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FORUM

Monday, March 3, 2003

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Exhibit depicts artist's eight-year struggle with AIDS

An artist's personal experience with AIDS is depicted in about 40 works of art now on display at the Grand Valley Art Gallery.

"Jeff Colby: Working and Living with AIDS" is on exhibit through March 14. It includes paintings, collages and large, colorful three-dimensional objects by the late Chicago artist Jeff Colby. Most pieces depict Colby's struggle with AIDS and present a powerful picture of the thoughts and emotions — often unspoken — that AIDS sufferers experience. Many also convey the artist's continued celebration of life. Colby died from AIDS in 1996, at the age of 40.

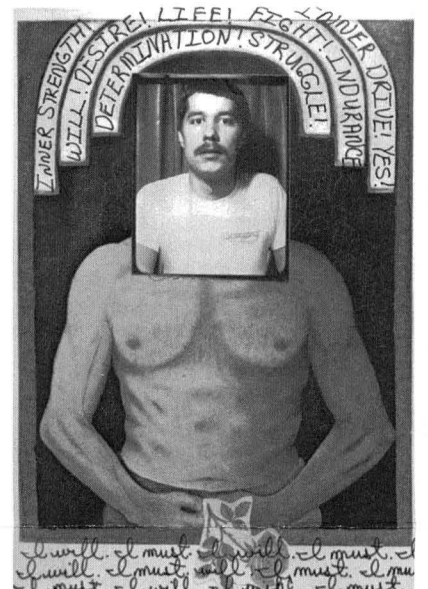
Born in New York in 1956, Colby received his MFA in 1978 from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He became well known in the art world for his whimsical sculptures fashioned from items such as rusted metal, broken glass and discarded lumber. After he was diagnosed with AIDS in 1988, Colby's artwork underwent a significant change, employing personal objects and narrative in collages that document his thoughts and feelings as he dealt with the disease.

Some pieces incorporate medical supplies; in others, Colby has used photographs of himself and even his own blood. Written on one installment is a statement by Colby that is likely shared by many of the estimated 42 million people worldwide now infected with HIV/AIDS: "I

was aware of this thing called AIDS, but very naïve and uneducated about it. And typical of youth, I thought it would never happen to me."

During his career, Colby participated in scores of solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and was the recipient of artist awards and fellowships. The collection at Grand Valley was donated by Colby's friend, Dr. Tom Carlson of Chicago. Selected pieces will be on permanent display in Grand Valley's Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, slated to open this fall.

A reception is scheduled for March 13, from 5-7 p.m. at the gallery. For more information, call the Art Gallery at x12564.



'I Will/I Must' is one of 40 Jeff Colby works on display at the Art Gallery.

Across Campus

State recognition



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Members of the Laker football team meet Lt. Gov. John Cherry (second row, middle) during a visit to Lansing on February 26. The team was also officially recognized in the House and Senate chambers. Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land presented the Lakers with a special commemorative license plate that read 'Champs.'

Windows XP installed in labs/classrooms

Information Technology is currently converting the student lab environment and classroom computers from Windows 98 to Windows XP. The lab/classroom environment will be standard with Office XP and applications that are specific to departments for course instruction.

Windows XP will be available for testing in designated areas of the Manitou Open Lab along with Mackinac Hall rooms 2032 and 2035 in April. Students and faculty are encouraged to test the new environment and e-mail comments to Information Technology at XP-lab@gvsu.edu.

The remaining labs and classrooms on all campuses are scheduled to receive Windows XP updates during the week of April 28. An exception will be 115 and 116 Henry Hall, due to courses scheduled in those labs.

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Because of this conversion, Information Technology will no longer install applications into the Windows 98 environment. All software application requests for spring/summer courses will need to be given to Information Technology by March 3 for installation into the new XP environment. All software application requests for the fall semester will follow the normal four-week leadtime for installation into the new XP lab environment.

Grand Valley gets top votes for Townie Award

According to readers of *On-The-Town*, Grand Valley is the best college/university around.

Grand Valley won the top award — a gold Townie — in the “local college/university” category in *On-The-Town*’s annual Townie Award readers’ poll, according to Editor Joanne Bailey.

The ballot was published in the arts and entertainment magazine’s February issue. Readers were asked to mail in ballots (no copies or faxes were accepted) with their votes in more than 35 categories, listing everything from favorite hot dog joint and clothing shop to best night club, radio station, and neighborhood. The college/university category was added this year.

Bailey said that of the 341 ballots that came in, Grand Valley got top votes hands-down. Calvin College came in second. The Laker football team also received some votes in the “local sports team” category, but didn’t win.

This is the 17th year the magazine has run the poll. It’s become a popular feature, with the free magazines practically walking off the shelf, said Bailey.

Grand Valley will receive a certificate citing the university as a winner. Complete Townie Award results will be announced in *On-The-Town*’s April issue.

High school students discuss underage drinking at community meeting

A partnership that includes WGUV and Grand Valley’s Alcohol Education, Research, and Training (ALERT) Labs hosted its first community forum in which high school students openly discussed alcohol use.

The panel discussion, moderated by WGUV’s Fred Martino, was held February 26 at Spring Lake High School. Before an audience of parents and other community leaders, the students talked frankly about parties, peer pressure, and drinking. Two other similar forums are scheduled at Allendale and East Grand Rapids high schools.

The meetings are sponsored by “Positive Influences,” a partnership comprised of two community groups, WGUV Public Broadcasting, and the ALERT Labs. Positive Influences received a grant last year from Sound Partners for Community Health, a national organization that funds collaborations between public broadcasters and local organizations. The two community partners are Attitudes Matter, of Ottawa County, and the Alano Club of Kent County.

In addition to the three forums at area schools, Positive Influences will produce public broadcast radio and TV programs focused on helping parents talk to their kids about alcohol. Through these multiple efforts, partners hope to change student and adult perceptions about the extent and nature of alcohol use among teenagers.

Nancy Harper, director of ALERT Labs, said Positive Influences takes its cue from successful alcohol education programming at Grand Valley. By using a “social norms” approach to correct popular misperceptions, GVSU programs have helped to increase the number of Grand Valley students who abstain or drink moderately.

Steve Chappell, WGUV grant writer, said excerpts from the three high school forums will be used as taped reports for WGUV’s “Studio Town Halls,” programs scheduled for broadcast following each forum. Participants from each remote will be invited to attend the Studio Town Hall taping and continue dialog.

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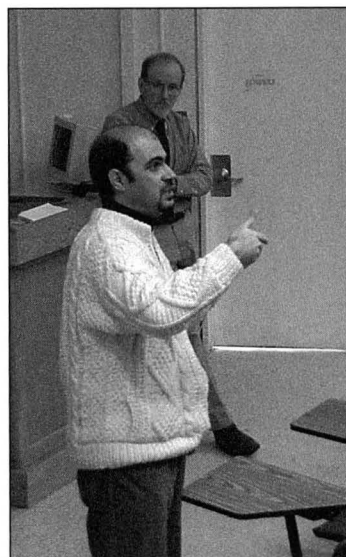
Faculty and staff members can find an online “Sketches” submission form on the Web at www.gvsu.edu/online/forum/form.html.

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GVNOW

Discussing possible war with Iraq



Photos by Nancy Willey

Students gathered Wednesday to watch ‘Hidden Wars of Desert Storm,’ an award-winning film analyzing the Gulf War of the early 1990s, and to voice their views about an impending war with Iraq. Answering questions were English professor David Alvarez (left, front), Middle East Studies coordinator Jim Goode (left, back), and philosophy professor Coeli Fitzpatrick (right).

What's Ahead

Professional development series continues through April

Addressing topics like diversity, student workers, and creativity, five professional development workshops for AP staff and faculty members are scheduled through April.

The Leadership Development Program began in September and is sponsored by the Provost's Office and Human Resources Office. Sessions are facilitated by outside experts or campus leaders. Suggestions for program topics came from AP staff members, according to Brian Van Doeselaar, assistant controller and member of the AP Professional Development subcommittee.

Program registration can be completed online at the Human Resources Web site, www.gvsu.edu/hro/training, by calling x12215, or sending an e-mail to hro@gvsu.edu.

The series includes online, interactive training CDs that can be completed individually or as a group or department. Produced by Ninth House Network, the CDs cover topics like "Self Management," "High Impact Hiring," and "Partnering for Results." Van Doeselaar said the courses are self-paced and the CDs can be obtained through appointing officers.

Workshops are detailed below:

- March 11, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center room 250. "A Winning Balance" is presented by Felicia Crawford from Western Michigan

University. Crawford will discuss diversity and its role within an organization.

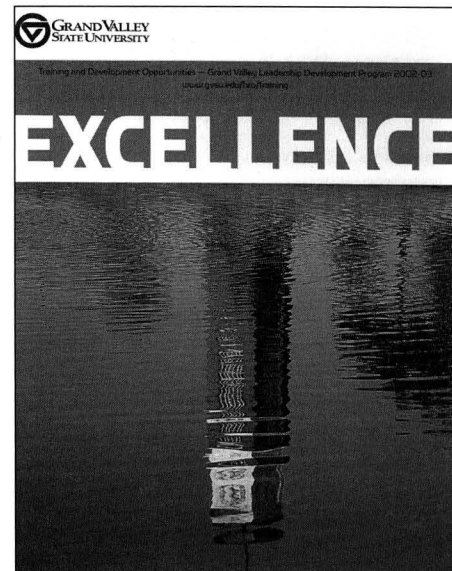
- March 21, 9-11 a.m., Kirkhof Center room 215/216. "The Rise of the Creative Class," targeted for deans, department chairs and faculty. Presented by Richard Florida, who will lead a roundtable discussion on education and artists as members of a new class.

- April 7, 8:30-11:30 a.m., DeVos Center room 303C; and 1:30-4:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center room 201.

"Supervising and Motivating Student Workers" is led by Debra Nelson of Indiana State University. Participants will learn the supervisor's role in training student workers and motivating them to peak performance.

- April 14, 1-3 p.m., Kirkhof Center room 201. "Legal Issues for Department Chairs II" is a continuation of an October presentation.

- April 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m., DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. "All Division Update" is led by executive or appointing officers from each university division.



GVFaces

Jennifer Stewart, assistant professor of sociology

By matching Grand Valley students with K-5 students, Jennifer Stewart has given life to sociological theories and perhaps established long-lasting bonds.

The assistant sociology professor and colleague George Lundskow have revamped Grand Valley's Sociology Club. The club's 10 student members volunteer time weekly at Robinson Elementary School in Grand Haven, where they tutor students, help in classrooms, or serve as playground assistants.

Stewart said Robinson has many students who are children of migrant workers. She contacted Principal Jeff Marcus in the fall to explore a partnership and students began volunteering at

Robinson in January. She said some students are sociology majors, but it's not a club requirement.

"You don't have to be a teacher to be interested or care about education," Stewart said.

Robinson is a dynamic school, Stewart said, as many students are in and out throughout the year. She said observing lives of migrant families presents a real-life example for Grand Valley students.

"West Michigan now has the fastest growing



Jennifer Stewart

Hispanic population in the U.S.," she said.

Many of the elementary students would be the first in their families to attend college, a notion not lost on Stewart, Lundskow, and club members.

"We hope we're making it seem like college is something that they can consider after high school," Stewart said. "And they know that Grand Valley is just down the road from them."

GV Faces

Help us tell the interesting stories behind Grand Valley by nominating someone for a profile. E-mail the Forum, forum@gvsu.edu, with names and contact information.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Bob Fletcher, vice provost for Information Technology, was interviewed by the *Grand Rapids Press* and WZZM Channel 13 for a story about freshmen enrollment.

Gregg Dimkoff, chair of the finance department in the Seidman School of Business, was interviewed by the *Detroit Free Press* for a story on why money is tight for many people these days.

Been interviewed by a reporter? E-mail a "Sketch" to the Forum, forum@gvsu.edu.

Sketches

Nancy Vanderboom Lausch, visiting assistant professor of art and design, adjudicated the Region 9 Michigan Art Education Association High School Art exhibition at Calvin College.

Faculty and staff at the Annis Water Resources Institute — **Al Steinman, Kurt Thompson, Rick Rediske, John Koches, Xuefeng Chu, Janet Vail, and Bopi Biddanda** — were awarded a grant from the Ice Mountain Environmental Stewardship Fund, administered through the Fremont Area Community Foundation, for a proposal, titled

"Environmental Analysis of Well Water in Mecosta County: A Comprehensive and Integrated Approach."

Ronald W. Garrett, professor of engineering, conducted two workshops, titled "How to Tap Your Creative Potential" and "How to Know When an Idea is a Winner," at the FLEX for Success Conference held at Ferris State University.

Claudia Sowa, coordinator of community outreach, Division of Continuing Education, was selected to attend the Advocacy and Public Policy Institute by the Michigan School Counseling Association.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Arts Hotline (616) 331-ARTS
Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,
Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Feb. 17-March 14

Gallery Hours: Art Department exhibit. "Jeff Colby: Working and Living with AIDS." Art Gallery, PAC. Call x12564 for more information.

Sports

Sports Hotline: (616) 331-3800
Game times subject to change.

Mon.-Thurs., March 3-6

TBA: Baseball Invitational. Joplin, MO.

Tues., March 4

4 p.m.: Women's Tennis at Sacred Heart University. Hilton Head Island, SC.

Thurs., March 6

8 a.m.: Women's Tennis at Belmont Abbey College. Hilton Head Island, SC.

4 p.m.: Women's Tennis at Xavier University. Hilton Head Island, SC.

Fri., March 7

All Day: Women's Golf at Rollins College. Winter Park, FL.

8 a.m.: Women's Tennis at UNC-Penbroke. Hilton Head Island, SC.

Fri. -Sat., March 7-8

TBA: Women's Basketball GLIAC Tournament Semifinals. Site and time TBA.

TBA: Men's Basketball GLIAC Tournament Semifinals. Site and time TBA.

TBA: Baseball at University of Central Oklahoma and University of Nebraska, Edmond, OK.

Sat.-Sun., March 8-9

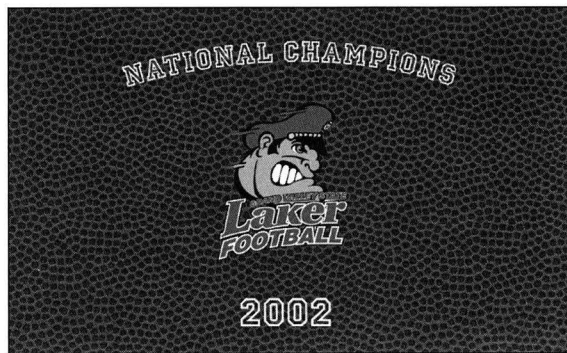
All Day: Men's Golf at Tusculum College Invitational. Greeneville, TN.

Football keepsakes available

Relive 2002 season with highlight video, photobook

They finished what they started and now you can relive the excitement.

Bill Cuppy of Cuppy Productions produced 30 minutes of the best of the Laker's national championship season. The passion and drama are captured on the field and through interviews. The compelling story of the 2002 season was written and narrated by award-winning sports journalist Tom Cleary.



A hardcover book commemorating a championship season is available, along with a video and DVD.

Grand Valley has also produced a keepsake, hardcover photography book, complete with a pigskin cover. Get up close and personal with the champs and fans that made the season great.

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