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Forum

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GVSU Collects Kudos for Successful Olympiad

More than 6,000 science buffs took over the GVSU campus on May 15-16

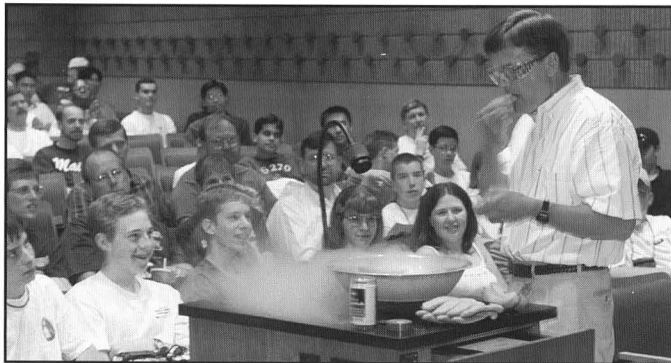
director. "Our staff received so many superlative compliments from coaches and team members. People commented positively on the food, the buildings, the grounds, how nice the presentations were, and how many smiles they got from Grand Valley people."

A record 108 teams from 42 states and Canada attended the tournament. Three area teams

finished in the top ten, with Grand Haven High School finishing fourth and Forest Hills Central placing seventh. Jenison Junior High was seventh in the middle school division.

Nearly 100 GVSU faculty and staff members volunteered for the two-day event says Peggy Hoban, program coordinator with the Regional Math and Science Center and volunteer coordinator for the NSO tournament. "Grand Valley people from all departments came out to help.

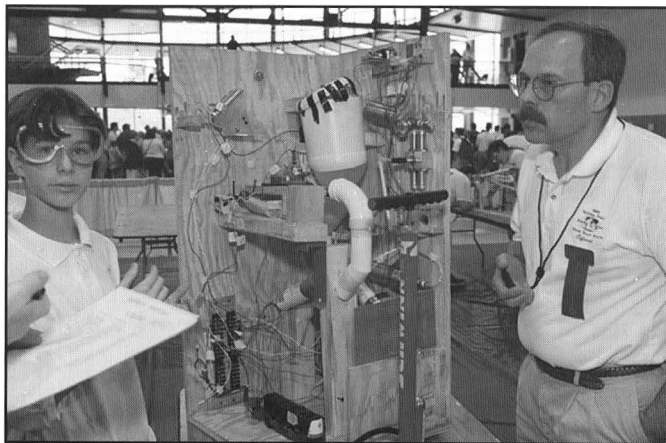
"Without the volunteers, who knew our university and our programs, we couldn't have done this so well," Hoban said. "One coach even asked me if it was a requirement for the faculty and staff to be smiling and friendly, knowledgeable and supportive. That surely says a lot."



Dave Tanis, associate professor of Chemistry, puts on a chemical demonstration during Science Olympiad weekend for about 200 spectators.

during the 14th annual National Science Olympiad Tournament, and the compliments are still being heard by organizers.

"The entire Grand Valley community deserves tremendous congratulations for helping to put on such a great tournament," says Mary Ann Sheline, director of the Regional Math and Science Center, and tournament co-



Bob Bero, Padnos School of Engineering laboratory supervisor, supervises the Mission Possible event, where participants design a Rube Goldberg-like device that demonstrates a series of energy transfers.



Science Olympiad visitors tour the many exhibits and displays set up around the campus, including "More Than Meets the Eye," in the Art Gallery.

Enrichment Dinner Shares the Fun, Success of GVSU

This year's GVSU Foundation Enrichment Dinner will feature the Capitol Steps, a troupe of current and former Congressional staffers who take a humorous look at serious issues on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office, and in

other centers of power and prestige around the world. The dinner, hosted by Rich DeVos, is scheduled for Monday, June 15.

"It's a very special night for Grand Valley to shine," says Joyce Hecht, director of Development. "The reason it's so much fun for faculty and staff

members to attend is that people will be sitting with their colleagues and friends of Grand Valley who have a tremendous interest in our university."

Faculty and staff members who have contributed to GVSU at the \$200 level or

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The GVSU *Forum* is published by the Office of University Communications every Monday when classes are in session and biweekly during the summer. The submission deadline is Tuesday noon. Send publication items to Kathleen Adams, editor, c/o the *FORUM* cc:Mail box. From off campus, email forum@gvsu.edu. Telephone: 616-895-2221. Fax: 616-895-2250. Visit FORUM ONLINE on the World Wide Web at: www.gvsu.edu/

Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web Site.

Across Campus

Mentoring Program for New Faculty Builds Camaraderie

Ten GVSU faculty members have established a Faculty Associates Program to provide mentoring for new faculty members on teaching-related issues. The program is sponsored by the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center (FTLC).

The members, including Catherine Frerichs, director of the FTLC, will each meet with six new faculty members at regular times throughout the year. "The focus will be on helping new faculty with their teaching," said Frerichs. "Our goal is to build collegiality across the university."

The Faculty Associates took part in a one-day training on May 8, in which they discussed the goals of the program, research on new faculty, and the kinds of activities related to teaching they might participate in with new faculty.

Faculty Associates who have been recommended by their deans and appointed by Provost Glenn Niemeyer are: Teresa Castelao-Lawless, Philosophy; Milton Ford, English; Joseph Godwin, Accounting and Taxation; Stephen Matchett, Chemistry;

Jaideep Motwani, Management; William Neal, Geology; Mark Pestana, Philosophy; Harvey Nikkel, Chemistry; Clifford VanMeter, Criminal Justice.

Long-Time Philosophy Prof, Theodore Young, Dies

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Theodore Young died of cancer at his home in Santa Fe, NM, on April 14. He was 71. His wife, son and daughter survive him.

Young began his teaching career at the University of Connecticut and Indiana University at Fort Wayne. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Indiana University and began teaching at Grand Valley in 1964. He retired in 1993. He was the author of a book-length study of philosopher George Berkeley.

"Ted loved logic, philosophic conferences, tennis, baseball, 'Palma Throwouts' and the A-1 Carpool," said colleague John Tevebaugh, professor emeritus of History. "Former colleagues report that he went to his grave wearing the car-pool tie. Colleagues, friends and students will miss his insight, his wit, his broad knowledge and caring nature."

Benefits Bulletin

Benefits Fair Raffle Winners Announced

More than 300 faculty and staff members attended the Benefits Fair on April 16-17. "Food, fun and prizes helped to make this educational opportunity a big success," says Amy Tennis, benefits manager.

The winners of some of the guessing contests are as follows:

- the closest guess for total 1997 medical costs was from Carrie Corbin who guessed \$4,332,000. The actual total of 1997 medical costs was \$4,414,943.
- the closest guess for the total of 1997 prescription drug costs came from Mike Spofford who guessed \$800,000. The actual total of 1997 prescription drug costs was \$811,138.

Corbin will be rewarded with a \$100 U.S. savings bond from Old Kent Bank. Spofford

will receive a \$50 U.S. savings bond donated by the Human Resources Office.

Sharon Palmitier won the grand prize in the door prize raffle, a weekend at Shanty Creek resort courtesy of Weyco, Inc. Sonja Schipper took home a certificate entitling her to an eye exam and pair of glasses from VSP. Liz Judovics will indulge in a personal Financial Foundation prepared by Jim Veldheer of Merrill Lynch. Other prizes awarded, over 60 in all, will be detailed in an upcoming flyer.

"One very popular feature of the Benefits Fair was the 'Bagel Off,' sponsored by Weyco, Inc.," says Tennis. "Big Apple Bagels in Jenison was selected as the winner by our faculty and staff and took home a special plaque to display in the store."

Enrichment Dinner Shares the Fun, Success of GVSU

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above annually are invited to attend the dinner, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Ambassador Ballroom of the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

"This event helps to build Grand Valley's endowment and scholarship funds," says President Arend D. Lubbers. "If you are not already a Foundation member, this is an excellent time to join."

Call the Development Office, x6530, for more information.



The Capitol Steps

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Katherine Kim, professor of Nursing, presented a paper, titled "Results from Asian American Cancer Control Survey, to Korean American community leaders in Chicago. Kim and **Ruth Ann Brintnall**, assistant professor of Nursing, presented a paper, titled "Smoking Status and Knowledge and Beliefs About the Relationship Between Smoking and Major Diseases Among Korean Americans," at the Midwest Nursing Research Society's conference in Columbus. Kim also gave a presentation, titled "The Nursing Research Enterprise: How?," at the conference.

Bob Mayberry, assistant professor of English, was part of a roundtable discussion, including **Kate Remlinger**, assistant professor of English, and **Denise Stephenson**, director of the Writing Center, during the 1998 Conference on Composition and Communication in Chicago. The discussion centered on process pedagogy in the teaching of writing. Mayberry's presentation was titled "Is There a Process in This Classroom?" Remlinger's presentation was titled "Do We Practice What

We Preach?" Stephenson's presentation was titled "Writing Center (As)Fixiation."

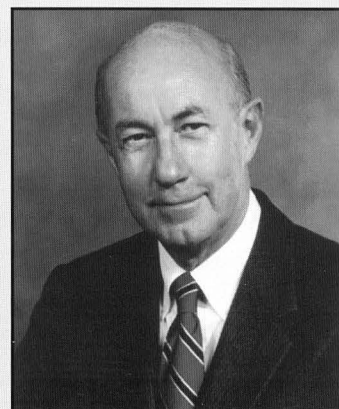
Laurence E. Blose, assistant professor of Finance, presented a paper, titled "Stock Market Reaction as an Early Signal of Product Success: The Announcement of New Coke," at the annual meeting of the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute in Boston.

Thomas Herzog, professor of Psychology, is senior author of a paper, titled "The Role of Mystery in Perceived Danger and Environmental Preference," which was accepted for publication by the journal *Environment and Behavior*. Co-author is Edward J. Miller, a former GVSU psychology major and a graduate of the Physical Therapy program.

Jacqui Hill, director of the Educational Support Program, presented a workshop session, titled "Using Portfolio Development to Empower Students and Staff," at the 24th Annual MI-MAEOPP Conference. Additionally, Hill spent a day with the faculty and staff of

GVU Foundation Honors Three Area Leaders

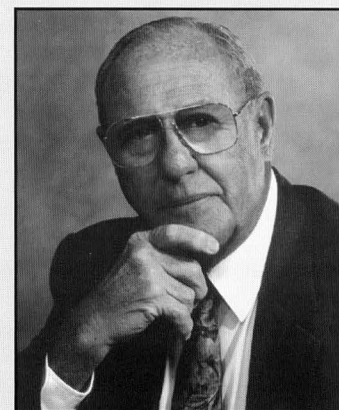
Richard Andersen, Patricia Johnson and Richard Lacks will be honored during the June 15 GVU Foundation Enrichment Dinner for their community service and will be inducted into the GVSU Hall of Fame.



Richard Andersen



Patricia Johnson



Richard Lacks

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Calendar of Events

Wed., May 27

8 a.m.-12 noon: "Pooling West Michigan Energy Consumption to Reduce Costs" sponsored by Seidman School of Business and Miller, Johnson, Snell and Cummiskey. Cost \$25 for faculty & staff. Second Floor, Eberhard Center. Call x6664 to register.

Thurs., June 4

26th Annual Faculty & Staff Golf Outing & Pig Roast. Registration, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; golf clinic, 12-12:45 p.m.; Tee Time, 1 p.m. 18 hole package \$50, 9 hole package \$30. Limited to the first 144 golfers. Call Cheryl Anderson, x3259 for more information.

Check out EventTracker on the GVSU Web site.

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the University College Division, Ferris State University facilitating a team building seminar.

Nan Schichtel, access services librarian, facilitated a session, titled "Starting a New Off-Campus Library Services Program," at the Eighth International Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. She also served on the conference advisory board.

Gerald Simons, assistant professor of Economics, was a guest speaker at a forum hosted by Huntington Banks, titled "How Will the European Monetary Union Affect Your Business?"

Bruce Bikle, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, presented a paper, titled "Direct Supervision and Community Policing: Issues of Organizational Culture and Implementation," at the American Jail Association conference in Cincinnati.

David Kalinich, professor of Criminal Justice, and **David Ballard** and **Bruce Bikle**, assistant professors of Criminal Justice, conducted a training session on program evaluation at the Brooks Correctional Institution in Muskegon for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Curt Jones, professor of Sociology, was the keynote speaker at White Cloud High School's Cultural Diversity Day.

Russell Rhoads, assistant professor of Anthropology, received a grant from the Pluralism Project, Harvard University, for a research project titled, "Reaching Out: Minority Religions and Community Service in West Michigan." The project will document the prevalence of minority religious communities in West Michigan, and involve GVSU students in research and service learning capacities.

Polly Diven, assistant professor of Political Science, presented a paper, titled "Do We Need Remedial Civics: Finding the Baseline for Students in Introductory American Politics Courses," at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Nancy Matsumuro, Educational Support Program advisor, was co-chair for a two-day workshop for Senior Leadership Grand Rapids, a program of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. The program is designed to develop and empower older citizens to contribute to the well-being of the community through volunteer leadership.

Erika King, professor of Political Science, presented a paper titled, "Viewer Response to Positive vs. Negative Ads in the 1996 Presidential Campaign," at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. The paper was co-authored by Bob Hendersen, professor of Psychology, and the late Hong Chen, associate professor of Psychology.

In the News

Ben Rudolph and **Peimin Ni** were interviewed by WOOD-TV 8, and **Douglas Chung** was interviewed by WZZM-TV 13 on April 22, about Amway Corporation's interests in China.

Gerald Simons, assistant professor of Economics, was interviewed by WOOD-TV 8 on April 28, about a single currency in Europe and its impact on West Michigan business. Simons was again interviewed by WOOD-TV 8 on May 1, about the economic situation in Japan and China.

Assistant Professors **Arthur Campbell** and **Pieter Snapper** were featured in an April 30 *Holland Sentinel* article about their recent concert tour.

Roger Ellis, associate professor of Communications, who recently returned from his new book signing in New York City, talked about his anthology of multicultural theatre *Multicultural Theatre: Scenes and Monologues from New Hispanic, Asian and African-American Plays* on the WGUV Morning Show on May 6.

Dean of Science and Mathematics **Doug Kindschi** was interviewed by WOOD-TV 8 on May 7, about the National Science Olympiad Tournament and the Science Olympiad Exhibition.

Paul Isley, assistant professor of Economics, commented on Alan Greenspan's speech about the economy on WOOD-TV 8 on May 8.

Cliff Welch, associate professor of History, was interviewed on May 13, by WOOD Radio, regarding India's nuclear test explosions and U.S. reactions.

John Constantelos, assistant professor of Political Science, was interviewed on the topic of India's nuclear weapons tests by Metro Network News Radio on May 14.