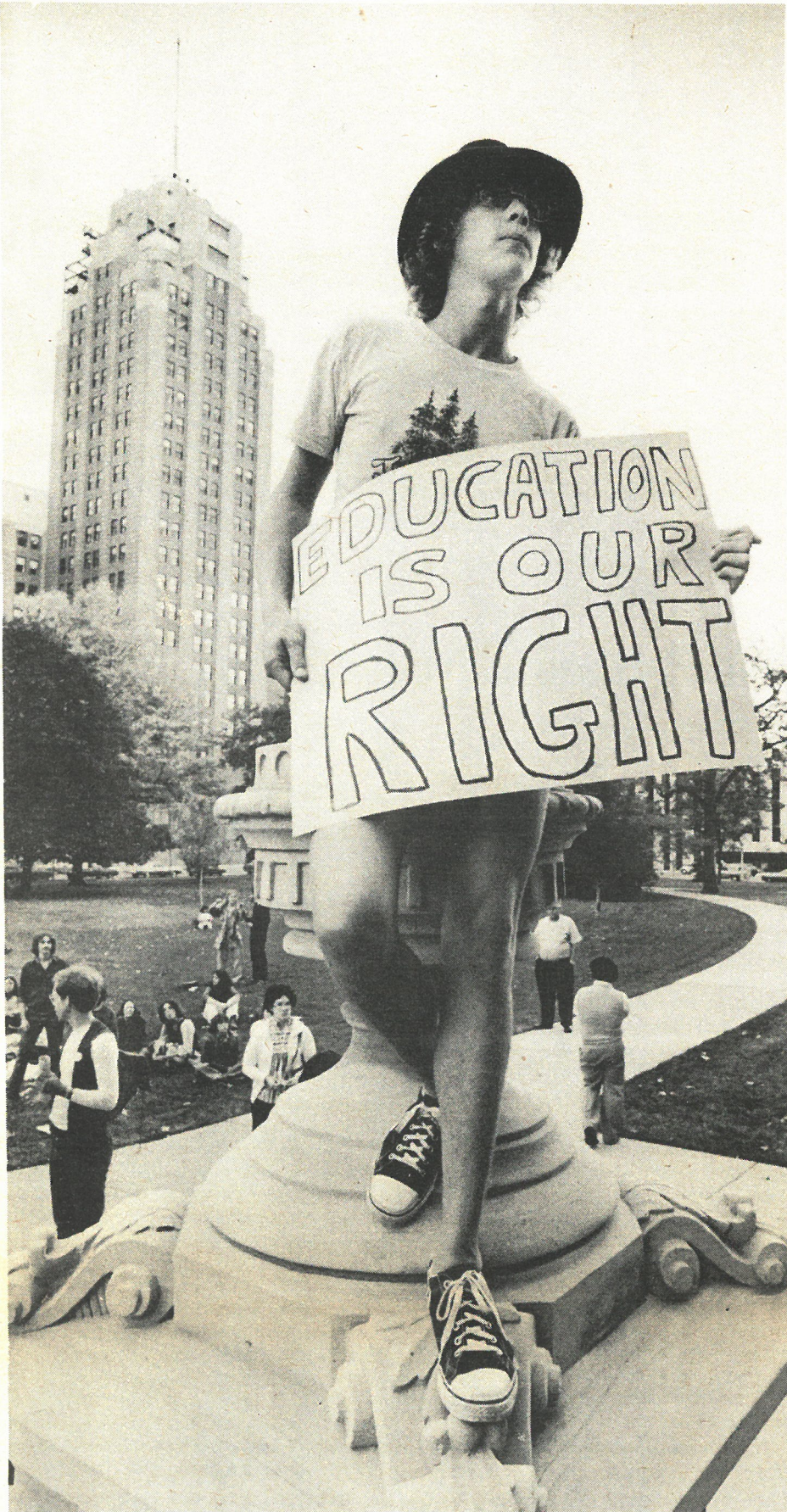
Where were you on the afternoon of October 13, 1976? Over 100 GVSC students were at a rally in Lansing with students from across the state to draw attention to the rising cost of a college education. The rally, including a three mile march down Michigan Avenue, drew over 600 concerned students who were fed up with the state's failure to provide adequate funding for higher education.

As Nikita Frobish, GVSC sophomore, pointed out, "the state is shifting the financial burden onto the backs of the students. If we sit back and allow this to happen, higher education will soon be affordable only to the very rich. We have to fight for the right of everyone to a *quality education at an affordable cost.*" Right on, Nikita.

Hopefully the enthusiasm generated by the rally will be channelled into an effective, mass-based student movement on a more mature level than what happened in the sixties. This was a mere testing of the waters to see what kind of student support could be raised. Judging from the response here at GVSC, students *are* aware of the need for collective action and will respond to such a call.

We expect the seed that we have planted to grow. Interested? Stop in at the Student Congress office in the south wing of the Campus Center (*behind* Campus Activities, of course) and find out what you as a student concerned about educational issues can do.

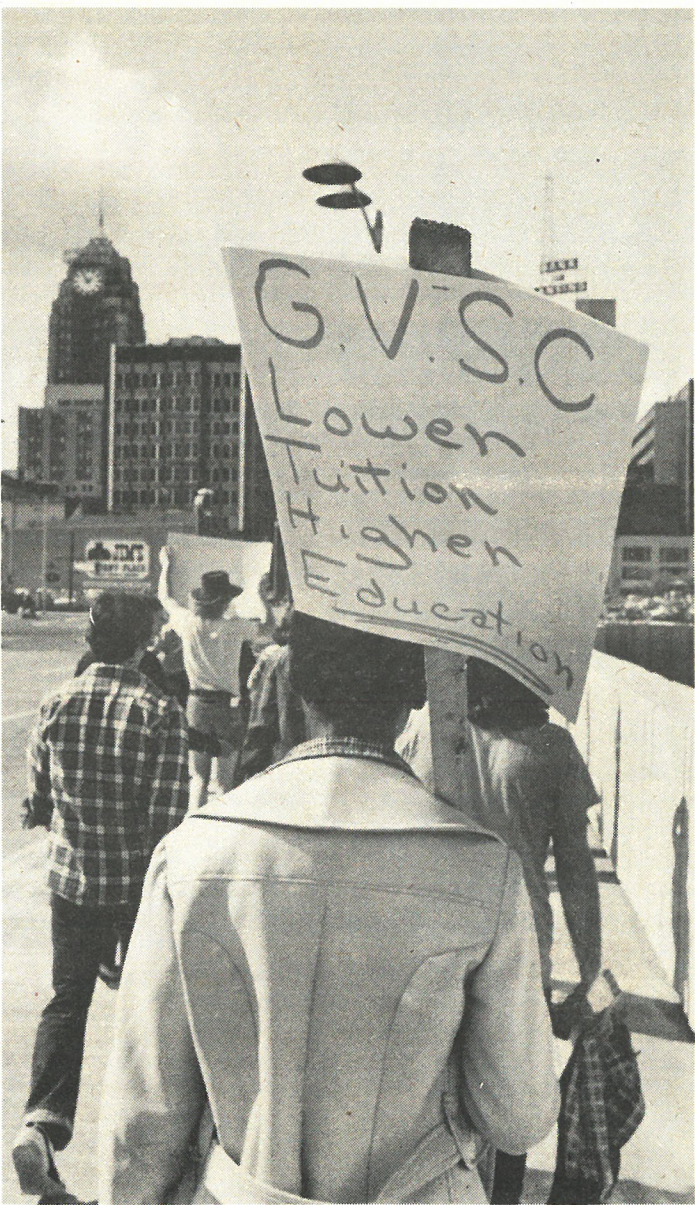
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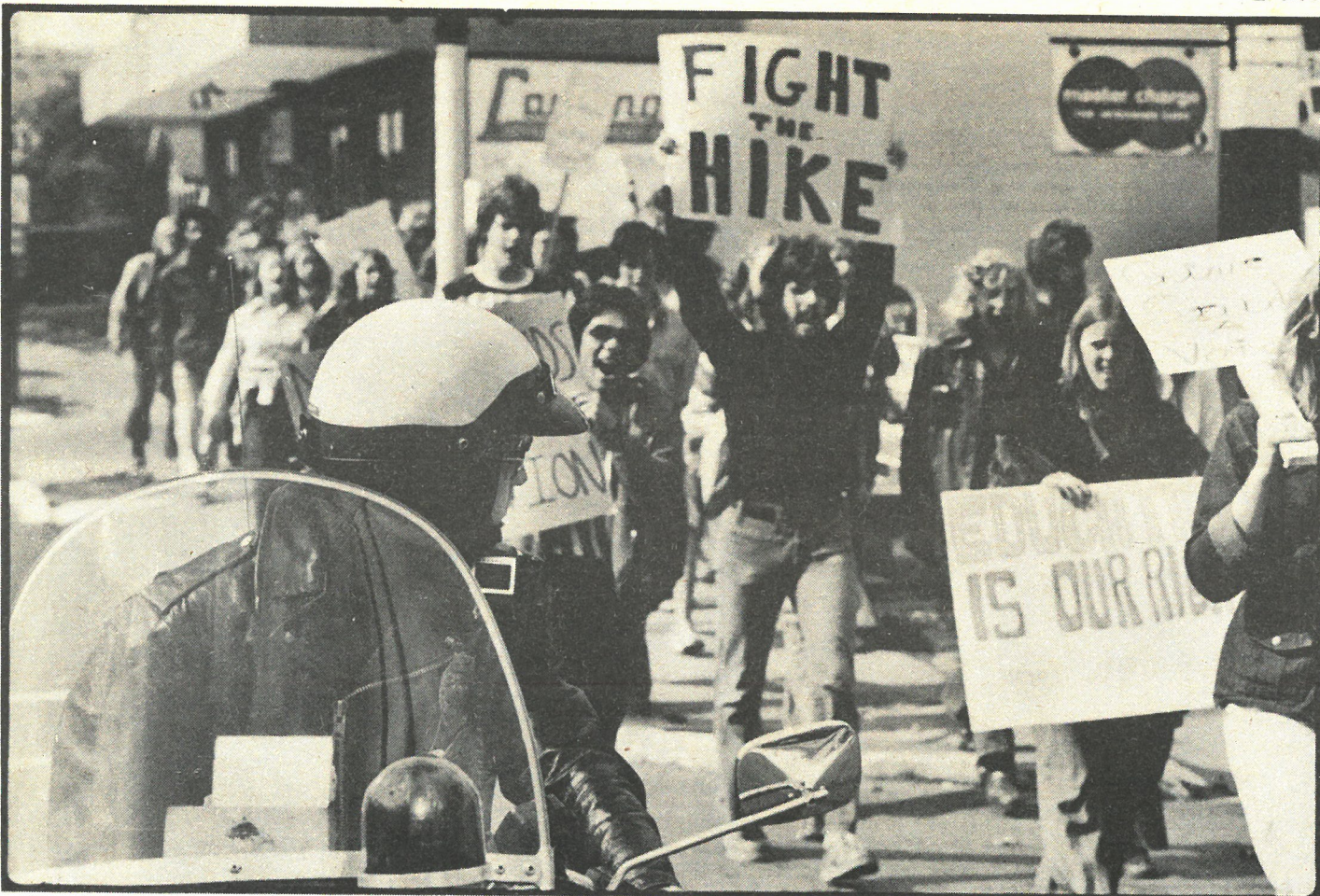




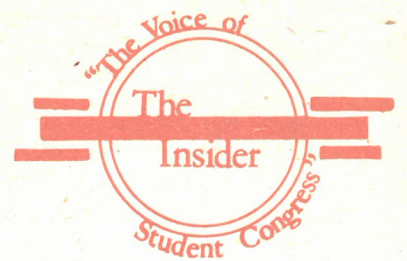
*Student Congress President Fitrakis addressing Lansing rally*







Rex Larsen/"insider"



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## Input:

### *more than a rubber stamp*

To Whom It May Concern;

For the first time in years we feel as if Student Government cares about the student interests on this campus. Bob Fittrakis and his administration have proven by their political moves that Student Government can be more than just an apathetic administrative rubber stamp.

Our new Student Congress is showing us, as similar organized bodies that students can be effective when they take the responsibilities of confronting the established orders and finding out just who and what they are.

We have almost grown accustomed to the terrible administrative capacities shown in the past by other Student Government administrations. We almost lost our faith in the possibilities of student power in controlling processes. The new Student Government has renewed our interests in challenging some accepted myths such as. "students are apathetic".

Hilary Greenburg  
GVSC Feminists  
Womens Center  
and URPE

### *voice in the dark*

I think members of the Student Congress should talk *more* to other students about getting involved in student activities and student government.

Dan Seif, 11-3-76

Dear Mr. Seif;  
What planet do you live on anyway?  
Sincerely, the Editor

### *films & beer cans*

I would like to see Student Government help sponsor a film series showing fairly recent and/or popular movies for a low price (75 cents to \$1.00). I think students who are stuck on campus would appreciate it.

I am also interested in organizing a clean-up program on campus. I'm tired of seeing beer cans in the ravines and other trash on campus grounds. If there are any other students who feel this way I would like to hear from them.

Karen Stenske

Dear Ms. Stenske;  
Concerning a film series: There is some talk at Student Congress along these lines but in the meantime allow us to refer you to URPE and other student organizations who are into that sort of thing. Cleaning up: Good idea. If you are really interested in organizing this kind of effort, why don't you contact Mike Hart at Student Congress and work with us on it?  
Sincerely, the Editor

## Up Front:

# Whatever happened to the new left?

GVSC student Nikita Frobish says that students are apathetic. "They really don't care about anything beyond the next quaalude or can of beer, man. They're hopeless. Hang it up, Marion." Nikita's attitudes have changed a bit since then but I've heard plenty of people voice the same sentiment. Terry Graham, editor of the Hope College Anchor, proclaimed in an editorial this fall, "We need a course in anarchy."

It wasn't always thus. Remember the New Left?

The New Left was born in 1962 with the publication of the "Port Huron Statement" and the birth of an organization dedicated to progressive and sweeping change for the sixties. It was called the Students for a Democratic Society.

Then came the Freedom Rides and the voter registration drives in the deep south sponsored by the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee and the Congress of Racial Equality. Gee, remember civil rights?

I got involved in the New Left in the summer of 1967 when Dave Dellinger, Abbie Hoffman, myself, the Student Mobilization Against the War (remember The War?) and a few thousand other people gathered outside the Pentagon to make a profound statement against the United States' involvement in Vietnam. We planned to make a circle around that monument to man's inhumanity to man, do a few Zen chants with the help of Allen Ginsberg, and cause that symbol of mayhem and destruction to rise into the air. Anyway, it didn't work. The Pentagon is still right where we left it. Ask Norman Mailer.

In '68 we — pretty much the same cast of characters — got together in Chicago to get high, listen to rick music, get beaten up by policemen, and make a statement against the National Democratic Convention going on at that time. It was not considered a great strategic success. Mrs. Hump did get a whiff of tear gas, but that was considered primarily a tactical and somewhat limited victory. Norman Mailer was *there* too.

By 1970, Nixon was president, the SDS was expiring in its own excrement, and the New Left was experiencing death throes.

The New Left still refuses to die however. It does smell quite fetid but it twitches every now and then. Didn't you read Abbie Hofman's Playboy interview? Rennie Davis may be blissed out but I hear that Jerry Rubin is as obnoxious as ever. And then there's Jane Fonda and Tom Haydn.

That's what we need: A return to New Left radicalism, right?

Wrong. The New Left was the product of an affluent society. We were a bunch of spoiled brats who had little idea what exactly it was we wanted, but we knew we wanted it *right now*. The concept of deferred gratification was totally alien to us. The idea of *working* for something was equally beyond us. *There has been little fundamental change in the United States since 1962.*

This brings us back to the issue of student apathy. I question whether most student really don't give a damn. I believe that most students care alot about what's going on, but feel impotent to do anything about it. After all, look what happened to the New Left.

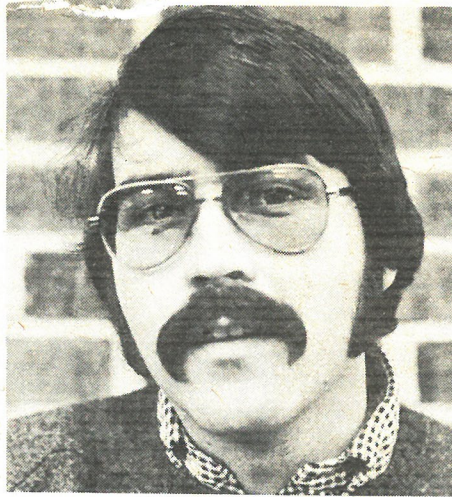
But this is a different generation. Most of the students who will read this will remember Woodstock as a myth. 1968, to many of you, is just ancient history. After years under Republican presidents we have a better understanding of reality. We are capable, I think, of working pragmatically, doggedly, and effectively for change. We need a new kind of conscientious, clear-headed student activism to effect change.

Change isn't impossible; it just isn't easy.

Marion Bates  
Director of Information  
All-College Student Congress



# From the inside: Flak



page one photos/Frank Metesky/"insider"

by Michael K. Hart  
Executive Board, ACSC

Student Government is presently in a unique situation, as far as satisfying its role as mediator between students here at Grand Valley and the administration. It was recently suggested by Vice-President Ron Van Steel and that members of Student Congress meet with him each month to relay some of the important "student concerns." This in itself is a fantastic opportunity for representatives of the students here at Grand Valley to inform certain key members of the administration of certain critical issues relating to students.

Now what makes this a unique situation? It appears that there exists a singular lack of input on the part of students here at Grand Valley. It's one thing to be invited by the administration to sit with them, and to discuss student concerns; but it is quite another thing to have nothing to tell them.

I myself have discussed this problem with Vice President Van Steel and, and I suggested that what is needed is some type of comprehensive system of soliciting student concerns. Mr. Van Steel questioned the effectiveness of this type of a system by stating that what may happen is that there would be a flood of trivial, made-up concerns.

Problem: What is the next step for Student Congress? How are we to successfully obtain suggestions, ideas, concerns, and feedback from the student body? When we go to speak with Vice President Van Steel, we want to be able to throw as much flak as we can in the form of genuine student concerns. Whatever concerns you feel warrant further investigation, as well as discussion with the administration, let us know. Nothing is too slight, or too trivial if you, the student(s) here at Grand Valley, feel it is important. We, the Student Congress need your input and your support. Let us be your vehicle to the Administration. We can be effective. . . . .

## The Huvendick report:

# Hello,



by Eric Huvendick

Student Congress business crept to a halt, along with the rest of Grand Valley, for the holidays.

The beginning of the winter of everyone's discontent sees Student Congress with two new members on the Executive Board: Marion Bates and Chris Grafas. Chris will also serve as general office secretary. She is the president of the Union for Radical Political Economics and is active with the Grand Valley Feminists. Marion has been active in Student Congress affairs this year as Director of Information and editor of "the insider."

The campus re-organization finds Student Congress with a new administration advisor. Dick Mehler replaces Rosemary Alland. Rosemary will be missed. Enough said for the moment.

There are a number of items on the

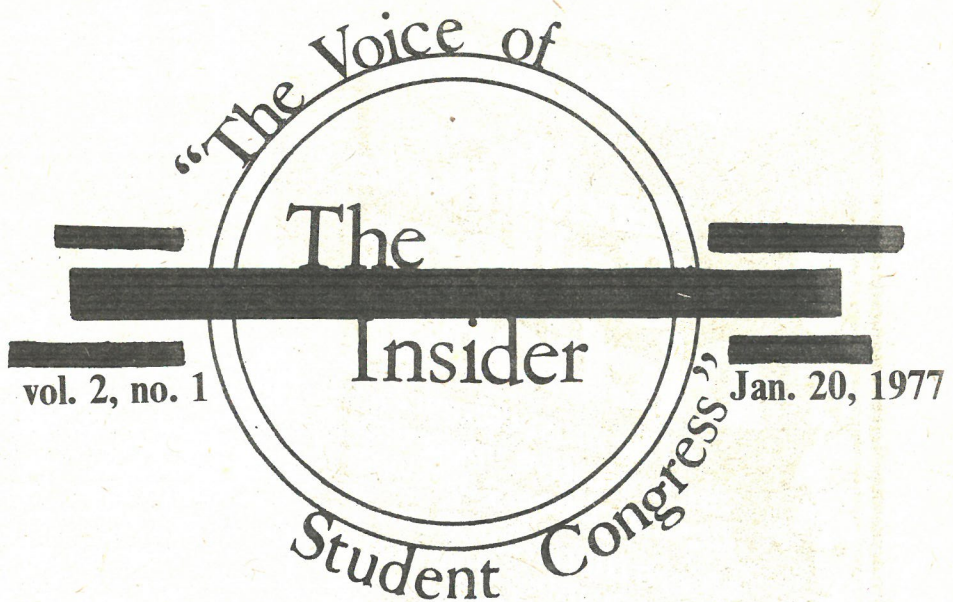
slate for Student Congress thus term:

- 1) Lobbying to change the status of the Student Congress President on the Board of Control to an ex-officio member,
- 2) pushing for some action on the parking situation at Grand Valley, and 3) polling and evaluating the concerns of the commuter students.

There is more to come I am sure.

Student Congress is, as always, very interested and dependent on student input. All campus members are urged to attend and speak at the meetings each Monday at 4:00 p.m. in the Hardy Room of the Campus Center.

The Student Congress office is located in the South wing of the Campus Center. If there is something you feel we should know about, give us a call at ext. 651 or 249 or just stop in. No appointment necessary.



## Fitrakis calls for parity

Student Congress President Bob Fitrakis today called for lobbying efforts across the state to establish parity between college presidents and student government presidents on the governing boards of state supported colleges and universities. College presidents generally carry an ex-officio status on boards while student government representatives serve only in token advisory capacities.

"I believe this would help to dispel the illusion that the administration is more important than the student body," Fitrakis said, "and this would establish the fact that administrations and student bodies speak for separate concerns."

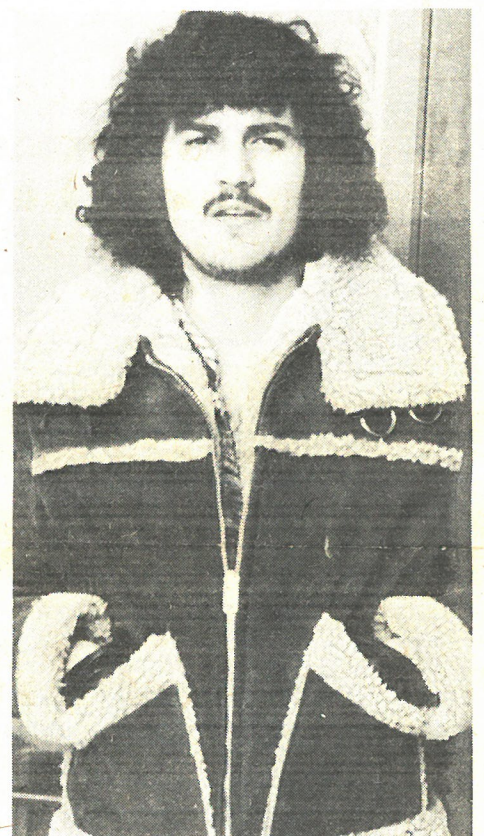
The remarks came in the wake of the December 11, 1976 meeting of the Grand Valley State Colleges' Board of Control, which Fitrakis characterized as "just your basic rubber stamp mechanism set up to legitimize administrative action."

"According to the Grand Valley organizational manual, the board has the 'final jurisdiction over all matters of policy and procedures at the colleges,' but all it is, is political patronage which amounts to a representative charade."

Fitrakis expressed dismay over the way the recent meeting was handled, calling it a "hurry-up-and-get-done" meeting that left little time for careful scrutiny of the new administrative reorganization plan that was recently inaugurated at Grand Valley. The board approved it with little debate.

The meeting had originally been scheduled for Friday, December 10, but was moved to December 11, fall commencement exercises, so board members would not be forced to come to Grand Valley on two successive days. As it was, the nine o'clock meeting was delayed for a half-hour until a quorum was present. Commencement was at noon.

Included in the reorganization plan, which Fitrakis questioned, was the appointment of Gary Mack, former car pool coordinator and Grand Valley lobbyist, to the newly created position of assistant to the Vice-President of Institutional Development, a position that carries a price tag of somewhere between \$21,000 and \$37,000 a year. Mack is the son of State Senator Joseph Mack of Ironwood, a leading anti-environmentalist who chairs the Senate Conservation Committee and



serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Members on the Appropriations Committee as a rule usually serve on no other committees.

Fitrakis also criticized the transfer of Inter-Collegiate Athletics from the Office of Student Life to the Institutional Development office, calling it a move "to utilize the athletic program more fully as a public relations tool." The move was brought about under the reorganization plan.

Fitrakis said he had already been in contact with Ken Penokie, president of the Michigan Higher Education Students Association (MHESA), about the proposed lobbying efforts to establish parity between student government presidents and college presidents on the governing boards of state colleges and universities. As president of MHESA, Penokie has been a strong advocate of removing the barriers that prevent active student participation in the decisions that determine their quality of education.

Fitrakis will present his views formally at the next meeting of the Grand Valley State Colleges' Board of Control on February 4, 1977. A resolution was recently passed by the Grand Valley Student Congress supporting Fitrakis's stand.

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Birds of a feather, Senators Gary Byker and Joe Mack

# Up Front: Fear and loathing in the State Capitol

When Grand Valley wants a favor in Lansing, Arend Lubbers sucks up to one of the most reprehensible senators in the state legislature, Joe Mack. Joe is a member of the very powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and he owes Grand Valley a couple of favors.

For example, when Joe's son Gary needed a job, guess where he found one? At Grand Valley. He was what is called a political liason, often called a lobbyist (does this begin to parse?). Gary Mack was also the astute administrator behind the ill-fated Grand Valley car-pool, a good idea put into the hands of a man who hasn't worried about gasoline prices or energy shortages since he voted for Richard Nixon.

And when Joe Mack wants to hold a Kangaroo Court hearing on a bill he doesn't like, where does he go? To Grand Valley again. Last spring he showed up on the GVSC campus with another legislative lunatic, Hudsonville's Gary Byker, to hold a hearing on the land use bill with the panel and the gallery filled with opponents to the bill. Where were the supporters? Mack and Byker neglected to invite them until twenty-four hours before the event. They availed themselves of Channel 35's facilities to broadcast their circus. The Grand Rapids Press referred to it as "ruthlessly bulldozing a . . . hearing powered solely on well-cultivated political IOU's and a torrent of abuse and mis-information." As well, it could have jeopardized Channel 35's license.

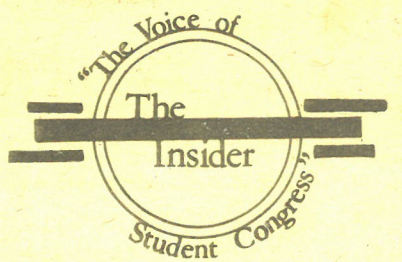
Arend told me personally that Joe Mack could not realistically be termed "our friend in Lansing." If that's so, then why is Arend sucking on his big toe?

Then there are Joe Mack's politics. Mack wanted Michigan strip miners exempted from the Environmental Protection Act. He has made his mark throughout the state as an arch anti-environmentalist and political moron.

What about Joe Mack the man? One GR area legislator was so fed up with Mack's antics that he swore he would never again set foot upon the GVSC campus. One potential friend flushed because of Joe Mack. Joe Mack has been accused by the Detroit Free Press of "venting spite" through his position on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Not exactly the picture of a politically astute or responsible legislator, is it?

Last spring the Grand Rapids Press noted, "Grand Valley President Arend Lubbers plays the game of massaging lawmakers better than most". Arend, what kind of game are you playing and where exactly are you massaging Joe Mack to keep him so moronically happy?

Marion Bates  
Director of Information, ACSC



## Input:

### frobish's revenge

Dear Madame Editor,

I just wanted you to know that I thought that the first issue of "the insider" was a travesty on responsible journalism. Also: The green and red Xmas colors on the back page made me want to puke. I happen to hate green and red and I'm a student so you damn well better listen.

Tell me: What's a huvendick anyway? Is this some kind of put-on? Are you people serious? On top of everything else I was misquoted in Rick Gamber's article. That may have contained the gist of what I did say, but he made me sound like some CAS prof fresh from sabbatical at Oxford.

What do you mean by putting down the new left? Are you folks some kind of fascists or something. The new left was the greatest thing since Chuck Berry and I'll go four rounds with anybody who thinks otherwise. We were fighting for peace and freedom and we got it so what more do you want. What's deferred gratification anyway?

Love,  
Nikita Frobish

*God knows I bated to print this letter but it was the only one I got. This is INPUT? Come on, can't GVSC students do better than this?*

*Sincerely, "the insider"*

## Input sought

by Mark Mondro and Mary Maciejewski

The Student Congress in association with the Head Resident Advisor of Robinson Hall would like to hear your input and feedback concerning commuter needs at Grand Valley.

What do you think? Do we need more buses at peak hours? Are more bus routes needed? Are the students attending evening classes aware of what is happening on campus? What special services do all commuter students need? These and many other questions have been raised and need to be answered.

The Student Congress is here to help with these problems, but unless we know the concerns and get your support and cooperation our efforts will be fruitless. Call us, we are here to help you!

Contact Maggie Meachem, ext. 601, Mark Mondro, ext 651, or any Student Congress member today.

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# R.A.'s up in arms

## Over administrative strangle hold

How would you feel if you went to talk over some problems sincerely with the administration and the representative said to you, "Get the hell out of my office!" And what if that person condemned what you had to say as "bullshit" before you even had a chance to open the discussion with your ideas. This is not a hypothetical question. This actually happened to three resident assistants of the Dorms when they went to the director of Housing, Jackie Scott to present some of their problems as R.A.'s. They said that they felt "deep humiliation" over the matter.

Sixteen GVSC resident assistants have signed a resolution condemning what they see as "uncalled for and unjustified actions" taken by Jackie Scott, director of Housing, in response to their attempt to get their problems addressed.

The resolution stems from a meeting January 21 with Ms. Scott involving Jodi Singer, Mary Weertz and Deena Halsey, Resident Assistants at Kistler House and Robinson House. They made repeated attempts to resolve problems and questions, the resolution reads, "which yielded only constant rejection by Ms. Scott."

The resolution called for "positive action" to rectify the situation and prevent future occurrences.

According to the R.A.'s the incident with Ms. Scott wasn't unexpected. The charged that they have been contending with the lower administration for years to get some kind of recognition as to their problems. This kind of treatment by the lower administrative bodies on this campus are not a new occurrence. According to Jodi "aversion of this kind have a long history here at GVSC." She said, "pushing aside issues that concern Dorm Students has been going on even before I became a student here." For years students in the Dorms have been encouraged by the Housing administration to speak to them "as individuals." The question the R.A.'s ask here is how effective students can be in their bargaining when they are allowed to see personnel only on an individual problem, Ms. Scott has obscured many important issues that have effected groups of students not just individuals.

The staff at Housing said that Jodi, Mary, and Deena acted in an "unprofessional" manner. When the R.A.'s realized that they were getting nowhere with

Housing they issued a report and sent it cross campus to gain support. Dick Mehler, Director of Student Life said that the R.A.'s put him in a vice by issuing their resolution which included the account of Ms. Scott's behavior toward them. Mr. Mehler said that he couldn't move on the issue because the R.A.'s "told the whole world" about the incident.

Copies of the resolution were sent to GVSC President Arend Lubbers, Vice President Ronald Van Steeland, Director of Student Life Dick Mehler, Personnel Office Director Rosemary Allend, Jackie Scott, Student Congress President Bob Fitrakis and *Lanthorn* editor Doug Guthrie and *Forum* editor Clarice Geels.

Two weeks after the resolution was passed, signed and distributed, President Lubbers called a meeting with one of the representative R.A.'s, Deena Halsey. Lubbers said that he knew about the issue all along but he sat on it to see what the Housing administrators and the Student Life administrators would do. Lubbers called for immediate action by the Housing administration. He cited the following

policies that should become effective within the next two to four weeks;

- 1) There should be an R.A. board
- 2) President Lubbers wants a weekly report on the sanitary conditions in the Dorms.
- 3) He wants the R.A.'s to serve on the Discipline and Referral Board.
- 4) He also suggested that an "objective" person outside of Housing but concerned with Housing should chair the meetings in the future. This person should also draw up policy and procedure to be implemented by Housing.

For someone "objective" enough to take on this task, Lubbers recommended Bert Price or Ty Wessel. The R.A.'s feel good about their meeting with President Lubbers but Deena said, "only time will tell."

Bob Fitrakis of the All-College Student Congress said, "The All-College Student Congress definitely supports the R.A.'s in their collective struggle against the administration's strangle hold on the housing policy," and Bob said, "I'm also concerned about Ron Van Steeland's ability to deal objectively with this matter because of his close personal relationship with the Housing Director."

## The Huvendick report:

# Ominous rumblings and back burners

by Eric Huvendick

They were a tad late for the New Year tradition, but Student Congress came up with a few resolutions of its own:

### The Executive Board's New Year's Resolutions

1. To do our utmost to support and insure the success of the Annual Grand Valley Jazz and Blues Festival.
2. To demonstrate our dissatisfaction with *The Forum* through the proper channels with the support of interested faculty members.
3. To investigate the historically deplorable environment in the residence halls and promote the rights of students involved.

There have been some ominous rumblings from the residence halls of late. Deena Halsey, R.A. from Robinson represented members of the housing staff at a meeting of the Executive Board. She presented us with a list of grievances with the Housing Office and a letter explaining a specific incident between members of



the housing staff (R.A.'s) and the Director of Housing, Jackie Scott.

Another resident concern was water pipes—broken ones, and the resulting damages to personal property of the residents.

June Crocker, a resident of Kistler House said that few significant efforts had been made and that no one with the power to do anything seemed at all concerned. She said that Vice President Van-

Steeland told her that the college was not liable in such a situation and that there was nothing the college could do to offer restitution.

After a cursory glance at the housing contract, the liability of the college does seem in question, but whether or not there is anything the college can do, is less evident. A meeting with the proper administrators and those involved will be held in the near future.

Purl Cobb, Campus Police Chief, spoke to the Board concerning parking problems and concerns. He asked the Board for input, recommendations and ideas about the parking situation at GVSC. Emily Lewis, co-chair person, is gathering information and needs to hear from people with ideas and suggestions. Contact her right away at the Student Congress office, ext. 651 or 249.

Contact us if there are issues you think we should know about or ones you want to find out more about. We want your input. We meet every Thursday at 4:00 in the Hardy Room of the Campus Center. Our office is in the South Wing of the Campus Center. Our phone number is ext. 249 or 651.

Student Congress has also recently doled out monies to two campus organizations to help them defray the costs of bringing speakers to campus. We gave matching amounts of \$50 to PIRGIM and to the U.S. Labor Party to bring speakers to campus presenting opposing viewpoints on issues related to energy.

In our most recent meeting there was a discussion of maintenance problems in our campus. It was the general consensus that the maintenance of grounds and buildings during Fall term was deplorable and hopefully the situation will improve under the supervision of Ward Aurich.

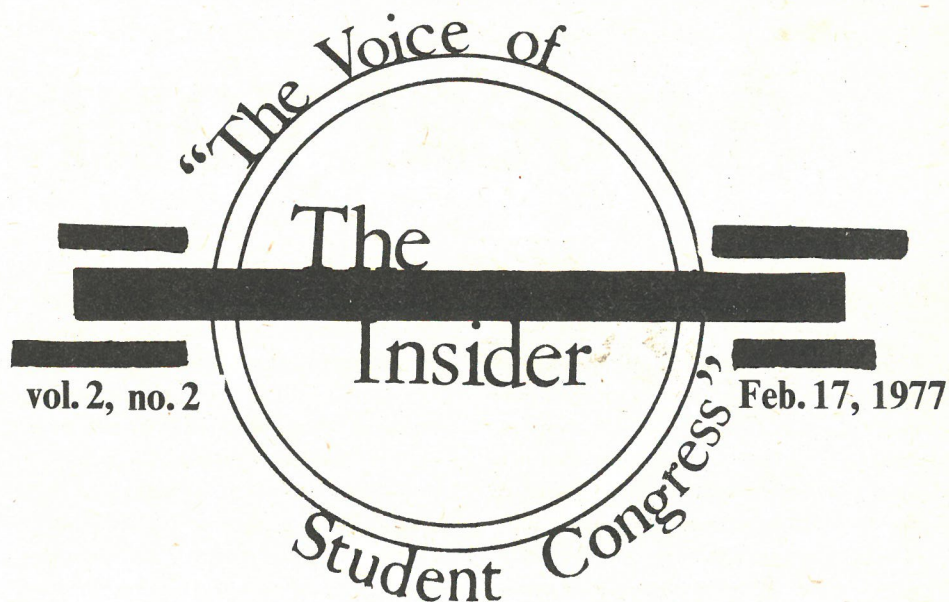
A questionnaire drafted by Student Congress members Mark Mondro and Eric Huvendick will be presented to residence hall students in the near future, soliciting input on questions that concern them directly. The response to the survey will be present in a future issue of "the insider."

There are a number of pots on the back burner, reports on their culinary progress are forthcoming.

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# Appeal your ticket

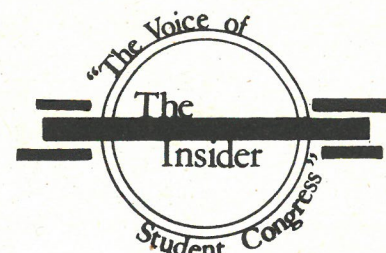
by Bob Fitrakis & Marion Bates

Last term when the *Lanthorn* reported that GVSC was facing a projected deficit of \$250,000, representatives from your Student Congress met with Lora Robinson to find out whether or not it would be offset with a tuition increase. Ms. Robinson assured them that a tuition increase was not being considered at that time. However, she did mention revenue from traffic tickets as a possible source of income.

In light of the pronounced parking problems on this campus and the fact that Arend Lubbers himself has said that the campus police have been instructed to be more "consistent" in their tickets procedure, Student Congress feels that it is important to inform students of their appeal rights under the GVSC Student Code. The Code states: "Upon receipt of a traffic citation the accused may pay the fine or complete a 'vehicular traffic appeal' form which may be obtained

from the Campus Police office. In case of appeal, no fine is paid until the Traffic Judiciary has adjudicated the matter." (page 15).

The Traffic Judiciary is composed of three students appointed by the Student Congress as well as a token faculty member and administrator. If you think you have been issued a citation unfairly you may appeal it using the process outlined above. It's your right!



## ACSC supports jazz and blues

by Marion Bates

The All-College Student Congress recently passed resolutions concerning the annual Blues and Jazz Festival sponsored by WSRX and the Veterans Brotherhood and an impending strike by SAGA employees (which should be in effect or resolved by the time this is read).

The resolution on SAGA calls on the management to engage in collective bargaining with the union. In the event SAGA refuses to do so, Student Congress is committed to supporting the strikers and encouraging all students to do the same. The resolution also condemned SAGA for threatening student employees who refuse to be strike-breakers. Student Congress member Christine Grafas remarked, "Collective bargaining is the only protection workers have against management in this society. By using student strike-breakers SAGA is leaving their regular employees with no bargaining position and is circumventing the whole process. Besides, my parents are working people and I support them. There are plenty of students who come from working class families."

Student Congress president Bob Fitrakis proposed a resolution in support of the annual Jazz and Blues Festival. "I think this event promotes student solidarity," Fitrakis said, "and for that very reason deserves all the support we can give." It passed unanimously.

### Beware scab lettuce!

by Christine Grafas

It was made evident over a year ago that the student body of GVSC urged SAGA to provide UFW lettuce or at least leaf lettuce that is not scab produce. It did take SAGA a long time to respond to the request. When SAGA is serving UFW lettuce there is a sign there saying "Today we are serving UFW lettuce."

These are some of the conditions that non-union UFW farmworkers have to endure in order that they survive day to day.

- ¼ of all farmworkers in California are under the age of 16.
- the national average life span for a farmworker is 49 years.
- without a UFW contract enforcement of simple humanitarian laws which provide decent housing and sanitation go unheeded, there is no guarantee against being sprayed with dangerous pesticides or having to come into contact with them daily.
- farmworkers have been systematically attacked and beaten by thugs who have been hired by the Growers and Teamsters to coerce the workers and stop them from organizing.

Remember what farmworkers suffer when your stomach starts growling.

## ACSC stars on WSRX

by Frank Metesky

At 5 p.m. Friday (February 18) WSRX will broadcast a program featuring Student Congress President Bob Fitrakis, and "insider" editors Marion Bates and Christine Grafas. It will run for about an hour.

The show will be broadcast live from the Campus Center and students are urged to call in at ext 128 if they would like to talk to Fitrakis & co. about something they may have seen in "the insider" or about student government in general—or whatever. Call in—it can't hurt.



Whitehead  
CPS

Frank Metesky caught in the act.

### Open letter:

## Come and get it

Students in the mid - 60's protested against what they felt was an administrative attitude that viewed them as "raw material" to be processed though the educational factory. Students then protested against something they couldn't prove — while at Grand Valley now, administrators have been admitting it openly.

The clash between timeless ideals and the modern bureaucratic higher educational institution is in progress. At this time I am perplexed over the lack of input Student Congress receives. As your representatives, we are concerned over the possibility of isolation from student opinion. All of us in Student Congress feel individual oppression as students. We are open to your comments and criticism. We actively solicit your input so you can help us to maintain a responsible government.

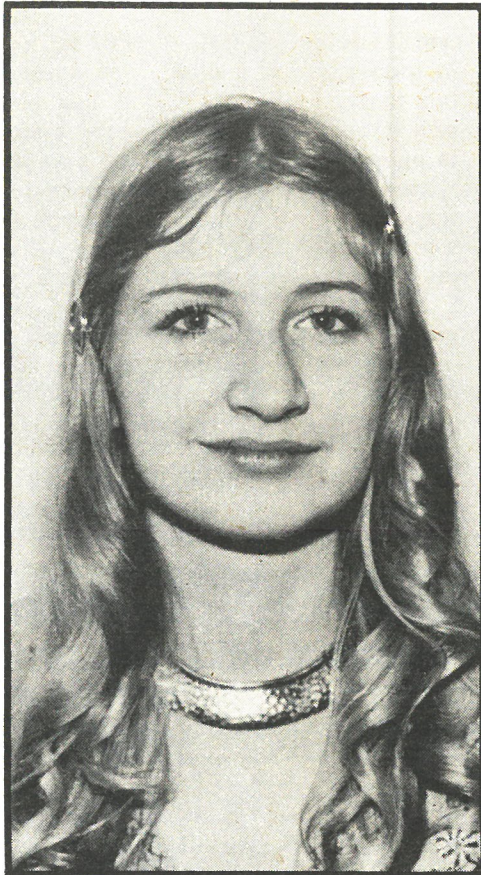
As Student Congress president, I will be available from 1:30 to 3:00 every Thursday to listen to any and all students regarding the Congress and its operation. We need a time to join together and speak openly about shared student experiences. We as students are all in the struggle together; let's talk honestly and sincerely to one another. The time to act is now.

Yours in Solidarity,  
Bob Fitrakis  
President ACSC

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# From the inside: State supports bigotry



by Emily Lewis, ACSC

Two prominent women of the community enter the University Club in downtown Grand Rapids to attend an afternoon meeting. They are stopped and told that they must go to the back entrance and use the service elevator to reach the meeting room. Women are not allowed in the dining room during the afternoon, with the exception of the mini-skirted, go-go booted waitresses who serve the male members. The women are insulted.

The University Club last year invited some examples of international racism. The guests were Jeremy B. Shearer, Minister in the South African Embassy in Washington D.C., Ambassador Johanne Hendrikus DeLoor, representative to the International Monetary Fund and Counselor Tsep Tsietsso Letlaka, a one time practicing lawyer and attorney for the Supreme Court of South Africa. They spoke about the necessity of the present apartheid policies in South Africa and lauded the racist support given to South Africa by the United States. Some thirty GVSC students demonstrated against these guests of the University Club during their meeting.

To be a member of "the most prestigious" organization in the city you must be a college graduate. The membership qualifications are tight, you must be sponsored by two other members and be voted in by the Board of Directors. This elaborate screening process insures that "undesirables" are kept out. The members are an assortment of various upper class professionals, businessmen, attorneys, physicians, corporate executives and college presidents.

College Presidents? Yes, our own Arend Lubbers is a member of both the University and Peninsular Club. It is a matter of public record that his membership is paid out of college funds as a "business expense." The membership dues to these two clubs, plus the Kent Country Club would pay tuition for two impoverished students.

Exclusive clubs of this nature, tend to perpetuate and reinforce existing discriminatory attitudes in our society. These social clubs foster an attitude of chic good-ole-boyism where those on the top of the social structure can get together and reassure themselves they are there on merit alone. Such organizations with discrimination built into their structures are obviously no environment for one to realistically assess the historical injustices done to women and all minorities. So when *the boys* get together all they can see is that it's the white male that has made it. We would like our President and all members of such organizations to remember that they can't reap such benefits at the expense of those who pay tax dollars.

What is the purpose of President Lubbers' memberships in these organizations? Is it public relations, so he can imbed with other "leaders of the community" and plug Grand Valley for further benefits that never seem to quite trickle down far enough? According to the handbook of the University Club, it's "primary object is to promote social intercourse amongst its member." We as students & taxpayers question these motives. State funds should not be used to sponsor discriminatory organizations no matter how expedient in promoting the interest of GVSC they are. For ethical reasons, we feel that President Lubbers, who represents GVSC should resign from these clubs. Since we as students and taxpayers pay for this kind of representation, we feel it in our power to demand an end to this clear misappropriation of college funds.

With tuition on the rise and classes being cancelled, we feel that state money could be put to better uses.

## Energy debate cancelled; Rod Bailey blasts USLP

An Open Letter to the GVSC Student Chapter of the U.S. Labor Party and Bob Fittrakis, President, GVSC Student Government:

I would appreciate it if this letter were read by the debate moderator on Monday, February 14, at the start of the 1:30 p.m. debate sponsored by the U.S. Labor Party. I was supposed to be one of the participants in that debate. I will not take part in that debate for the reasons outlined below.

On Friday, I learned that members of the U.S. Labor party were distributing handbill and copies of two articles from

*New Solidarity*, the USLP newspaper, at the Rogers Shopping Mall I have attached a copy of the handbill and copies of two articles from *New Solidarity*. The handbill gives a title to my talk (debate) which I have never used and which I totally disagree with. Since the USLP has titled the talk to suit their own point-of-view I will leave it to them to give the talk also. Even if I were to participate, I'm afraid Steven Bardwell would be debating this title and the people he has associated me with rather than the issues which were to be the topic of the debate.

Sincerely,

Rod Bailey

## We understand

This letter was accompanied by a handbill billing the debate as "America's Heritage of Progress Through Science vs. Back to the Caves Through Naderism" and photocopies of various articles from the Labor Party newspaper, *The New Solidarity*. This is Bob Fittrakis' response:

"We, the Student Congress, provided fifty dollars to promote *on campus* what we had envisioned to be an open forum on the energy question. We are

appalled by these leaflets (which we did not fund) printed off campus and can simply state that we have no control over what organizations do with their money off campus.

"We support the free and open debate of current controversial issues and do not in any way condone the misrepresentation done to Rod Bailey by the Labor Party. We fully understand and support his action in withdrawing from the debate."

## Editorial

## Better late than never

It has been four weeks since the last issue of "the insider" came out. Due to a combination of bad weather and technological hassles (our print shop ran out of typesetter ribbons), this issue is a full two weeks late.

We apologize.

It is our policy that it is of the utmost importance that "the insider" be released on a regular basis and our failure to do so is a serious one. "The insider" is not just expensive PR for the student congress, it was set up as a vehicle to air student concerns and inform students of important issues that might be missed or slighted by other media.

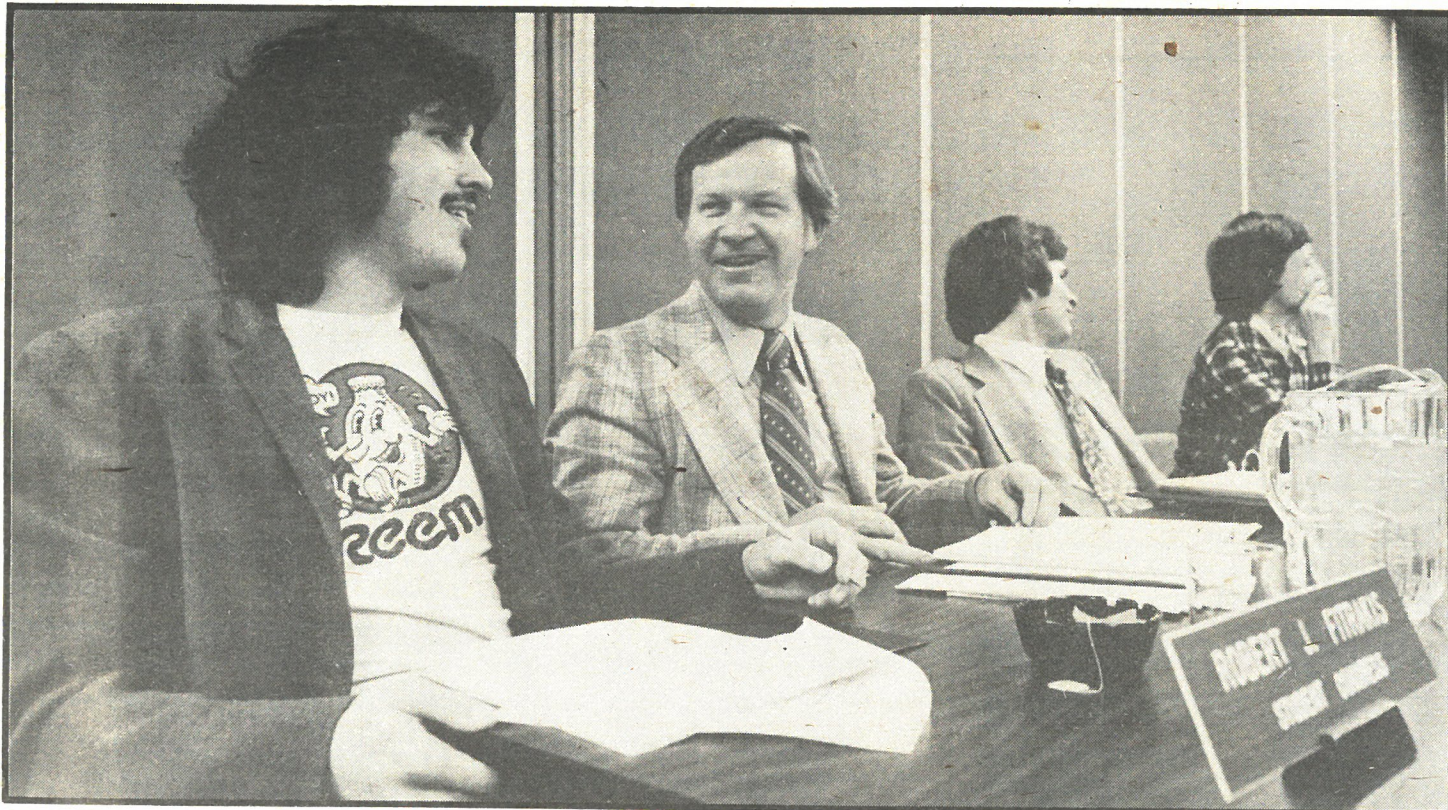
We are committed to publish "the insider" at least every other week. We assure you that steps are being taken to insure that this will happen in the future. We are, hopefully, better prepared.



It isn't often that students get a chance to tell the President of a College how they feel without going through many filtered strata. February 17 is a day that every student should put on their calendar. President Lubbers will make an appearance in an Open Forum in the Main Lounge of the Campus Center from 12 noon until 2 pm. We urge students to attend.

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"Dick, do you speak German?"

# Up Front: Off the rubber stamp Reichstag

In the September 23, 1976 issue of the *Lanthorn* the new Student Congress President, Bob Fittrakis, said that he wished to "end the ridiculous assumption that the administration is more important than the students." He went on, "Hopefully, students during our administration will demand an equal role in the shaping of institutional policy."

Can this happen as long as the Board of Control, which has final jurisdiction over all matters of policy and procedures at the colleges, is merely an extension of the Central Administration? What kind of voice can students have while the Board of Control is little more than Arend Lubbers' personal rubber stamp *Reichstag*?

The Board of Control has no staff of its own. Its staff is made up of administrators. If Bob Fittrakis wants to put a matter of student concern on the Board of Control agenda, he must take it to Vice President Ronald VanSteeland at least two weeks in advance. This is the way the voice of students is filtered through layers of administrative crap.

There are two ways this can and must be rectified:

The first was outlined in the last issue of "the insider." The president of the Student Congress, and perhaps the president of the All-College Academic Senate (a faculty representative), must be made ex-officio members of the Board of Control to insure parity with the college president.

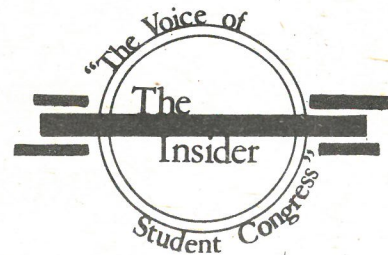
Next, the Board of Control should have its own staff, independent of the administration and responsible only to the Board. It should be empowered to investigate areas of concern to the colleges as a whole *without administrative bias*.

Right now, the GVSC Student Congress is lobbying to create a three-way partnership model in college governments. It would have, if the legislature moves on it, representatives from the students and faculty joining the president of the college on the Board of Control and giving faculty and students an equal voice with the administration. This, along with the establishment of an autonomous Board of Control staff, should become the model for liberal institutions of higher education throughout the state. It would herald a new era in higher education and bring about the end of an old fascist tradition. *Good*.

However, all this could take months, or even longer, to happen. Today, Governor William Milliken has the power to make a significant change in the structure of our college's governance. With the death of Paul Phillips, there is an open seat on the GVSC Board of Control. I think it would be a step in the right direction and I call on Governor Milliken to appoint a GVSC student or recently graduated alumnus to occupy that vacant seat.

Last Fall, in these pages, I opined that change was not impossible. I still believe it—now more than ever.

Marion Bates  
Director of Information, ACSC



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## Input:

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Marion Bates' article needs to be responded to. I question Bates' real intention. Isn't it really a good opportunity to bent his anger at Arend D. Lubbers? This digression from Senator Mack is appalling. Although I applaude the *Lanthorn*, editors from abstaining to censor Bates, I think Bates is totally unfair and too harsh.

The many tactics one must use and the many "friends" one must make to survive as a college president are essential for the very life of the institution. I don't believe I'd be wrong by saying we've all had to make compromises sometime. Using the *Lanthorn* as his vehicle, Bates has chosen to put Mack and Lubbers in the same company.

In a time when political football becomes the most important survival game, some decisions are hard to swallow. I think if you asked people, other than GVSC students, faculty and staff, they would say President Lubbers is doing a good job. As a former student and current Grand Valley news writer, I commend President Lubbers for his strength to make decisions and defend his right as president to make them even though we may not always agree.

Anyway, Mack's office is in Lansing, not in Zumberge.

Micheal Millard

*'the insider' on  
behalf of students*

Dear Mr. Millard:

You suggest that I ask people "other than GVSC students, faculty, and staff" and that I would find out that Arend Lubbers is doing a good job. I would like to know who else matters in this instance "other than GVSC students, faculty, and staff." Is that remark intended to be taken seriously?

I will not argue about whether *poor put-upon Arend* is doing a good job or not. That was not the issue of "Fear and Loathing in the State Capitol" and it is not the issue here. I would like to make the point that President Arend Lubbers serves the colleges. The colleges are "GVSC students, faculty and staff" and not a collection of *stone, brick, and dirt in the middle of the Western Michigan boondocks*.

Sincerely,  
"the insider"

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# "Concessions" gained

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## ACSC returns SAAC funds

by Marion Bates

Last Thursday (March 10), the executive board of the ACSC voted to return to SAAC all monies designated under the Student Congress budget as "Co-sponsorship of on campus events." SAAC had originally voted to give Student Congress nearly its entire budget for the spring term in order to place these funds exclusively in the hands of students. SAAC itself has two non-students with full voting privileges on the committee.

Responding to charges that this

action came about primarily as a result of an editorial in *The Lanthorn* condemning Student Congress, ACSC president Bob Fitrakis stated, "That's bullshit. We have responded to the lies that *The Lanthorn* printed. Doug Guthrie, editor-in-chief of the Lanthorn, "may need to believe something like this in order to inflate his ego but he had absolutely nothing to do with our decision."

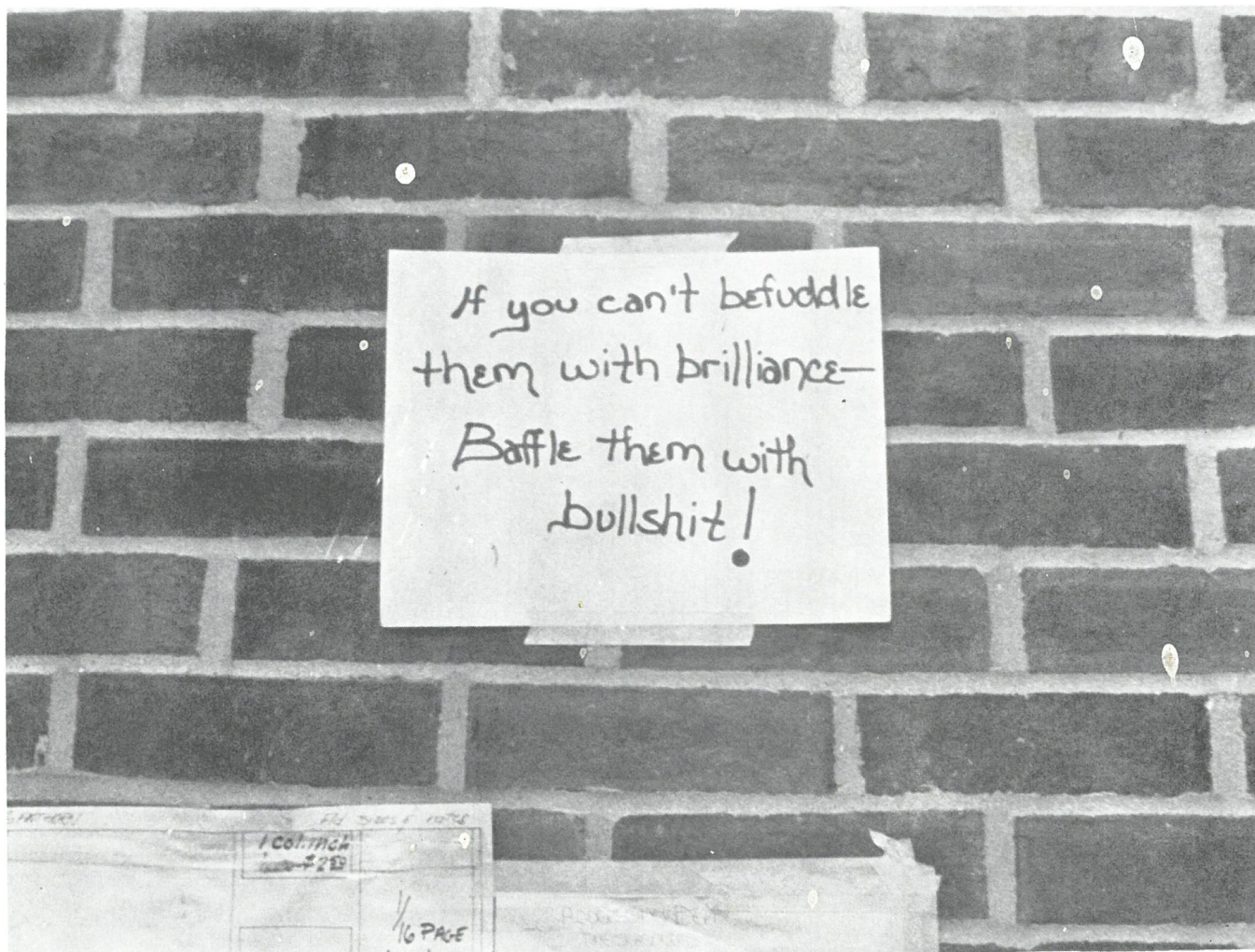
Fitrakis said that he felt that Jeff Brown, Student Life administrator over SAAC, had shown good faith by agreeing to support the Student

Congress' proposed changes to the SAAC model at the next Board of Control meeting. Further, according to Fitrakis, "Dave Ellis and Bev Berger," staff and faculty representatives on SAAC, "have agreed to abstain from voting on proposals to SAAC until this thing is cleared up. I think these are the concessions that we wanted." Ellis and Berger stated that whether they voted or not, that they wished to continue their service to SAAC in an advisory role to the committee.

ACSC secretary Eric Huvendick

pointed out that the Student Congress had not actually returned the actual funds. "What we've done," Huvendick explained, "was to authorize SAAC to administrate these funds for us."

Student Life administrator Jeff Brown commented, "My impression is that in returning the funds, the Student Congress is doing what it had in mind in the first place. I have no fears that they wanted to utilize that money for their own ends. After all, they accomplished what they wanted to accomplish."



Have you seen this sign at the *Lanthorn*?

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## Women's bulletin seeks support

The founding Women's Information Bureau (W.I.B.) is soliciting material for a newsletter. People with writing ability are encouraged to submit articles, particularly of a feature nature. Persons unable to write may still contribute information by calling the Bureau at Extension 545 or by bringing it to the W.I.B. office, located in the South Wing of the Campus Center.

The purpose of the newsletter is to compile and present pertinent information about women on the GVSC campus, including news of projects, events and programs. The newsletter will also serve as a forum for student opinions.

According to director Lynn Turner, the Bureau also needs volunteers to staff its office. Duties would include answering the phone, assisting in the compilation and dissemination of information, and generally functioning in a resource capacity. An hourly sign-up sheet for a Spring Term staff is now posted in the W.I.B. office. The only qualification is interest.



## From the inside:

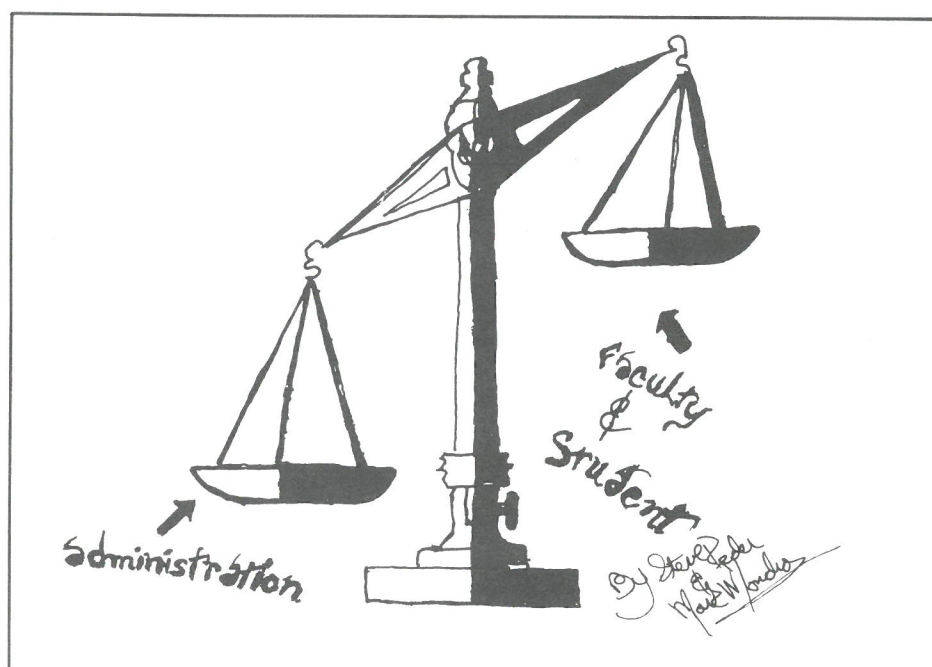
# *Institutional Processes? Not such a bad idea after all!*

by Christine Grafas, ACSC

At the recent "rap session" that President Lubbers put on in the Campus Center (his effort at reaching out to students), Student Congress President Bob Fitrakis suggested that a course be taught at GVSC entitled INSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES. President Lubbers responded with a chuckle, saying "... yes and we could make you the teacher." If and how such a course would be implemented with a student serving in an adjunct faculty position was one of the many particulars of larger questions that President Lubbers evaded. The point, though, is that Bob's idea is a good one.

Student Congress has been asked by some students as well as faculty to throw some constructive alternatives concerning student life out into the intellectual arena. To constantly improve learning situations and encourage initiative is a complex and ongoing question but one that is often superceded for more "profitable" investments. Student Congress would like this article to be the initiator for a series of articles on positive alternatives that are not being realized on this campus. We would like all members of the GVSC community to share their ideas with us. Here are some of my ideas:

I think that there is a great need on this campus for courses on the political structure of GVSC and how it operates. I am not talking just about courses on philosophical arguments, objectives and destinies; I am talking about courses that are concrete and substantive—courses which encourage students to learn



how policies and decisions are made on this campus. We need courses that encourage students to research the intricacies of maintaining a State College and the implications of the system. We could have future internships, classes, student-teaching projects and jobs for pursuing INSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES. How about credit for activating a student organization that sponsors student events by and for students (in other words not specifically designed for Grand Valley P.R.). We could have a course entitled *Board of Control 101!* Shouldn't we have a course on the political-economic relationships that exist within GVSC and how they affect the structure and biases of the Colleges? How about introductory courses on the committees and task forces at GVSC; their purposes and accomplishments and how one gets chosen or elected to them? Why couldn't students be-

come salaried housing coordinators, students who live in the dorms and directly experience that living situation?

I think that one of the major points that was brought out by Bob Fitrakis during the "rap session" was when he requested that President Lubbers, as campus administrator, point out exactly where students have autonomy. The response from Lubbers was, "Well, I suppose they [students] have autonomy over what kind of courses, uh, what kind of course [he corrected himself] they choose." So GVSC students have a choice to set their sails in the winds of administrative destiny and choose the course they want. As Bob pointed out, students choose among processes that are pre-defined and pre-determined by the administration. Grand Valley gives you a choice between A, B and C. President Lubbers asked Bob what kind



of autonomy students should have, and Bob recommended some areas of concern as in the case of housing and control over student fees. President Lubbers said, "They [students] can recommend, can't they?" He proceeded to say, "No one has the autonomy over life around here outside of the 'BOARD,'"

So, students can recommend change but they don't have the power, even as a majority body, to change "life around here."

Robert Perruci and Marc Pilisuk said in their article entitled, *DISSENT AND SOCIAL CONTROL*, "One of the mainstays of power is the ability of the holders to monopolize symbols of legitimacy . . . Under such circumstances dissent from a loyal subject, a disenfranchised voter, a lower echelon clerk or an enlisted man, [or a student] is severely diminished. Furthermore, power tends to become imbedded in certain patterns of communication and certain fiscal transactions which go behind closed doors. Thus, many significant decisions are made outside of the clear view of those who would be most disturbed by the dealings transacted. For this reason, verbal dissent is frequently without a platform for confrontation of the particular part of the social system which it would like to change."

Such is the case with GVSC. This campus, as with most campuses in the U.S., projects a fine example of how the larger society functions. This is a microcosm of American society complete with committees, advisors, task forces and an obvious political, economic and social hierarchy.

Our money is being spent daily on administrators who make our policies. Who are they and where do they get their ideas? How do they make decisions on our behalf. I think it behooves us all to know more.

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## **Editorial:**

## *Declaration*

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## *Independence*

This is our declaration of independence from *The Lanthorn*. No longer shall we settle for their back pages. We would like to outline the reasons.

First, we're saving money. *The Lanthorn* charged us \$100 per page and treated us as they do any advertisers—not very well. Our current costs are less than \$200 for the four-page tabloid you now hold in your hand. This is with no reduction in the amount of "insiders" available to students.

Second, we now have complete editorial control of our own paper. While we were published as "advertising" in *The Lanthorn*, *Lanthorn* editor Dorg Guthrie reserved the right to alter any copy in "the insider" as he saw fit. As it turned out, we were allowed to criticize anyone we liked—except him. In our last editorial, we attributed part of the lateness of the issue to a lack of foresight on the part of *Lanthorn* staffers. (When "the insider" needed to be typeset, *The Lanthorn* had no typesetting ribbons—although some turned up the next day in time for a run or *The Lanthorn*.) Editor Guthrie indicated that if the offending line was not excised, "the insider" would not be printed. His "correction" placed the blame squarely on Grandville Printing, who had absolutely nothing to do with the missing typesetting ribbons. This is typical of *The Lanthorn's* standards of truth and accuracy.

The final reason is that many readers did not understand (in spite of a fourteen point disclaimer on each page) that "the insider" had nothing to do with *The Lanthorn*. Frankly, we were upset that *The Lanthorn* was getting credit for some of our best pieces. Also, we felt that *The Lanthorn* was reflecting badly on us. Some of our most reliable sources had been closing doors to us because of our association with *The Lanthorn*.

This is the truth—not with a capital "T" perhaps, but fairly accurate all the same.



# R.A.’s win housing task force

A Presidential Task Force has been implemented to correct present and future problems in the Residence Halls. Task Force members Jeff Brown, Robert “Woody” Byrd, Deana Halsey, Mike Harrison, Susan Hedstrom, Mark Mondro and Chuck Sorenson have met once, and will meet three more times before they issue a report April 15th. The Task Force will investigate three aspects of Housing. They are: 1) Hiring, training, and evaluation of R.A.’s and other student personnel; 2) Evaluation, administration, and implementation of Housing Policies; and 3) The general Housing Situation.

In the Task Force’s first session, ACSC Executive Board member Mark

Mondro expressed concern that the Task Force might deal only with policy changes and neglect needed change in Housing personnel. Some R.A.’s, both present and former, have voiced similar concerns. They feel that Housing Director Jackie Scott may in large part be responsible for the current problems in housing. They backed their contentions by citing recent incidents:

A Task Force consisting of several R.A.’s and a Head Resident Assistant was instituted last year. It proposed the creation of a new student position, the Student Assistant (S.A.) which was accepted on a trial basis. The position has a set job description and in case of a vacancy in the

R.A. position the S.A., unless judged incompetent, would move into the R.A. position. This past term an R.A. position was vacated, and the S.A., who was judged a good candidate by both her Head R.A. and members of the Housing Staff, was not moved into the vacancy. Housing Director Jackie Scott ignored the new policy and opened the position up for applications. The candidate who was eventually chosen to fill the vacancy was, however, both well-qualified and competent.

A more recent incident involves second floor Robinson R.A. Mary Weertz. Ms. Weertz, one of three R.A.’s who brought the problems in Housing to

students’ and administrators’ attention, received a written reprimand. Feeling the reprimand an unfair one, Ms. Weertz spoke to Housing Director Jackie Scott about the reprimand. Ms. Scott told Mary that she had heard about the reprimand, but didn’t know the specifics of it. She suggested that Mary talk with her Head R.A., Maggie Meachum, who had written the reprimand. Ms. Weertz talked to Ms. Meachum at a staff meeting, in the course of which Maggie said she had been “advised by the Director and Assistant Director Dennis Batty on it.” In addition only two members of the staff felt the written reprimand was justified and it was decided to rescind it.



## Input:

*a proposal to end state support of bigotry*

To the Editor of “the insider:”

An article in a recent issue of The Insider made the accusation that GVSC “supports bigotry,” on the grounds that the college pays the membership dues of its president in the University Club, and that club bars women from membership. The question was posed whether it is proper to use public funds to support membership in a club which practices discrimination.

President Carter recently questioned the propriety of members of his cabinet even belonging to such a club—there was no question of membership dues being paid from public funds—and Attorney General Griffin Bell resigned from a club which excludes blacks.

GVSC does not have the power or the influence of the federal government, but

it *should* exercise, locally, some moral authority. Shouldn’t it have standards at least as high as those of the federal government?

I suggest that there should be a law to forbid the use of public funds to pay initiation fees or membership dues to any organization which discriminates on the basis of sex, race, color, or creed.

Abram V. Martin

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you very much for your letter. The Student Congress feels that your idea is a very good one. Shortly we will begin circulating petitions to cultivate public support on this issue.

Anyone interested in helping with the petition drive is urged to contact Stu-

dent Congress co-chairperson Emily Lewis at the Student Congress office, ext. 651. We urge all to remember Arend Lubbers’ remark at the open forum a little while ago: “I can do more for women than resign from the University Club.” Right, Arend.

Sincerely,  
the editor

**t.j.c. coordinating committee  
on lanthorn inaccuracies**

(Editor’s note: This letter was originally presented to the LANTHORN. They declined to print it so we reproduce it in full as follows.)

TO THE LANTHORN:

Referring to your recent front page article on the SAAC decision to transfer funds to Student Congress, you have once again succeeded in manipulation and distortion of facts in your drive to protect LANTHORN interests. It is maddening and frustrating, to say the least, to have to make telephone calls in order to find out what’s going on on this campus.

We strongly question your representation as a student newspaper on these grounds. The effort to place student funds under student control is a valid and worthwhile effort which should have taken place long ago. As the representative body of TJC students, we applaud SAAC’s move to expedite this transfer of funds. Furthermore, we feel that to maintain any credibility the LANTHORN must retract the innuendos and false statements in a new article. Specifically:

1. The statement that student funding for student activities is in jeopardy. In fact, all groups present at the meeting received their funding requests.
2. The intimation that Student Congress has appropriated the funds for its own use.
3. The suggestion that GVSC students are against this move. Note: the two students cited in the article have their paychecks signed by the administration. Could we have expected them to act differently?

In conclusion, we hope that the author of the article is not planning on a journalistic career.

Ariel Dawson  
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T.J.C. Coordinating Committee

cc: the INSIDER  
Student Congress

## The Huvendick report:

# Still rumbling, still burning

The title of the last Huvendick Report was *Ominous Rumbblings and Back Burners*. The rumbblings have become rolling peals of thunder and the pots on the back burner have been moved to the front right.

Student Congress has presented a list of recommendations and potential remedies to parking problems at Grand Valley to the Chief of Campus Police, Purl Cobb. Some of the recommendations follow:

1. Abolish the reserved parking system.
2. Parking fines should be 50 cents if paid the same day.
3. Drop boxes should be located at various locations on campus and checked daily.
4. Faculty and staff should be subject to the same enforcement procedures and penalties as students.

In the course of the past three meetings, Student Congress donated monies to the International Women’s Day program and the Cheerleaders, so that they might go to the National NAIA tournaments in Kansas City.

One of the ominous rumbblings was Bill Smith’s resignation as a member of the Executive Board. In the *Lanthorn* it sounded like a peal of thunder, as did their coverage of the SAAC/Student Congress issue.



An idea on the back burner was publishing “the insider” independently of the *Lanthorn*. This, obviously, has come to pass.

A new concern Student Congress is focusing on presently is an investigation of the rumor that two art department faculty are being “let go” for next year. This would put the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in serious jeopardy.

A major portion of the last meeting of the Executive Board was devoted to discussion of Student Congress philosophies and tactics as reported in the *Lanthorn*. There were some present who expressed, quite vehemently, the opinion that Student Congress was not a representative body and acted often without significant input from the student body.

These students and all others are welcomed and urged to give input and feedback to the Student Congress. Our offices are in the South Wing of the Campus Center. Agenda items for the meeting must be submitted by noon on the day of the meeting.

Remember the housing issue? The R.A.’s who were up in arms? Well, not one but two task forces are currently investigating concerns of residence hall students. Student Congress representatives on these committees are Mark Mondro, on the Presidential Housing Task Force, and Eric Huvendick and Mary Maciejewski on the Alternative Life Styles Task Force. If you have input on housing concerns or would like to find out more about these task forces contact the Student Congress office. Reports from both of these groups will be available in the spring term.

The office will be staffed irregularly during examination week. Other times it is open from 9-4 weekdays. We *do* want your ideas, comments and suggestions. Our extension is 651.





Will this become the new campus center?

# Up Front: GVSC admin wants your seat!

When is a student building no longer for student use? Whenever the boys in Zumberge decide to take it away from us.

Under the current arrangements, rooms—whole buildings—can be taken away from students and assigned to academic units or administrative offices without the consent or consultation of any student governing unit. This is incompatible with any rational concept of student control over student affairs.

Seidman House, Grand Valley's original Student Center, has gradually shifted from student use to administrative offices for Admissions and Financial Aid. The student lounge still exists—if you can find it.

The Commons, which housed the bookstore and a student lounge until the Campus Center was built, has been confiscated and put to other uses. The once-spacious lounge area has been partitioned into offices. Much to their own dismay, the CAS Economics and Sociology Departments were herded into the old Commons bookstore. The Campus Center is the last remaining “reservation” which the Administration has set aside for “student life.” Parts of it have already been seized and are not for general student use.

Upon direct orders of President Arend Lubbers, the CC Theatre was transferred from the jurisdiction of the Student Live Office to the CAS Theatre Department for its exclusive use. The CC Art Gallery, which isn't usually open for display of student creations, and is largely ignored by students, faculty, and staff, cannot be considered a student facility by any stretch of the imagination. Why should it be housed in the Campus Center, which supposedly exists for the development of student projects?

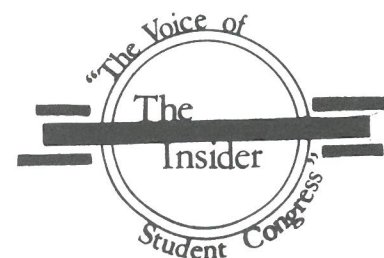
Students have no input into the allocation of space and no protection against eviction from areas that the Administration has been nice enough to allow us to use. In the words of Congress President Bob Fittrakis, “Colonel Beauregarde Lubbers can kick us off his plantation if we get too uppity.”

The Lanthorn is forced to operate in cramped facilities which it must share part-time with the Forum and other publications. Just across a divider from the Lanthorn, the Student Congress office is wall-to-wall humanity. It took a shoehorn to squeeze the new Women's Information Bureau into an already over-crowded student office area. (The Insider gave up its office.) The only space available for most student organizations is a mailbox.

As long as space allocation is in the hands of self-serving administrators and is outside of student control, the Administration will do as it pleases.

If the policy of confiscation continues, students may have to take over Arend's office—just to get in out of the rain.

Rick Gamber,  
Spiritual Editor



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## Input:

*an r.a. up in arms*

*. . . at us*

February 21, 1977

The Insider:

I am writing this letter to clear up a few misconceptions that were printed in the article which appeared in the February 17 edition of “the insider.” The article was entitled “RA's up in Arms.” In writing an article, one may take isolated quotes and change the whole issue to what the writer wants to say, whether right or wrong. The issue that I see the RAs working to solve is the reform of some of the housing policies for the benefit of the students, not the RAs.

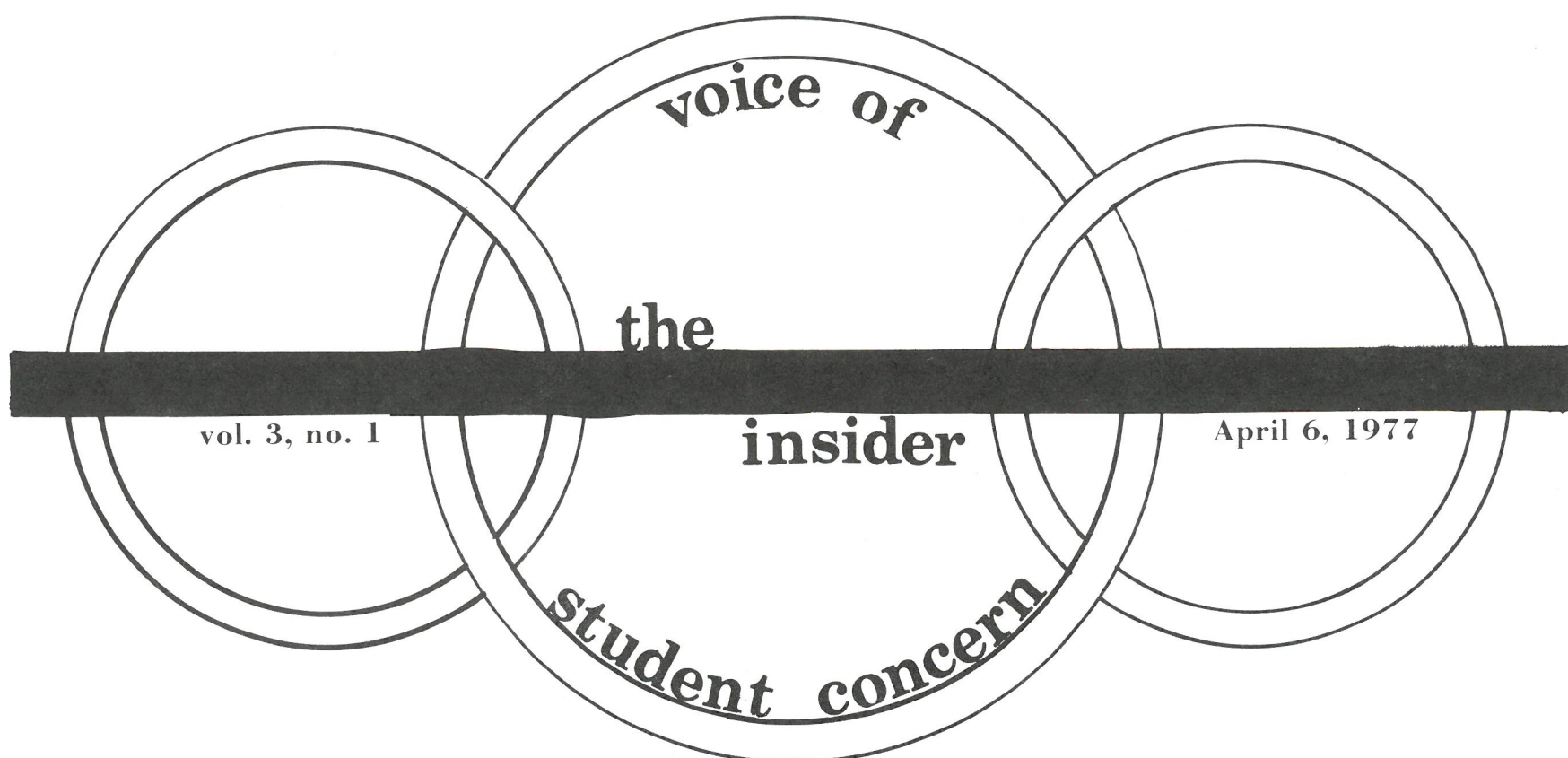
A list of suggestions was drawn up by a large group of RAs. This list is, in my opinion, very constructive in nature, not only for the students, but also for the betterment of the Housing Office. This list contained points such as: Better Security and protection for the residence halls; Better sanitary conditions; Improvement on the RA selection process; and Improvement of the judicial system. These points concern students now living in the residence halls for the following reasons: The security and protection in the halls needs improvement because of the number of people who have no business being on the residence hall floors. They usually cause a majority of the noise and damage to the halls. Some sanitary conditions need improvement, especially in the bathrooms on weekends, when they take the most abuse. The selection process for RAs affects every person living in the residence halls. We must improve the process to get people who are qualified to be RAs. The Judicial process here at Grand Valley must be streamlined to cut the time between being written up, and the time that action is taken, while still respecting the students' rights.

These are some of the more important issues presented to the Housing Office. I felt that the article in “the insider” was rather one-sided, to and for certain people. We are all working together, the RAs and the Housing staff, to solve these problems. Some of these issues are already on the way to very constructive changes, and this will continue in the future, I am sure.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Harrison  
Resident Assistant, Robinson House





# Lubbers pays his own way

by Marion Bates

Sources close to "the insider" reported late last term that GVSC President Arend Lubbers has begun paying his own dues for his membership in the University Club. In the past these dues have been paid out of the college general fund as a business expense.

Lubbers' move comes on the heels of student and community pressure on the colleges to end the practice of paying for memberships in allegedly racist and sexist clubs out of monies that include state tax revenues and student tuition. The issue was originally raised in

an expose' written by ACSC Co-chairperson Emily Lewis and published in an issue of "the insider" last term. It was Lewis' contention that paying for Lubbers' memberships in the University Club and the Peninsular Club was a case of state funds and student tuition being used to promote sexism and racism.

In a statement to Student Congress President Bob Fitrakis, Lubbers revealed that he had paid for his March dues to the University Club out of his own pocket. He stated, "The issue was well-raised." He went on to say that the Univer-

sity Club Board has recommended that discrimination be set aside. "I will vote for this move," he told Fitrakis, "when it comes before the membership." He did not address the question of his membership in the Peninsular Club at this time.

Emily Lewis commented, "Although I see this as an important achievement in demonstrating that students are capable of influencing policy, I feel that he has failed to address the entire issue. He ignored the issue of the Peninsular Club, which practices the same kind of discriminatory policies, and he did not face the question of the ethics

of his memberships as a representative of Grand Valley—and as a person—in these clubs." She went on to suggest that, "Rather than merely supporting women as a member of these clubs, I think it would be a more dramatic example to other members if he resigned and I urge him to do so."

Lewis concluded that she would have no objection to President Lubbers belonging to these clubs if they were not discriminatory, providing he paid for them out of his own pocket. "These are," she pointed out, "social clubs where the principle *raison d'être* is drinking."

## The Huvendick report: BFA?

by Eric Huvendick

On March 16 Andy Jagniecki, representing the Art Company, and I, representing Student Congress, met with Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Glen Niemeyer, to discuss possible faculty cutbacks in the CAS Art department. This was a culmination of a series of meetings and discussions on this topic. The series, and what is known about the situation, follows herewith.

I had been approached two weeks previously by members of the Art Company, a newly formed student organization of CAS art majors and minors and those in other colleges at Grand Valley involved in the arts. They were concerned about rumors they had heard involving possible cutbacks in the CAS Art department faculty; specifically Art Blom in sculpture and Greg Jaris in Ceramics.

I met with members of the organization and suggested that a possible course of action would be to contact Vice-President Niemeyer and arrange a time to discuss this matter, clear up the rumors, and get the facts and his assessment of the situation. Andy Jagniecki volunteered to represent the Art Company at this meeting.

The day before the meeting, Andy and I met with the chairperson of the art department in CAS, Beverly Berger. She explained that should it come to



Eric Huvendick, ACSC Secretary

pass that the contracts of these two faculty members are not renewed, for whatever reason, that the continuation of the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, would be tenuous, at the very least. "It would even create hardship in maintaining current B.S. and B.A. offerings," she added.

She went on to say that such a cut would reduce offerings in the CAS department to essentially two-dimensional art forms. I asked her if she felt there was a possibility of finding part-time

people in the area to teach sculpture, should the need arise. She assured me that there was little possibility of finding an instructor with Blom's qualifications and dedication in the immediate area. She added that potential cutbacks were in some ways perhaps more difficult to deal with than actual cutbacks might be.

Armed with this information and some ideas of our own concerning alternatives to possible cuts, Andy and I met with Glenn Niemeyer the following day.

In the course of the hour and a half meeting we explained to Niemeyer how concerned students were over this rumor. We asked him what he could offer in the way of assurance that these cuts would not come to pass and where the administration stood on this issue.

He explained that numerous shifts of faculty and personnel have taken place at Grand Valley and probably would continue. He emphasized that this did not necessarily mean cutbacks. Emphasizing the limited margin and flexibility in balancing the Grand Valley budget, he stressed the importance of taking an institutional point of view and continually asking the question: "Is it in the best interest of Grand Valley?"

He went on to say that a hearing with the Legislative Appropriations Committee was held on March 28 and that Grand Valley budgeting was to a significant degree determined by the findings of this committee. The findings might not be an-

nounced until the middle of summer term.

Reaffirming his dedication to liberal arts, he added that *if*, at that time, it appeared as though cutbacks would be necessary in this area that every effort would be made to avoid it and alternatives would be considered and scrutinized in-depth.

What this all means is that there are two members in the Art department who will possibly not know until sometime during the summer whether or not Grand Valley will be able to offer them contracts. Mr. Niemeyer apologized for this inconvenience but noted that there was little Grand Valley could offer in the way of concrete assurance that these positions would be renewed pending information from Lansing about the Grand Valley budget allotment.

It is important to note that both of these teachers were hired on terminal contracts. When they were hired they were aware that a possibility existed that their contracts *might* not be renewed. Regardless, the implications of such cutbacks could and probably would spell doom for the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in CAS. It is understandable that cutbacks are necessary in light of reduced enrollment, but eliminating programs (especially after they have been advertised in the catalog and students have been admitted to them) is not the way to reverse or offset this trend.



# Model U.N. gets the CC shaft

The GVSC Model U.N. organization reserved the entire third floor of the Campus Center for their annual conference scheduled for April 28. The reservation was made a year ago and it included the space now occupied by the Campus Center Art Gallery. The Model U.N. was recently informed that the space would not be available for their use this year as

it had been last year. Spokespersons for the Model U.N. charge that this space belongs to students and student organizations and should not have been turned over to an academic unit (the CAS Art Department). Said one, "We assumed that the Art Gallery, used for last year's conference, went with the deal. You should never assume anything at GVSC."

Model U.N. Conference Secretary General Cindy Kendall was compelled to institute a search for the additional space needed by the conference. Considering the acute space problem at GVSC the task proved to be a formidable one. Said Kendall, "They offered to let us use the balcony above the main floor lounge but that's no place to hold a meeting." Finally, a space was found in the Commons—on the other side of campus.

ACSC trouble-shooter Rick Gamber charged

that these difficulties, "put the big issue of returning the Campus Center to student control into perspective. This hassle could have been avoided if the Campus Center was in the hands of students. Now is the time," he concluded, "to make this an issue in order to avoid further confiscations of student property." Gamber was the author of an article on the space problem at GVSC which appeared in the last issue of "the insider."



Welcome to the company store.

Photograph by Frank Metesky/"insider"

## Editorial:

# Zola insights strike home

Most students of the labor struggle are familiar with the institution of the "company store." Emile Zola, famous French novelist and journalist, wrote of this institution and its terrifying ramifications in his novel *Germinal*.

Zola's novel was set in a mining town in France where the only source of needed goods was a general store owned by the same company that owned and operated the mine. The prices were grossly inflated and the miners poor, so they were compelled to do most of their business on credit. This situation found most miners hopelessly in debt to the company in a very short time. The manager of the store was allowed to sexually abuse the daughters of the miners who were so deeply in debt that they were in danger of being denied credit.

From Zola's depressing, ramshackle mining town we travel to the twentieth century and the picturesque campus of Grand Valley State Colleges in Allendale, Michigan. On the surface there are no similarities between that historical mining town and our beautiful campus. But look closer: lurking in a corner of the Campus Center is . . . the company store.

Perhaps that seems melodramatic but we invite you to examine the facts:

Most students have no realistic alternative to doing much of their business at the GVSC Bookstore in the Campus Center. Resident students can seldom get off campus even if a realistic alternative to the Bookstore existed elsewhere.

Few GVSC students need to be told about the prices at the Bookstore. They are ridiculously high—some items sell for prices that are higher than manufacturer's recommended list.

How many students sold a book to the Bookstore for \$5 that they had purchased for \$15? How many students will buy that book back this term for \$10?

The people who are responsible for the bookstore complain that they must make a profit in order to pay rent. Yet those to whom they pay rent are the same as those who own the bookstore. And if the records are examined further it can be seen that the Bookstore makes a profit above and beyond their "overhead." "Paying rent" sounds like so much paper shuffling, book juggling, and computer perversion. And why do they have to make money in addition to that so-called "rent"?

Here is our alternative: put the Bookstore into the hands of students. Decisions concerning bookstore prices and policy could be put into the hands of an elected board made up entirely of students. It would be the responsibility of the administration and the staff, with all their presumed expertise and superior knowledge, to advise the board and implement the board's decisions. The members of the board would not have to be business majors; they would only need to be responsive to student needs and concerns.

In past editorials, the *Lanthorn* has asked that the administration make Bookstore policies more responsive to students. "The insider" disdains this approach. We demand the right for students to control their own lives.

In Zola's novel, the manager of the company store is castrated by the indignant mothers of the girls he has abused. Perhaps our daughters are not being abused, but our rights are, and we feel that that may be as bad.

## Input:

thank you  
for caring enough

Friends,

Thank you.

Thank you for caring enough about the injustices which exist on our campus to spend your own time and energy in righting what wrongs you can and attempting to educate the campus population about administrative mechanisms.

So few are willing to risk public scorn and unpopularity by pointing out the things we don't like to admit exist. Such people are often seen as foes by others living in a smug, comfortable, material, setting. Well, they are foes: foes of the people, institutions, and other assorted structures that oppress, repress, and stifle the human spirit . . .

I have shed many tears over the pains and sufferings inflicted on myself, friends, and strangers by our social system. The pain is dissolving and being replaced by anger . . . anger at my brothers who physically and emotionally abuse my sisters/anger at my sisters who do the same/anger at the education which trains and conditions us to accept injustice/ . . . and, of course, anger at myself for not consistently living my beliefs.

It is not an empty anger though; it is one which motivates . . .

In solidarity and with love,  
Steve Blessman

Steve,

Thank YOU for your input. You have made an eloquent, passionate plea that ought to be heeded. Our only regret is that we did not have the space to print it in full. With a handful of people with a spirit like yours we will do much.

Sincerely,  
the editor

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RECYCLE THIS PAPER!



## Elsewhere

ANN ARBOR—Police and university officials last week attacked striking workers and their student supporters at the University of Michigan.

The university's chief labor mediator drove a truckload of cabs through strikers' picket lines, running down a union leader who had attempted to block the truck. Police meanwhile clubbed students who had been demonstrating in solidarity with the 2,300 maintenance and service workers.

According to many of the involved, the university has consistently tried to divide students and workers threatening student with loss of financial aid unless they agreed to fill in for the strikers and warning that tuition would increase if the union demands were met. Since most students have refused to cooperate with the university's strike-breaking schemes, outside scabs have been enlisted in the anti-union effort.

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BERKELEY - Harry Edwards, a Black Sociology instructor at the University of California at Berkeley, has been refused tenure, and according to Edwards, "This tenure battle is a part of a nationwide move to roll back gains of the 1950's and 1960's in terms of educational opportunity and access for third world people. It is also a flat out racist and political move by the conservative members of the department of Sociology on this campus." The department voted 10-8 last February to deny Edwards tenure. Edwards has vowed to pursue every possible means to win his case, including legal action.

The Edwards case has aroused outrage among students and faculty at UCLA. Demonstrations and mass protests are being organized and petitioners demanding Edwards' retention have gathered over 8,000 signatures.

Edwards has been described as a dynamic lecturer who generates enthusiasm and makes no pretense of "academic objectivity" in putting forth his views. Some of his students say he was the first teacher that sparked them to think critically about society.

The opponents of Edwards claim he does not measure up to the university's "academic standards." Edwards vehemently denies that he has failed to meet minimum standards of academic performance. He has published three books and over 50 articles. His pioneering work *THE SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT* has been adopted as a basis text in colleges across the country.

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ITALY—Two weeks ago over 10,000 people filled the streets of Bologna, Italy, for the funeral of a student activist shot by police during a tank-led assault on student barricades at the University of Bologna. The day after the killing of the youth 50,000 angry young people from across Italy marched through Rome. Other large demonstrations also marked by violent incidents took place in Milan, Bologna, Turin and other cities.

The Bologna University takeover was part of a nationwide student protest movement against a government "reform" bill which would cut college enrollments, particularly hitting working-class students, give administrators new repressive powers, and trim the untenured low-paid faculties. The wave of protest has included student occupation of the country's major universities in recent weeks.

### Talk to 'the insider'

NOTICE: AT TWO O'CLOCK THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 7, THE EDITOR OF "the insider" AND MEMBERS OF "the insider" STAFF WILL MEET WITH STUDENTS WHO WISH TO AIR THEIR VIEWS OR ASK SOME QUESTIONS. STUDENTS ARE URGED TO CONFRONT US FACE-TO-FACE AND GIVE THEIR INPUT ON MATTERS OF "insider" POLICY, STUDENT LIFE, AND STUDENT CONGRESS ACTIVITIES. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE UPSTAIRS IN THE CAMPUS CENTER IN CONFERENCE ROOM "D." ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME SOMEBODY STARTED LISTENING TO STUDENTS?

**CORRECTIONS:** On the page 2 editorial of the last issue of "the insider," *Lanthorn* editor Doug Guthrie was referred to as *Dorg* Guthrie. On page 3 in an article entitled *R.A.'s win housing task force*, Housing staff person Dennis Batt was incorrectly called Dennis *Batty*. We apologize to both individuals and sincerely hope that neither was caused any serious difficulty by our errors.

# Just what Grand Valley needs: a marching band

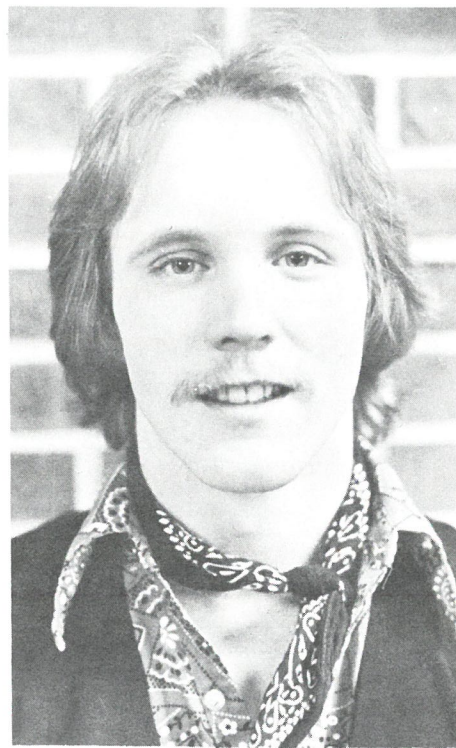
by Jennifer Lehmann and Marion Bates

CAS Music Department chairperson Wayne Dunlop, confirming information received from "insider" sources, admitted that GVSC President Arend Lubbers has authorized the expenditure of an unnamed amount of money for the purchase of uniforms and equipment for a GVSC marching band. Heretofore, GVSC has not had a marching band. Other sources report that the amount set aside was as much as \$27,000 and that the uniforms and equipment had already been ordered.

President Lubbers' executive assistant

Jean Ellis told "the insider" that although the source of these monies had not been decided that they would not come from the college general fund. She indicated that the monies would be in the form of a gift from outside sources. Pursuing a recommendation by Ellis (and earlier by Professor Dunlop) "the insider" sought to interview Vice President Arthur Hills concerning the matter. As "the insider" went to press, Hills was unavailable for comment.

Student Congress member Mark Mon-



Mark Mondro, ACSC Executive Board

dro questioned the priorities involved in this purchase. "I don't understand," he said, "how the central administration can talk about cutting faculty and existing programs in the Art Department for lack of funds and then come up with enough money to start a NEW program in the Music Department." He further questioned why student input had not been sought on the matter. "This is so typical," Mondro remarked. "The administration decides what is best for students without asking the students."

## ACSC examines parking problems

The All College Student Congress (ACSC) has made parking recommendations to Chief of Police Purl Cobb. They will be the basis of a new parking policy he is sending to the administration. A task force including students, faculty, and administration will review these recommendations and alter present parking policy. Mr. Cobb assured Student Congress that the agreed-upon changes will be made by the end of Spring Term and enacted in the fall. Included in the recommendations to be reviewed are: 1) *Eliminating reserved parking*. Parking will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Some reserved spaces, such as for handicapped persons, maintenance personnel, the President of the school, and residents of dormitories and Ravine Apartments (without the present ten dollar fee) will remain. 2) *A change in parking fines*. Fines should be 50 cents if paid within 24 hours, two dollars if paid within ten school days, and five dollars after that. 3) *No encumbrances*. After 30 days an overdue parking fine will be sent to the 58th District Court which will handle student, faculty and staff tickets equally. At present, faculty and staff are not penalized for unpaid tickets, while students are not allowed to register without paying their fines. 4) *Drop boxes to facilitate the payment of tickets will be made available*. They could be located at the Cashier's Office, Buzz 206, and the Campus Police Office. 5) *Computerized car pools could be instituted*. They are now being organized. 6) *More bus routes*. More routes to and from Grand Rapids could be scheduled to alleviate over crowding of the parking lots. Two new routes were also recommended; one through Allendale from Holland on M-45, and one through Wyoming, Grandville, and

Jenison on 28th Street. 7) *Enlargement of Parking Lots*. Mr. Cobb suggested that the island between lots C and D near the Field House be turned into parking space. An auxiliary lot for visitors off of lot K was also suggested.

Any students interested in being on the Task Force to review these recommendations or in making other recommendations are urged to contact Student Congress at Ext. 651 or in the South Wing of the Campus Center.

## Co-ed floor in Kistler?

### 51 say 'yes'

The All-College Student Congress (ACSC) recently distributed questionnaires throughout the GVSC dorms, attempting to determine student needs there. The questionnaires were comprised of six yes or no questions and an

"additional comments" space. The Congress was disappointed by the response—only 125 of 700 questionnaires were returned. Answers were as follows: (1) "Do you enjoy living in the residence halls?" Yes-67; No-45; Other-12. (2) "Did you have any input on the decision-making concerning visitation policy in your hall?" Yes-103; No-16; Other-5. (3) "Were/are the choices of visitation policies pre-defined?" Yes-95; No-25; Other-4. (4) "Do you think processes exist to change current dorm policies?" Yes-66; No-54; Other-4. (5) "If it came to pass, would you be interested in living on a co-ed floor in Kistler House?" Yes-51; No-70; Other-3. (6) "Do you use the textbook price listing in the quarterly schedule?" Yes-43; No-73; Other-8.

Results of the survey have been referred to the ACSC Housing Task Force and the Presidential Housing Task Force.

In response to the survey results, ACSC co-chairperson Emily Lewis commented, "I think the fact that 51 people indicated that they *would* live on a co-ed floor is significant. We'd like to see something like this implemented as soon as possible."

## The quotable Nikita Frobish

"Sometimes I get the awful impression that Arend Lubbers is running this college."

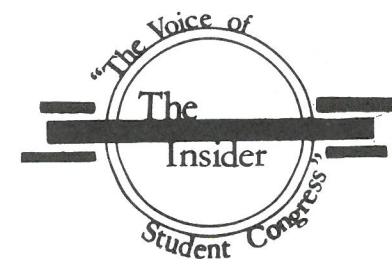
Nikita Frobish, addressing Rick Gamber at a cockroach convention in Port Huron, Michigan, March 1944.





"We are raising students' morale and we are effecting change."

Rex Larsen/"insider"



## California input:

To Marion Bates,  
editor of "the insider"

Dear Marion,

Clear out now and come stay with me here in sunny California, Marion. You don't need Grand Valley. I'm living in an Econoline van in Monterey and there's plenty of room for you. I just couldn't bring myself to rejoin you at Grand Valley. I've got to see if all this academic crap is going to do me or anyone else any good out in the real world.

You know you're just wasting your time messing around out at Grand Valley. Students don't care what you're doing so you're doing it all for nothing.

In comradeship,  
Nikita

# Up Front: Defeating the demons of impotence and frustration

TO: NIKITA FROBISH  
Monterey, California

Dear Nikita,

It came as quite a surprise when we at GVSC discovered that you had not returned for the Spring Term. Needless to say, Arend was appalled. However, I must admit that I understand your reluctance to abandon that sunny paradise out west for a wet spring here in Michigan. Let me add that I applaud your desire to, in your own words, "see if all this academic crap is going to do me or anyone else any good out in the real world." I wish you the best of luck and I'm sure you will be a credit to your *Alma Mater*.

I am compelled to confess that your invitation to come to stay with you for a few months is a tempting one. I, too, am not overly fond of wet Michigan springs. However, I am not ready to leave Grand Valley at this time. There is too much to do to make what we have already done worthwhile.

I know you think that I am wasting my time here (you have told me so on numerous occasions). I am cognizant that you believe most students—particularly, GVSC students—are hopelessly apathetic and unconcerned about anything beyond the most obvious banalities of existence. You are far too cynical, Nikita: I am unconvinced.

Students aren't apathetic—they're demoralized. They feel hopelessly over-matched by the complexities of the bureaucracy and impotent to affect change in it. It's a terrible, frustrating feeling and I often must combat it in myself. When I have defeated the demon in myself I feel it my duty to carry the weapons to others to continue the fight.

One of our best weapons is "the insider." This vehicle allows us to inform students what a small but dedicated cadre of activist students can accomplish with a little direction and a lot of energy. For one thing, we have begun lobbying to change the Board of Control model so that it includes a permanent place for a student representative with the same status as the president of the colleges. This is not a pipe dream, Nikita; we have the support of the GVSC Board of Control and some of the most influential legislators in Michigan. I predict that within a year college governance models will be changing along the lines of the model proposed in "the insider."

Another example of the power of organized activist students was the result of the article we printed exposing the fact that state funds were being used to pay for President Lubbers' memberships in sexist and racist clubs. Although Arend tried, at first, to justify this practice, he finally gave in and is paying for those memberships out of his own pocket. It is unfortunate, of course, that our president persists in his immoral activities, but at least he isn't using our tax money to do so.

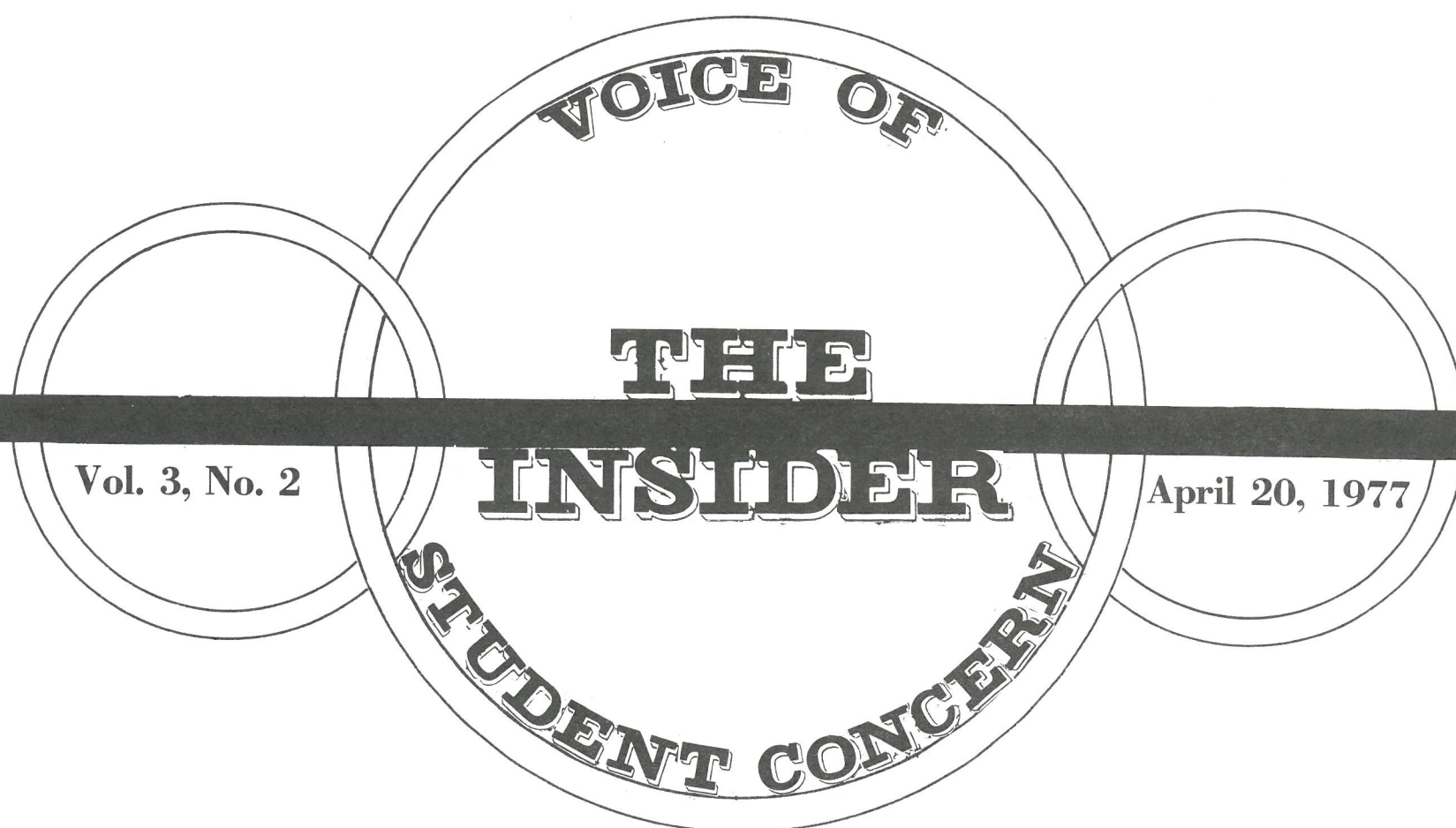
There are other examples: Housing policies are being scrutinized and may be subject to revision, thanks, in part, to our intervention in the matter and our publicizing of it in "the insider." We have every reason to believe that the Board of Control is going to change the current SAAC model so that student fee money will be in the control of those to whom it belongs—students!

No, Nikita, I'm not ready to give up. I'm staying in Michigan for awhile at least. We are raising students' morale and we are effecting change. We may not be changing the world but we must start somewhere and here is where we are. Maybe that is the whole point.

I remain

Yours,  
Marion



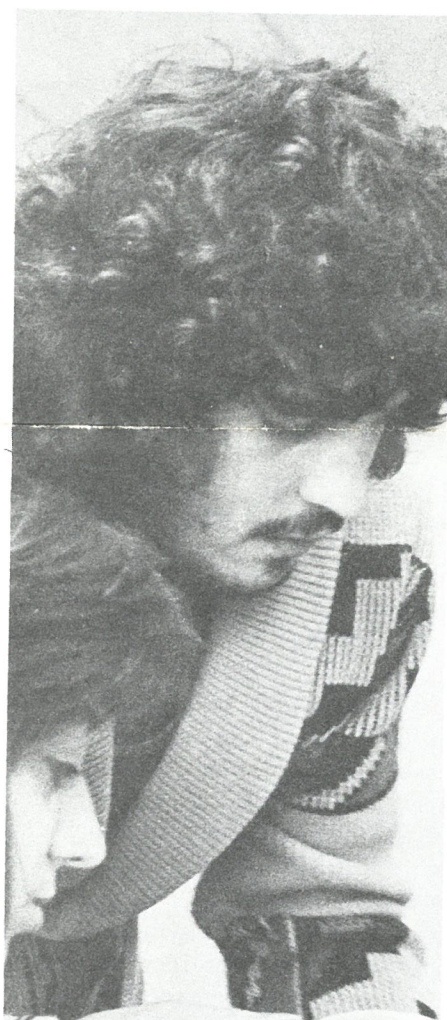


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# THE INSIDER

STUDENT CONCERN



**Fitrakis, Grafas  
impressed**

## Evans, Coyne named to board

In an open meeting on Tuesday, April 4, the All-College Student Congress (ACSC) selected two new Executive Board members to fill vacancies created by the resignations of Mike Hart and Bill Smith last term. The two new Board members are Darryl Evans, a sophomore at WJC, and James Coyne, a freshman at TJC.

A total of seven candidates applied for the positions. ACSC President Bob Fitrakis remarked, "I was very impressed with both the number and quality of the applicants. Hopefully, this is an indication of greater formal participation by students in their government." Executive Board member Chris Grafas concurred, "I was pleased with the turnout and impressed by all the candidates. Fortunately, we were able to offer positions to each of them." Grafas was referring to the Board's decision to assess each candidate individually and recommend places within Student

Congress for them in line with their interests and talents.

The recommendations of the Student Congress regarding the unsuccessful Board candidates were as follows: that Marilyn Heiler should be appointed to the Parking Task Force; that C. David Martinson should become a research associate to the "insider"; that Maureen Michaels should become an ex-officio member of the ACSC as a representative of the TJC Coordinating Committee; that Rosalee Grable should become a formal advisor to the ACSC on All-College matters; and that Charles Pringle should become an ex-officio member of the ACSC coordinating Grand Valley's activities with the two state student lobbyists (MHESA and SALT). Student Congress is awaiting formal acceptance by these individuals.

Student Congress has many activities

planned for Spring Term with top priority going to securing more funding for Grand Valley from the state legislature and lobbying to place a student and faculty representative on the Board of Control. New ACSC member Darryl Evans promised, "During my short term on the Executive Board I will attempt to propose ideas that will reflect the primary interests of resident students as well as all commuting students." He concluded, "I sincerely urge all students currently uninterested in such organizations as the Student Congress to open their eyes and their mouths, to read, and to speak of the changes needed to assure progress in the future. The things we do well today will certainly make tomorrow better. People make progress."

ACSC member Mark Mondro concluded, "I think we've got a busy Spring Term ahead of us here at Student Congress."

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# Parity efforts proceed

In the near future members of the All-College Student Congress will be meeting with State Representative Jackie Vaughn (D-Detroit) to encourage him to introduce legislation to give student and faculty representatives parity with the college president on the Board of Control. Representative Vaughn is the chairperson of the Legislature's Colleges and

Universities Committee and has the reputation of supporting legislation that is in the interests of student concern.

In an issue of "the insider" last term, ACSC President Bob Fitrakis called for lobbying efforts across the state to establish parity between college presidents, faculty representatives, and student gov-

ernment representatives on the governing boards of state supported colleges and universities. College presidents generally carry an ex-officio status on these boards while student and faculty representatives usually serve in an advisory capacity.

ACSC member Mark Mondro was enthusiastic about the upcoming meeting

with Representative Vaughn. "I think we'll get some action on this in the very near future," he said. "I don't think we can allow an issue as significant as this one is to die. I think putting a student on the Board of Control will be an important step toward creating a vehicle to allow real student input in administrative decisions."

## Academic powers abused?

There is growing evidence and concern that certain GVSC professors are abusing their academic powers of grading and awarding credit. Credit, and especially grades, have been used as leverage to proposition students. This practice has been humiliating and intimidating for the students involved. Action can and will be taken against individual instructors who are guilty of such offenses, if there is substantive evidence against them. In individual cases, steps can be taken to insure that no grade or credit penalties are imposed on the uncooperative. Students who have been subjected to such blackmail are urged to help themselves and others by reporting their experiences. Questions and information can be directed to Jennifer Lehmann Anderson (895-7776) or Christine Grafas (451-9912) through the Student Government Office, located in the South Wing of the Campus Center, Extension 651. These people will talk to students personally or refer them to someone else in the event that a student is not comfortable talking to them. Information will be treated confidentially as will names. Students may contribute information only or take part in efforts to halt the practice.

### Staff:

*the All-College Student*

*Congress and interested*

*students, with Jennifer*

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## Upfront:

# Buy only what you need

by Jennifer Lehmann Anderson

I would like to express yet another negative perspective on the GVSC Bookstore. The issue I address is deceptively minor, and my stance on it could be viewed as over-reaction or opposition to liberality. Let my context refute these points.

To begin, I offer an analogy. Arend Lubbers' membership in the University Club is his prerogative, and I will not expect him to relinquish it merely because I object to the University Club. However, financing that membership with student and/or taxpayer's monies falsely indicated that they condoned the membership and the club.

As I support Arend's right to membership in the University Club, I support anyone's right to print anything they choose, and read anything they choose. ("I disagree with what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.") People obviously choose to print pornographic magazines, such as "Playgirl" and "Playboy," while others choose to make it lucrative for them to do so by reading the same. Much as this type of publication abhors me, I feel that its eradication should be through education and basic changes in the society where it flourishes, rather than through dread censorship. Free Larry Flynt!

However, as I did not wish my taxes and tuition to imply my support for Arend's membership or the club thereof, neither do I wish anything to imply my support for such magazines. I choose, as do many of both sexes and all ages, not to financially support their publication by purchasing them, and more importantly, not to expose myself to their offensive and dangerous content. Yet, under the guise of liberality, the profit-seeking publishers, in conjunction with the profit-seeking retailers, have made non-exposure virtually impossible. The publishers have put samples of their dehumanizing content on the magazine covers, and the retailers have prominently displayed the magazines. Thus, the vulgarity of objectified human beings in freakish costumes and contrived postures cannot escape the notice of potential customers. Nor can it escape the notice of adamant non-customers or neutral persons, who would otherwise not see it.

I wish no one would choose to "read" such material. Ideally, that day will come. In the meantime, I think that public display of such material not only in itself celebrates and perpetuates sickness by forcibly exposing people to it, it also misleadingly suggests that society condones such material. Many members of society do not, and society as a whole should not, condone the perpetuation of an ideology which victimizes so many. Women,

ing pleasure in "Playboy," et al. Men and children are now going to be subjected to this as well. And all "readers" are victims. Covering these covers is of vital importance, and in the cause of liberality and liberation, (after all, this is a college campus) I would like to encourage the Bookstore to do so. "Like racist or anti-Semitic caricatures, degrading images of women (sic) are not merely aesthetically offensive; their function is to harass and intimidate, and their ultimate implications are fascistic." —Ellen Willis, "Rolling Stone," March 24. Fascism at Grand Valley? Never!

Returning to reality, a verbal mandate to the Bookstore is far from guaranteed to result in cooperation. They operate on motivations of profit, not liberty. However, an economics lesson is in order as a means of dealing with profit-seeking enterprises: money talks. A boycott of the entire bookstore is admittedly unfeasible in view of its virtual monopoly position. However, magazines, whose perusal is made unpleasant anyway, could be boycotted, especially the offending ones. (I realize that these will be the last to drop in sales as there are those who insist on personal pleasure regardless of its cost to others.) People have a duty to themselves to condemn the flagrant display of these magazines, which amounts to nothing more or less than an anti-person propaganda display.

This is an immediate solution to an immediate problem. The problem itself is only symptomatic of a much larger problem. This college, like the Bookstore, operates on profit-incentive. Its administrators have the task of maximizing financial gains (as well as the task of convincing us they know what our interests are and have only those interests at heart). To the extent that these administrators have power here, profit-maximization will be the basis of all policy. Students, along with instructors, must control this, "our" institution. With education-maximization as our goal, and the best understanding of that goal and how to achieve it (not to mention the most at stake in the matter), we could make this school a good school. We could make the Bookstore a good bookstore, with operating decisions by, for and of students, and not the corporate-thinking beings now in control by virtue of . . . divine right? Perhaps vulgarity would not be pandered for profit. Perhaps prices would come down.

I hope I'm not merely dreaming again. Meanwhile, boycott magazines in the Bookstore. Boycott all non-essential items there (if you could ever afford them). Continue the boycott until they cover up those magazines. Continue this boycott un-





**'You read it first in the insider.'**

## Elsewhere

A wide coalition of campus groups at Cornell University gave an unexpected award to the chairperson of the board of Citibank on March 22.

Two protestors clad in Klu Klux Klan outfits swooped down on Walter Wriston's question and answer "Executive Forum" and presented him with a giant South African gold piece for his "services to the cause of white supremacy." The demonstrators were protesting Citibank's South African investments. The bank organized a \$110 million loan to the apartheid regime shortly after the Soweto uprisings this summer. Guardian April 6, 1977

**"Fear and Loathing Slithers into Mississippi"**

The administration at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, felt the heat of student activism recently when fire swept the administration building following a protest by 200 of the college's 842 students.

The protest centered around the handling of student aid programs, conditions in the dormitories, particularly President W. A. McMillan. The tension had been mounting for some time and was brought to a peak when the college trustees voted to renew McMillan's contract.

Charles Dawkins, student body vice-president, was arrested for disorderly conduct and attempting to incite a riot. Charges were later dropped on the condition that Dawkin leave campus and return home to Chicago.

College administrators have closed the school for two weeks.

Over 600 teachers and students at Massachusetts State colleges and universities demonstrated against planned cutbacks in public higher education March 21.

One strategy is to freeze the level of spending for higher education at last year's amount. This "level funding" would force the faculty to either accept lower pay or the firing of as many as 1,600 college employees, demonstrators charged. The budget cuts would also force reductions in student enrollments, felt hardest by working-class students unable to get financial aid.

Another strategy is to restructure the entire system of public education in Massachusetts. Hoping to attract business to the state by creating a labor force with "appropriate skills," the governor and legislative leaders are pushing hard to downgrade the four-year state colleges into technical training schools.

Guardian April 6, 1977

# Equitable funding sought

At the April 12 meeting of the All-College Student Congress Executive Board a resolution was passed promising mobilization of all resources available to that body to "secure equitable funding for the college community." The resolution further noted that, in the analysis of the Student Congress, Grand Valley has been consistently "short-changed" by the State Legislature and that this was threatening the quality of education available

to students at Grand Valley. It was further resolved that effort in this area by the ACSC would be coordinated with those of the central administration. The state legislature is presently considering appropriations for state colleges and universities for next year.

"I think that whatever differences we might have with the administration," commented ACSC President Bob Fitakis,

"that we have to close ranks on this issue and work with them in the interest of securing equitable funding for Grand Valley. I hope our actions serve to dispel the myth that Student Congress has as its primary concern uncovering administrative plots. So many of the problems we have here can be traced to a simple lack of adequate funding."

The resolution passed unanimously.

## Commentary

# Democratizing the bureaucracy

Three important GVSC committees have undergone basic revision, causing them to be much more representative of students. The three committees: the Programming Board, the Recreation Board and the Student Activities Allocations Committee, have total control of the Student Activities Fund, which amounts to approximately \$20,000 each academic term. The changes are briefly these: all students on boards will now be each elected in general student elections rather than being chosen or appointed by internal college governments, which are comprised of faculty and administrators as well as students, with the final approval resting with college deans. Final approval of the appointments by the deans will no longer be necessary. What is of vital importance is the fact that only the students on these boards will now have voting power. Faculty and administrators will remain on the boards, but now in ex-officio (non-voting) capacities only. Broader representation will also be provided by the change of the Recreation Board and the Programming Board from advisory bodies to bodies with the same power of allocation as SAAC. SAAC formerly had sole power to allocate funds.

These changes have come about through the efforts of the All-College Student Congress with the exemplary cooperation of the Student Life Office. Director of Student Life, Jeff Brown, worked with Student Government, giving them crucial support and drafting the program. Jeff has earned a vote of confidence as a student advocate and liaison to the bureaucracy.

This joint effort was outstanding not only for its results but also as a model of effective teamwork between students and non-students. Al-

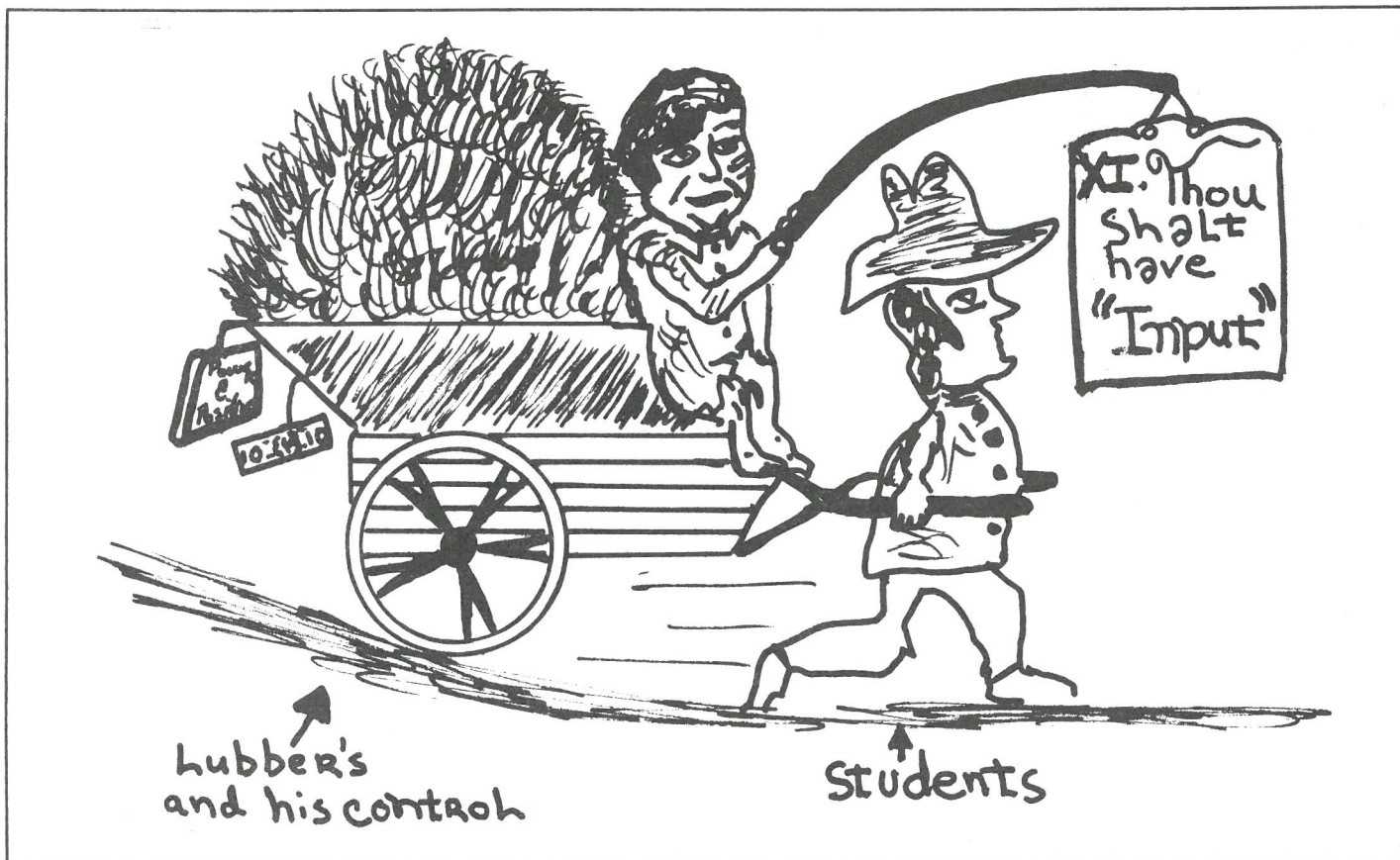
though Student Congress is often in the position of criticizing the administration, this position arises because of its concern for students and its responsibility to act in their behalf. This responsibility and concern prompt Student Congress to criticize or cooperate depending on which policy best serves student interests. In this case, cooperation brought about an important move in the direction of the expressed ideal of Student Congress; participatory student democracy.

The democratic nature of these new models provides power for students over their own money and activities. As all democracies, it creates responsibility correlative to power. To realize the benefits of these efforts on their behalf, students must assume the responsibility and power which has been obtained for them.

There are six student positions on the Recreation Board, six on the Programming Board and two students will be elected from each college for SAAC. Petitions for the first two are available in the Student Congress Office. They are due April 22. Elections for these Boards will be held April 27 and 28. SAAC elections will be held at the general election during Advanced Registration for Fall term.

The best way to support those who are working for you is to take advantage of the opportunities they fight to provide. Run for these offices. Vote in the elections. Prove that you want control over your college environment.





## Viewpoint:

# Don't

# worry

# we will

# knock

# loudly!

by Mark Mondro and Bob Fitakis, ACSC

Is there any doubt where the Grand Valley exchange program would be headed had Arend built igloos in Anarctica instead of a railroad in Yugoslavia? This viewpoint, however, will not concern itself with criticizing an essentially fine program and a most worthy country. Nor do we suggest a trip to Anarctica for cultural exchange. The major point to consider is, simply: Are we wise to allow so much discretionary power in the hands of any one individual (e.g. President Lubbers) and their hand-picked cronies (i.e. the V-P's, who according to the organizational manual are selected by the president and approved by the Board of Control) for an undefined term?

To the best of our knowledge, and that of others directly involved in the program, Yugoslavia was dictated as the target of exchange by Arend's personal whim. The motivating factors were not the particular qualifications of any professors, nor was the choice necessarily an appropriate follow-up to a popular academic program. Students were not pressuring to study this particular nation-state. We might add that, although we are unsure of the basketball team's role in the origins of this exchange program, we are aware of the expense: Their Yugoslav expedition this summer cost our college \$11,500.

Most everything that occurs at Grand Valley is directly or indirectly linked to the arbitrary decisions of one person and a few close associates—without any real student or faculty input. For example, it was by the order of the central administration that Dr. Gearhart of the International Studies Institute overspent his budget for entertaining our Yugoslavian guests by \$10,000. It cost much less to provide for the 22 students but the few administrators and faculty were given a red carpet treatment. Why are these the priorities if the crux of the program is supposedly to provide an educational experience for students? Perhaps Vice President Ron VanSteeland knows? (Hey Ron! Did you receive reciprocal treatment across the ocean?)

Let us now take a look at the interrelated case of athletics and academics. Note, as was mentioned, the central administration that sent the basketball team to Yugoslavia, but they also increased aid to athletes over and above any reasonable need factor. (Remember that Ferris State—which bases aid to athletics solely on their actual financial need—beat the mighty Lakers in football.) Meanwhile the administration is cutting classes, adjunct faculty and occasionally trying to do in academic programs—most recently the Bachelor of Fine Arts.

We should not forget how they flew Warren Reynolds to Kansas City while totally disregarding WSRX and the cheerleaders, both of whom had faithfully served our college community. Administrator T. Dan Gilmore admitted, "We would do it all over again." Why? Because a few individuals deem it *necessary*.

Please do not think we are so naive as to believe that the situation at Grand Valley is unique. We do not regard Arend and the Zumberge Four as inherently evil persons. The problem is the structure that gives a few individuals at the top near total control over this institution. Subsequently, the bureaucratic structure confines the mass of people it seeks to serve to an endless chamber of horrors, commonly referred to as the "proper channels." We are all fully aware where the "proper channels" lead—*nowhere*, slowly.

It is our belief that Grand Valley and its central administration are but a microcosm of our state administration. It seems that some bureaucrats in Lansing feel our colleges should raise in-state undergraduate tuition by \$3.00 per credit hour for next year. Ethics aside, one can easily see why President Lubbers is forced to cultivate ties with such infamous characters as Senator Joe Mack (you're still not forgiven, Mr. President).

At this time higher education in Michigan is teaching people to accept manipulation, lack of input in supposedly "public institutions," and dehumanization for the sake of expediency. Last, it serves to turn out individuals incapable of questioning who or what is controlling their world, their government and their pre-packaged lives, or of assuming that control themselves.

Alas, when the tuition increases again, let us not sit idly by and accept further bureaucratic lobotomization. Instead, as students, faculty, and caring individuals we must band together and exert control over our college environment. We must not allow ourselves to be forever chained to the decisions of a few elite, manipulative bureaucrats who seek to utilize the resources of society in furthering themselves.

NOW is the time to create an administration that is here to *serve* the students and faculty. We demand an open and honest three-way partnership at Grand Valley between students, faculty and administrators. We cannot accept an administration that constantly chastises students for not working through "proper channels" while the leader of that administration gives space in the Campus Center to whomever he chooses while consulting no one—least of all his conscience. Is this not the time to invite ourselves into the closed administrative process?

P.S. Don't worry. we will knock loudly!

# Input

## flaming liberals?

TO: The Insider

Dear Persons,

In keeping with the flaming liberal activist charade the 'editors' of "the insider" have blown it again. Why do you fanatics continue to flog dead, inconsequential horses? Since I have had the pleasure of being a Grand Valley student, you have been telling President Lubbers how to do his job, but that isn't enough—now you tell him how to order his personal life. I agree that school money should not be used to pay for membership in a private club—but on principle only. (I wonder if he had been paying the money to NOW for a membership, would you have castigated him then, too?) You, of all people, have no right to tell anybody how to live morally. Prohibition was a mistake because morality cannot and should not be prescribed for any individual by anybody but that individual. The recent Supreme Court rulings on pornography are a further illustration of this principle. The only criteria that should be used to evaluate President Lubbers should be his performance in his duties; nothing else has any bearing on his job. The inability to see that 'fact was one of Ford's blunders in sacking Earl Butz as Secretary of Agriculture. Only on-the-job performance matters in evaluating a person's right to keep that job. If Lubbers belonged to the Nazi party, you still could not oppose his administration for that reason. Why doesn't the ACSC find some more constructive output for their incalculable talent? Leave Lubbers and Mack and Nixon alone already!! If you don't shape up you will soon be the Lantoon's Outsider, the voice of the 60's and ten years behind the times.

Your Young Republican Nemesis,  
Peter M. Farb

TO: Peter M. Farb, young Republican:

Was your letter supposed to represent cogent political analysis in the Republican vein? If so, then how can you castigate us for supposedly telling Arend how to order his personal life and then remark, "You, of all people, have no right to tell anybody how to live morally." On what basis do you make this judgement? Where do you get off making any kind of judgement on our morality?

Next, we do not wish to legislate or to adjudicate morality—we do not desire to see our money being used to support organizations which promote bigotry.

Finally, we would like to commend President Ford for forcing the resignation of a bigot like Earl Butz. Earl Butz was supposed to be serving all Americans—not just the white ones and Arend Lubbers is supposed to be serving all GVSC community people—not just the male ones.

Sincerely,  
"the insider"

## GVSC priorities?

TO: "the insider"

Is it appropriate for GVSC to spend \$15,000 for marching band uniforms at a time when the library is so short of funds that it will order only those books which are "required for use now"? The arguments have been advanced that \$10,000 of the \$15,000 came from gift funds, and that the "marching band show will add greatly to our gridiron pageantry." But are those arguments valid? Could not the gift funds have been used for the purchase of books rather than band uniforms? Which is more important "our gridiron pageantry" or an adequately stocked library?

The crucial issues are these: what are GVSC's priorities, and who should have a voice in deciding them?

Is it appropriate to use general funds to send 14 people to Yugoslavia on a basketball trip when the library is so short of funds that it is forced to cut back drastically on the purchase of books?

Some members of the faculty and of the student body believe that a well-stocked library is far more important than gridiron pageantry or European travel for an athletic team. Shouldn't those students and faculty members have an effective voice in the determination of GVSC's priorities? Should they be left with no recourse except the ineffective *ex post facto* protest against expenditures which they deplore?

Our priorities should be re-examined and they should be determined on a broader and more democratic basis.

Abram V. Martin



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STUDENT CONCERN

## Minority report due

On April 18, President A. Lubbers held an open door conference with students.

Many questions were never answered, but in the case of one particular question asked by a student the answer surfaced two days later. The question asked Lubbers was, "Is it true that Grand Valley is being investigated for such acts as misuse of Federal funds allocated to G.V.S.C. for the distribution to minorities, constant police harassment, and failure to recognize and represent (in student social activities, student government, and work study employment) a noticeable and representative number of black, red and yellow students?"

President Lubbers said he knew nothing of such an investigation, but on April 20, approximately 150 black students, 20 non-black students, Shirley Turner, a representative of the Michigan Civil Rights Department, participated in a protest to bring to the attention of the Grand Valley community, the Board of Control, the administration, faculty, and students, that the black students of the Grand Valley State Colleges want "more than a field-house with basketball courts, a student loan, or a pat on the back."

During the noon protest, around Zumbege Pond, students participating discussed with specific examples their reasons for holding the protest. The following are some of the grievances stated:

1. *The suspension of four black students who were involved in a fist fight with four white students (none of whom were given any disciplinary treatment).*
2. *The need for black students to be employed under work-study, and special assistance for their placement in available employment positions.*
3. *The lack of proper representation on student government, the activities committee, councils, and boards.*
4. *The need for a place for an office of educational experience, for those students interested in statewide/nationwide urban and/or minority affairs, to be maintained by work-study students.*
5. *The need for a political/social/extracurricular minority council funded by SAAC, the All College Student Congress, and/or the Programming Board, with financial remuneration awarded to officers quarterly. The purpose of such a council would be to serve as an information committee of minorities to propose and present to respective individuals and groups*

their particular student (minority students) desires, such as for dances, concerts, or support for candidates. This council would be for the sole purposes of informing and representing black students (and all other interested minorities).

Many students were not supportive of the protest. One student said, "Blacks should check to see what options, solutions, and problems are already present before they begin protesting."

As an observer of this event, Darryl Evans, executive board member of the ACSC, concluded that "protest, demonstrations, and labor (union) strikes are all an adult way of saying, 'Since you won't listen when we talk, maybe you will now that we're screaming!' This approach to social change in the past has proven a

valuable asset, and even though we should not all start screaming, we owe it to ourselves to stand up for that which is right."

"Peaceful protests," he continued, "are important in our society; they help those of the society realize what is actually wrong and needed to bring about a progressive change. There is a time for change and that time for G.V.S.C. is now."

After the noon protest, at 3:00 p.m. an open discussion minority task force meeting was held. Present were students, faculty, the task force (chaired by Rodney Mulder), Shirley Turner of the Civil Rights, and at least one person from the administration, Mr. Charles McMillian of the Financial Aids Office, who in the April 18, 1977, edition of the Grand Valley Forum said, "One of the best

things we have going for us is our financial aid program, it is probably the best in the state and maybe the best in the country."

Darryl Evans later commented, "Our financial aid program is one of the best things for whom? The school, the financial aid office, the federal government or the student(s)? If it's probably the best in the state and country, why is G.V.S.C. being investigated for misusing minority federal funds?"

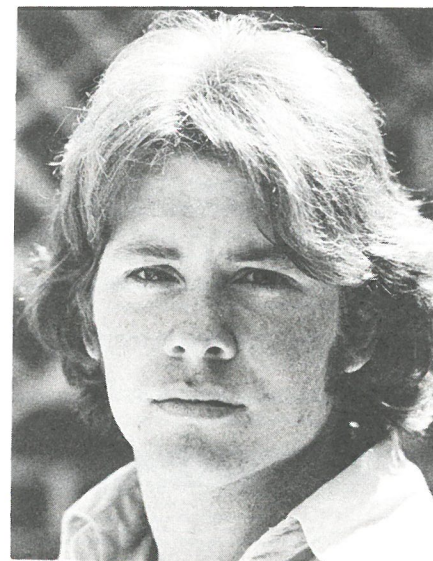
Also attending the task force meeting was Candice Mitchell, who observed, "Students should demand quality lecturers, musicians, and concerts. The students are the business of the Grand Valley State Colleges; without students there would be  
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## View point:

# What will happen next year?



By Doug Miller

If you have ever reserved a racquetball court, worked out in the gymnastics room, skied the ski hill, been involved in a club sport, or participated in the intramural program, THIS ARTICLE PERTAINS TO YOU.

Will Katerburg, Director of Recreation and Intramural Activities, and the person in charge of the activities listed, resigned recently, disappointed with his one-year stay at Grand Valley. Well, he should be. When Will was hired, he had three full-time staff people working for him. One month later, the Director of Intramurals resigned to accept another position in Grand Rapids. Last fall, in an Administrative reorganization, Will's full-time secretary was lost, leaving him the only person at his job level in the Student Life Office without the services of a full-time secretary. In June, funding for the Informal Recreation position runs out, leaving that position empty as well. There is no indication that any one of these three vacancies will be filled.

Consequently, Will Katerburg and two part-time students must administer the ski hill, equipment room, gymnastics room and the intramural program. This includes hiring, scheduling and paying the numerous student employees, repairing and replacing equipment, and developing new programs and activities. And it all must be done with a budget of only \$12,000 a year (including summers).

If this seems alot, keep in mind that this money pays the salaries of student employees working the various activities (72 hrs./wk. at 2.30/hr. in the equipment room along). It must pay to repair and replace equipment such as skis at \$100 a pair). Consider the number of students involved in the various activities. Over 600 students are playing intramural softball this spring, almost 200 of whom are women. There are 50 other intramural activities available. It is my estimate that over 2,000, and perhaps more, have either participated in the intramural program, or taken advantage of one of the other activities. Finally, consider that Grand Valley is paying one of our Board of Control members \$12,000 to teach two courses in the Graduate School of Business. It cost \$13,000 to send a small group to Yugoslavia for less than a month. Later, a

budget was overspent by \$10,000 to entertain a few foreign school officials. The recently formed marching band cost at least \$5,000 from the General Fund plus the gift monies allocated for it. In light of this, one full-time person with a \$12,000 yearly budget is little indeed.

As long ago as 1973, Dave Sharporn, formerly head of Recreation and Intramurals, stressed the need for a greater emphasis on informal recreation and intramurals. Students have clearly shown their interest *by their very numbers*. Yet, in the past year, while the need has grown, the priority given to Recreation and Intramurals has declined. Will Katerburg lost three full-time staff people. Yet, Tyrus Wessel, in Student Development, was able to create a new position and hire an outside person to fill it.

Grand Valley needs to re-examine its priorities. Obviously, top priority at an educational institution must be academics. Yet, when members of the institution show a great deal of interest in Recreation, as they have done at Grand Valley, it should have some priority. That it doesn't is evidence of a deeper problem here at Grand Valley. We spend a small fortune to recruit prospective students, (I sometimes wonder how much money's spent on "Public Relations") but once here, they are neglected. Once you sign your name on the registration form, you fall to the bottom of the priority totem pole; not because anyone is malicious or out to get the student, but because it is easier. The Intramural and Recreation Program is a prime example. It benefits many students, but because of its low profile on campus, it is neglected.

What will happen next year? I hope that the four vacancies, including Will's, will be filled with full-time staff. If not, I see only two possibilities: The first is that another competent person will be hired, overloaded with work, and resign. The second is that an incompetent person will be hired who will pull the program down to his or her level and take a free ride through Grand Valley. No one will benefit from this second possibility, and I hope it doesn't occur. I hope the people who have the power and the responsibility to do so will give the Recreation and Intramural Program the high priority it deserves.

## Minority report due

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no Grand Valley jobs."

Mitchell's comments set the pace for what was to be a lengthy and brainstorming meeting. Nothing major was accomplished at the meeting, but most of the facts/allegations have been set forth and the task force, along with the Civil Rights Commission can now collate all efforts, claims, facts, allegations, and priorities to bring about the desired changes required for the full enactment of equal educational opportunity.

One member commented, "We must all remember: We have come a long way, but we have yet a long way to go!"

Comments and suggestions may be submitted to the Student Congress office; the office extension is 651, and the office is located in the South Wing of the Campus Center.

More recent developments include: At his address to the Colleges about the future of Grand Valley, President Lubbers specified that he would not be "stampeded, threatened or harassed" by "strident tones

or undue pressure," and went on to say that the justified complaints would be separated from the unjustified complaints, after which "appropriate action for a good minority program" would be taken. He said that "the people involved and most concerned should keep the pressure on the rest of us" but that undue pressure could result in a backlash, and he would not want to see "injustice met with injustice."

President Lubbers later released three black athletes from a suspension which was allegedly racist. A fourth athlete's case is still under consideration.

At the May 6 Board of Control meeting, Sherlock Knight was solicited from a gathering of black students outside the Campus Center to address the Board about minority issues. He cited professor's attitudes towards blacks as a major problem at Grand Valley. He referred to the suspension of the black athletes as an "unfair judicial process," and said that although there is a civil rights suit pending against Grand Valley, legislated civil rights aren't sufficient. He alleged discrimination against minorities by clubs and in work study jobs, and pay discrepancies between minority and other employees. He said that although he has talked to such groups as the Student Government and student newspapers "other minority people have been treated so bad they won't come in," and that "fear" kept Grand Valley minority students from attending the "Solidarity Day" brown bag lunch outside. A report about minority concerns was scheduled to be presented to President Lubbers on May 13, and to the Board at its next meeting (June 10). The Board and audience applauded Knight, and the Board invited him to the next meeting to "speak to the issues as they are presented in the task force report."

versity of Kuwait. The University will pay for one counselor per 10 students for the entire visit.

Why was GVSC chosen to sponsor this program? According to Professor Ishak it was because of the personal attention that the students could receive at a smaller college. He said that the program here is of high quality and well-controlled culturally, academically and socially. He further stated that at other larger colleges such as Michigan State there is a large constituency of Arab students and that the purpose of the program was not for the students of Kuwait to see how Arab students live in American culture but for them to be surrounded by a different perspective.

When asked what exactly he felt this program would bring to GVSC Professor Ishak said, "An exchange program anytime is a net plus. The students of Kuwait will bring to our campus some aspects of a different culture and they will take back with them the knowledge of a quality American program."

Grand Valley has been chosen over Harvard, Princeton, Yale and U.C.L.A. to host 60 to 85 students from the oil-rich nation of Kuwait. The purpose of the program is, in the words of Professor Samir Ishak of the International Studies Institute, coordinator of the Kuwait program, "to give them [the students of Kuwait] the flavor of American life and to immerse them into American culture."

The University of Kuwait is financially sponsoring select students (female and male) to attend classes and social events at GVSC. The students will enroll in regularly offered courses and they will each carry 15 credit hours. They will be housed in the Ravine Apartments and their curriculum cost will be based on out-of-state fees. "No general funds shall pay for a penny of the cost of this program," stated Professor Ishak. He continued that everything, including the 40% administrative costs for himself as director, secretaries, drivers, etc., will be paid for by the Uni-

### Petitions available

Petitions for 1977-78 offices of the Executive Board of the All-College Student Congress are now available in the Student Congress Office, located in the South Wing of the Campus Center. Petitions will be for slates of three candidates: one chairperson and two co-chairpersons. Each slate must have its petition in no later than May 20. Elections will be held May 25, 26 and 27, during pre-registration for Fall Term.

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# People's economic summit

What is the new international economic order? What does it have to do with me? The new international economic order is a debate currently taking place within the United Nations. It is a demand by the countries of the Third World that the countries of the First and Second Worlds share the world's resources more equitably. All countries need to control their own resources. All countries need the assurance of food and water in sufficient supply to take care of their people. The old economic order upholds the present status in which 6% of the world's people consume over 40% of the world's resources. The new economic order, particularly since OPEC in 1973 and the oil embargo, is a way to bring about right sharing of world's resources.

If these ideas sound interesting if somewhat perplexing, or even if they are somewhat familiar to you, you might want to attend the conference on the new economic order which will be held at Aquinas College this May 20 - 22, 1977. The conference will bring to Grand Rapids resource people like Ambassador Donald Mills of Jamaica—a primary spokesperson for the Third World; Michael Moffitt from the Institute for Policy Studies who has recently completed a book on the new economic order with the late Orlando Letelier; Angus Archer, who works at the United Nations with NGO's (non-governmental organizations); Jane Blewett from the Center for Concern in Washington; Sean Gervasi on Southern Africa; and the list goes on. The plan is to present views from the Third World, show how the United States government responds, and offer all of us some time to see what we might do to implement the ideas and needs of

the new international economic order. It should be a heavy weekend—worth sinking your teeth into.

The conference is being sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Pax Christi, Aquinas College and the Reformed Churches in America Office of

Social Ministries. A number of other organizations are cooperating also. The New Economic Order is a priority for AFSC's national peace education division. This year is the first year for offices around the country to test out ways of sharing information with others about

the NEO. We have chosen a conference format as the most open, the most viable way to share a lot of diverse information with a number of folk in a relatively short period of time. We would like especially to see students attend. Please note reduced fee of \$5.

## The Huvendick Report

# Update on Student Congress

by Eric Huvendick

You will notice the absence of Marion Bates on our masthead. He has taken a leave-of-absence as Student Congress Director of Information and Editor-in-Chief of this publication. Jenny Lehmann Anderson now has this responsibility.

Recently Student Congress has been approached by representatives of Stevens Studios. Next year, Student Congress will sponsor this company on campus to create a yearbook/memory book for those interested. The fee will be a nominal one with a "pay only if you're satisfied" clause in their agreements with individual students.

In the course of the past two meetings, Student Congress has voted to give money to worthy athletes. \$25 was donated to both Jamie Hosford and John Harris that they might participate in an international

wrestling competition. This motion was sponsored by Executive Board member Mark Mondro and co-chairperson Doug Miller. \$30 was donated to the Grand Valley Women's Crew team to offset transportation costs to and from competitive meets in Wisconsin and Ohio.

The last issue of the *Huvendick Report* dealt exclusively with retention of art department faculty members Art Blom and Greg Jaris. These professors will remain with Grand Valley for another year and I'd like to think that student concern and motivated input had at least some relation to the positive outcome.

An idea on the drawing board in the Campus Life Office is moving Student Congress offices, along with other student organizations, to 225 Commons next to the small dining room (and the Presiden-

tial Dining Room). An office would be maintained in both the Commons and Campus Center but a definite shuffling seems to be in order so that the Lanthorn might have more space for their operations. The move will take place after May 19. Until then Student Congress will maintain its present offices in the South Wing of the Campus Center.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate those elected to the Programming and Recreation Boards. We wish them the best. The new model proposed by Jeff Brown for these boards seems to be a good one that centers around student involvement and input.

All students wanting to contact us are asked to please come into the office or call us at ext. 651 if they know something they think we should know.

## Commentary

# A right to representation

Board of Control member Richard DeVos is the conspicuously and self-consciously wealthy President of Amway Corporation, which is a prominent propagandist for the economic system under which DeVos has fared so well. DeVos displayed a studied and presumably chic ennui throughout most of the May 6 Board of Control Meeting. He became quite animated, however, after Student Congress President Bob Fittrakis made a presentation to the Board in which he explained why student and faculty representation on the Board was being sought. He further requested that any Board members amenable to the concept put their support in writing to assist the efforts in Lansing directed at securing such representation. DeVos interjected that, "You don't want a letter from me," and used the statement as a springboard from which he launched a relentless and unequivocal attack on the idea. The focal point of his argument was that students and faculty running the college "would be like patients and doctors running hospitals . . . Students are here to learn." Accepting his comparison, the obvious question is: what would be wrong with patients and doctors running hospitals? or, for that matter, students and teachers running schools?—as if the ex-officio status of one student and one teacher on the board even approached "running" a school. Certainly the best interest of many hospital patients, as well as that of many students, and for that matter many optimum learning and healing situations have been sacrificed because the respective institutions have been run by persons who represent only financial and political interests.

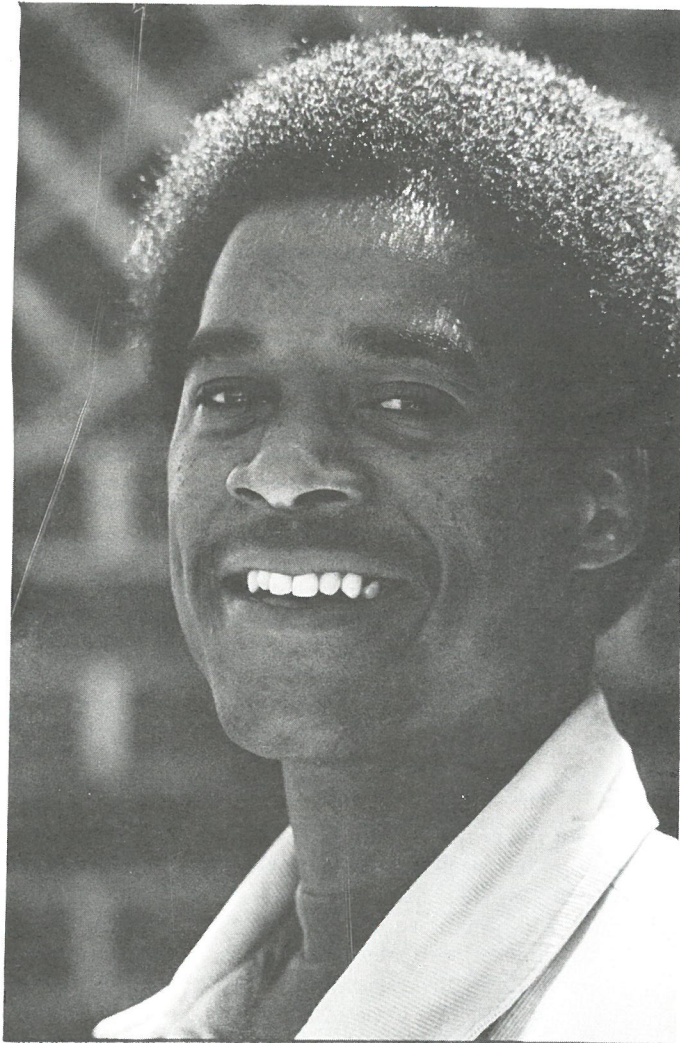
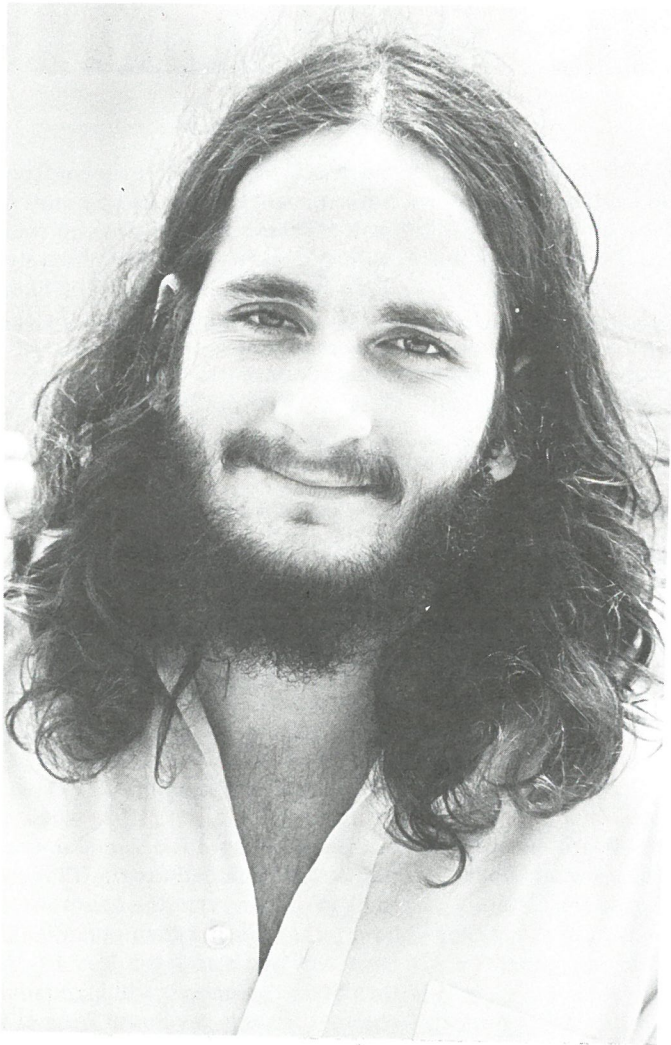
DeVos feels that there is a need for an "objective and separate group" in control of the college. However, it seems that any objectivity claimed by the Board can only be euphemistic for the fact that they have *different* interests, as mentioned above. Having different interests hardly makes an individual or group objective in relation to another. In addition, the Board's primary input now is administrative. When student and faculty

needs are often at odds with administrative priorities, how can this constitute objectivity? Separateness, the second virtue claimed by DeVos, is in fact a quality of the Board. However, it is hardly a quality recommending a group or individual to power and control over another. In this country where democracy is still idealized, DeVos would have trouble taking his case elsewhere. Telling a group of people that you run their lives because you do not share their interests or have as much at stake as they do in the matter would not be tolerated wherever people had a choice.

At one point, Fittrakis countered DeVos with the statement that students are the majority stockholders in the college, and should by that virtue help to run it. (He was obviously searching for language which DeVos would understand.) DeVos pounced. "The taxpayers of this state are the major shareholders!" he exclaimed. True, this institution is substantially subsidized by tax funds. However, the students invest at least four years of time and effort here, not to mention tuition (money, Mr. DeVos), the cost of living here for many, and fore-gone wages. Both their investment and that of the taxpayers will be returned to society, in varying amounts depending on the quality of their education. That is why society appropriates money to higher education. Once society has mandated that higher education is of value, it should let those who best know decide how that education is to be effected.

Other Board members did not contribute much to the debate. President Lubbers, who has an ex-officio seat on the Board because he presumably "speaks for everyone at Grand Valley" did not speak at all. L. William Seidman suggested that perhaps it was an issue of "sufferance versus right," as another member had pointed out to Bob that "We let you speak at every meeting." Yes, Dr. Seidman, that is the issue. If we cannot run our school, at least recognize our right to have our interests represented by a person of our choice. We did not choose President Lubbers to be President of Grand Valley. We would not choose him to be our spokesperson.





**New ACSC members Darryl Evans and James Coyne**

## An open letter:

# Mr. DeVos, how do you sleep?

After I presented my plea to the GVSC Board of Control on May 6, calling for student and faculty ex-officio representatives, a brief debate ensued. Member Richard DeVos, President of Amway, was voicing strong objection to my proposal. He found no merit in my comment that, "Students as major shareholders deserved at least one seat (ex-officio) on the Board." He remarked that, "The people of Michigan are the major shareholders," and, "students are here to learn."

I am sure that from your conservative, elitist perspective, Mr. DeVos—which helped create the world's largest human pyramid—you felt justified in your assumptions. However, you failed to note that the approximately eight million people in Michigan, who pay 60% of the operational cost of Grand Valley, have six representatives on the Board. All possess full voting power. (Personally I find it hard to imagine DeVos representing anyone, except the ghost of Adam Smith.) The approximately 7,000 students at Grand Valley, who through their tuition, pay 40% of the colleges' operational cost, have no representation on the Board, even of non-voting status. Subsequently, students in general and the Student Congress in particular, have little access to relevant facts, especially budgetary ones, which are needed to voice conscientious positions.

The weight of authority that a duly elected student representative serving on the Board would have would be beneficial, no doubt facilitating greater access to such pertinent facts, which is sorely needed at this time. The psychological impact must also be considered. Granting a student and faculty representative equal status with the administrative representative (i.e. President Lubbers) would be the proper first step in forwarding the belief that students and faculty by *right* deserve real input. Such status would provide not only equal access to facts but also prior information about academic and service cuts, and the right to suggest alternatives and have them actually considered as basic procedures. (Note, Mr. DeVos, I said "equal status," not "equal power." That's step two!) We must replace dummy positions on boards and committees that were set up to make the administration seem benevolent and to add to their claims of legitimacy. Once again, this is a public institution, not a private sector corporation.

In your business, Mr. DeVos, perhaps you feel it wise to concentrate total discretionary power in the hands of a few individuals. But, at a public institution such a practice must be discouraged. Grand Valley should not be structured as a profit-making formal organization. Rather, it should be structured so as to provide the resources by which individuals can attain knowledge and be educated in a manner that allows them some control over their environment and lives.

Yes, Mr. DeVos, we are here to learn; not to be programmed, indoctrinated and mass-produced to perpetuate the existing corporate society with its great inequality of wealth and power. We are here to look objectively at our world and then to, hopefully, pursue lives in accord with our convictions. What better place is there to learn about involvement in our government than at this public institution? What better way is there for a senior accounting major to learn than by scrutinizing the college budget for areas of waste!? This is the ideal environment to practice the principles of democracy.

President Lubbers should realize that pressure and tension here are often the results of totalitarian decision-making. As an educator he should be concerned with implementing the ideals embodied in our Constitution.

Think about it, Mr. DeVos; Grand Valley could be a place where students are encouraged to participate and think objectively about the practices of corporations like Amway. Remember, I'm only talking about step one. Doesn't it sound kind of nice?

Mr. DeVos, your analogy which linked my plan to a plan to allow patients to run hospitals is totally inapplicable. To even suggest that students are sick and that the administration has the knowledge to make us better is absurd. Students are not sick people that need to be cured. We are citizens who have rights by law.

Patients cannot have input in a hospital when the hospital is bent on perpetuating sickness. If the hospital is geared toward maintaining healthy individuals, why not allow them some say over the policies of that public institution?

P.S.: How do you sleep?

Bob Fittrakis  
President, ACSC

## Input:

### strident tones

### freedom or fascism?

Dear Jennifer Lehmann Anderson:

After reading your article in the April 20 issue of "the insider" entitled "Buy Only What You Need," I was left a little confused as to the point you were trying to make. You stated you "support anyone's right to print anything they choose, and read anything they choose," then "in the cause of liberality and liberation" you advocate censorship of material you feel is "offensive, dangerous, and sick." You say "Fascism at Grand Valley? Never!," while advocating the fascistic concept of censorship. Are you advocating liberality or suppression, freedom or fascism? You cannot do both at the same time!

Also, as an ex-employee of the Bookstore, I think you will be glad to know the Bookstore management agrees with you as to the display of "pornographic" magazines (you could have asked). Every month when the new magazines arrive at the bookstore, the management removes the magazines they feel are excessively offensive (censorship), thus ruling out the profit motive. The only reason magazines like "Playgirl" and "Playboy" are put in the magazine rack is because the Bookstore management has been responsive to student demand for these magazines. If student interests in these magazines cease, in the form of economic boycott, I am sure they will no longer be sold at the Bookstore.

Dan Jaworski

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### a clarification

Dear Dan:

I think that if you would have understood the points in my article you would have agreed with me. I do not advocate the censorship of any material. I think that the display of these magazines violates my liberty to choose not to partake of the anti-human material on the covers. I would like the covers to be covered to eliminate the impression that society sanctions such material and does not mind looking at it. I would like students to boycott these magazines so that the Bookstore no longer feels compelled to sell them.

Rolling Stone compares album covers with negative portrayals of women or positive portrayals of violence against them to "pictures of Jews being gassed or Blacks being lynched." Reluctantly, I wouldn't advocate censorship of magazines on these subjects either. But if there were examples of the content on the covers, I wouldn't want to be confronted with the covers in the Bookstore, and I would voice my disapproval of their open display. I would also try to encourage people to boycott the Bookstore until it covered them up, and boycott the magazines until they weren't printed. I hope I have clarified my position.

Jennifer Lehmann Anderson

## Corrections

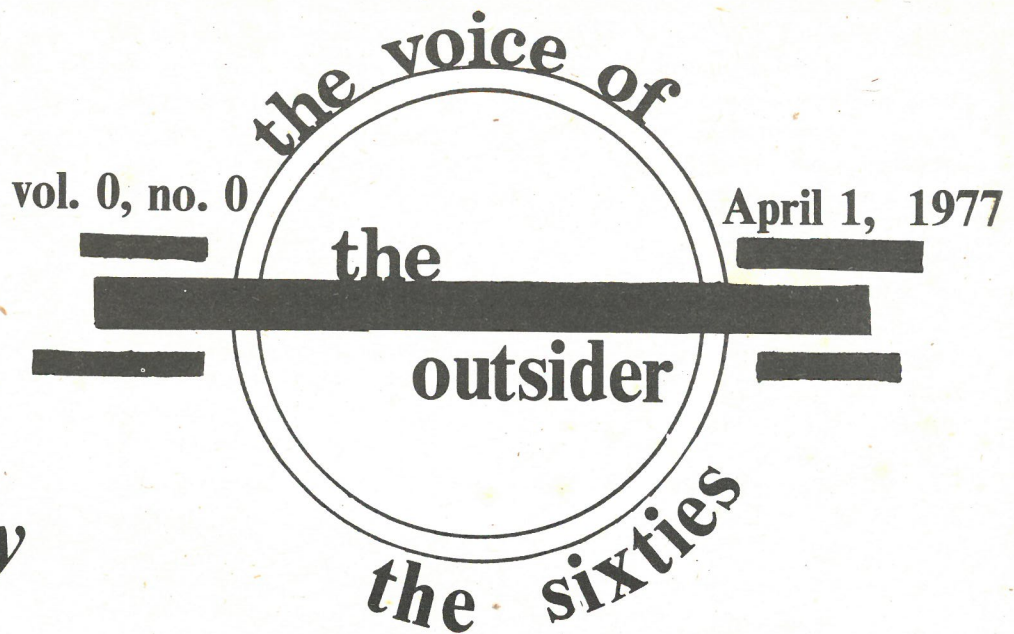
The April 20 "Viewpoint" in this publication incorrectly asserted that Warren Reynolds from WOOD Radio was sent to Kansas City by Grand Valley State College to broadcast the basketball tournament there. Actually, Reynolds was unable to attend. WOOD did broadcast the game, with paid advertising from the college.

The "Viewpoint" also understated the cost of the basketball expedition to Yugoslavia. The figure was actually \$13,000, according to President Lubbers in his Open Forum last term, rather than \$11,500 as reported.



# "Concessions" gained

## ACSC hold jocks in library



Last Thursday (March 31), the executive board of the All-Colleges Silly Congress voted to take whatever action necessary to seize the reins of control over their lives. They voted unanimously to snatch the Campus Center Concession Stand and as many of the high priced jocks as they could lay hands on.

237 hostages—one half of GVSC's athletes on full-ride scholarships—were still being held today on the fourth floor of the Zumberg Library, and SC terrorist Bob Abdull Butfukus finally issued his five non-negotiable demands.

"Our co-sponsorship of the properties formerly mismanaged by the administration Bookstore

lackies is only one example of the bullshit we can get away with. And as for those jocks we nabbed and are holding in the library," said Butfukus, "Absolutely no hostages will be released until the reactionary Republican country-club suck-up president Lobloly agrees unconditionally to our non-negotiable demands."

The demands are:

1. All American troops must be brought back from Vietnam.
2. Student Congress must be made a varsity sport.
3. The 1969 student body—more responsive to Student Congress policies—must be

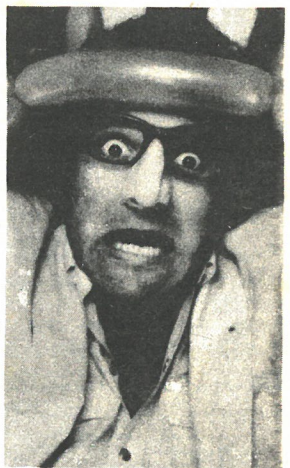
4. All hostages must be killed.
5. Free dental care must be provided for SC officers.

Said Butfukus, "There's no way we're going to knuckle under to any of the reactionaries counter proposals. When the fascists agree to all our demands, we'll set the hostages free."

The ordeal seemed to be taking its toll on the hostages, as observers outside the library reported they could no longer hear the sound of dribbling basketballs or the chants of "Hut. Hut. Hut."

The Zumberge Library is a large cement building in the center of the GVSC campus. It is occasionally used by CAS students.

GVSC President Abhorrent Lobloly's reaction upon hearing Silly Congress demands. He choked on an Old Fashioned but recovered.



## Input:

Dear Editor:

That propaganda rag known as the *Lanthorn* was given a copy of this letter but refused to print it. (As did every other so-called responsible newspaper in this area.)

Nuts!

I knew that as an organ of free expression the *Outsider* would allow me to express my views fully and without censorship.

(You know, my mother would never let me say "Poop!". Whenever I said it she would tie me up with her old nylon and give me a glycerin and rosewater enema. After that she would grab me roughly by the shoulders and push me down on the...)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Strangely enough the rest of this letter was stolen. We do encourage others to express their political viewpoints as this person has done.

Poop. Hee, hee.



Have you seen these bricks in the *Lanthorn* office?

## The CC: It's ours, so we took it

The All-College Student Congress, by a narrow majority, voted today to move the Campus Center.

ACSC member Irk Hinkydink, who authored the proposal, said, "Most students don't realize it, but the Campus Center building was placed where it was without ANY

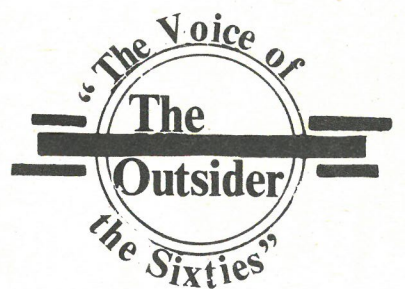
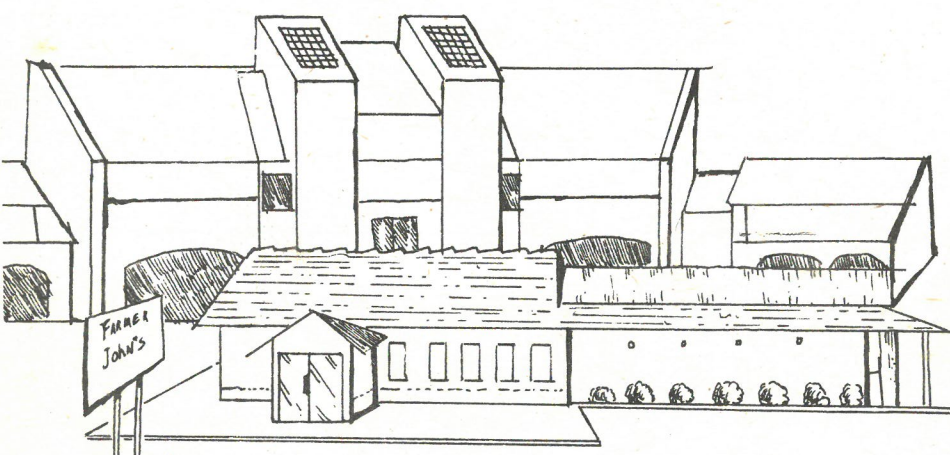
consultation with students. Lobloly and his self-serving cronies obviously located it where it would be convenient for them."

ACSC plans to move the Campus Center building nearer to Grand Rapids, where most GVSC students live, probably near Farmer John's.

"If the boys in Zumberge don't like it," said SC president and keeper of the Holy 635 vote mandate Bob Abdull Butfukus, they can stuff it. The Campus Center is a student building, being paid for by the students, and we can put it wherever we want"

Nor, claimed Hinkydink, will this be merely a symbolic move. "The Board-of-Control fascists better not think they can put any future buildings wherever they want either. This college is for the students, and we're fed up with the way they ignore us."

A vote to move the entire campus to Leonard Street in Grand Rapids was narrowly defeated at the same meeting, when Master Bates dropped his toothpick and failed to vote while searching for it on the floor.



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