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For Immediate Release
January 02, 2002
Attention: Business editors
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GVSU students do market research for regional firms

Seidman School of Business graduate assistants play a major role in Michigan Small Business Development Center market research

Joe Klesney, Steffany Dunker and Kaloian Kirilov began working for the Michigan Small Business Development Center (MI-SBDC) in September 2001 as graduate assistants. The three MBA students in the Seidman School of Business have since then become market research connoisseurs.

The three routinely process statewide market research requests pertaining to demographic information and analysis, building permit data information, characteristics and values of housing at the county and city levels, foreign trade, market penetration analysis and so on. Such requests come from the twelve MI-SBDC regional offices, MI-SBDC clients including potential and existing entrepreneurs, and corporate clients such as Spartan Stores, Kentwood Police, Global DSL Communications, Alticor, and WOOD-TV.

Long term projects, assisting Grand Valley faculty and staff, play a large role in the grad assistants' responsibilities. Such projects include determining the confidence index for the Grand Rapids region and updating the demographic profile for Grand Rapids and Lakeshore Areas publication which profiles population and income; employment; business activity; real estate and land development; education and public services; and international trade information. Dunn & Bradstreet, Harris Directory, Scan U.S. and CACI are the primary database applications used to process requested information.

Joe Klesney graduates in August 2002 and hopes to secure a position with a consulting firm specializing in economics/advertising. Prior to his attending graduate school, Joe worked for congress as a political consultant. Steffany Dunker plans to attend medical or law school upon the completion of her MBA in June 2002. She has an undergraduate degree in pre-med and English. Kaloian Kirilov came to GVSU from Bulgaria. He hopes to obtain a position in finance after he graduates in June, 2003.

The MI-SBDC is housed at the Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich. As host of the MI-SBDC state headquarters, the Seidman School of Business oversees the twelve region MI-SBDC network while managing a budget of \$5.78 million. Entrepreneurs and small business owners may access the services of their nearest MI-SBDC by visiting www.mi-sbdc.org.

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GVSU hosts business speakers

Breakfast meetings will feature discussions of free enterprise and the real estate market for the new year.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Free enterprise and the 2002 outlook for real estate markets will be the topics of a pair of breakfast meetings on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, hosted by the Seidman School of Business Alumni Association.

- **Steve Van Andel, chairman of Alticor, Inc.** will give a talk on "The Spirit of Free Enterprise" on Thursday, January 10, 2002 at a 7:30 a.m. breakfast event. The talk begins at 8 a.m.
- **Hari Singh, chair of the economics department in the Seidman School of Business** will discuss the real estate forecast for 2002 on Wednesday, January 23 at 7:30 a.m. The talk includes a summary of the office, retail and industrial real estate markets and the economic outlook for 2002. There will also be a question-and-answer period.

Both events will be in Grand Valley's DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. For more information or reservations, call (616) 336-7100 or e-mail SSBalumn@gvsu.edu.

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Van Andel Global Trade Center now offering membership

The Van Andel Global Trade Center is now offering memberships to link the nearly 1,000 different companies it has provided training, consulting and resources to since its inception.

Members receive concrete value for their membership dollars in programs, services, and information not offered anywhere else in the region.

- Individual memberships are \$100 and give discounts on professional training programs, a free initial consultation, access to the center's resources and libraries, trade bulletins and news letters, and a full company listing of other members.
- Corporate memberships are \$500 and provide all of the above benefits, plus credit toward four hours of research time, access to the center's business services, discounted Veritas credit and PIERS logistical reports, special function invitations, access to global business networking and trade opportunity functions, a link from the center's Web site and international business service provider referrals.
- Service provider memberships are \$750 and give the benefits of corporate membership, plus one automatic program sponsorship recognition, access to program sponsorship, and inclusion on a service provider source list.

For more information, call (616) 771-6811 or visit www.vagtc.org.

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**For Immediate Release
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Dynamic minister will lead King week events

The Rev. Jamal-Harrison Bryant, pastor of a Baltimore, Maryland church, will lead a silent march through campus to commemorate the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

GVSU will celebrate King's birthday with a week of activities from January 21-25.

Bryant is the founder and pastor of the Empowerment Temple, the fastest growing African Methodist Episcopal church in the nation. He is a former youth director of the NAACP and has been named one of "America's Future Leaders" by *Ebony* magazine.

The silent march will begin at noon on Monday, January 21, near Zumberge Library and end at the Cook Carillon Tower with remarks from Bryant and others and student presentations on King's life.

Bryant will also speak at 6 p.m. that night during the 16th Annual Martin Luther King Community Celebration, held at the Grand Rapids Community College Fieldhouse. The event is sponsored by GVSU, GRCC, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Other GVSU events include:

* Gospel concerts by Voices of GVSU, January 22, 2 p.m. at the Cook-DeWitt Center and 7 p.m. at Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

* Dramatic play, "The Meeting" interprets what would happen if Malcolm X and Martin Luther King met, January 23, 7 p.m., Cook-DeWitt Center.

* Discussion for students, faculty and staff members, and community members on "What would Dr. King have to say today?" January 24, 8 p.m., Kleiner Commons.

* Documentary on King and the civil rights movement, January 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Kirkhof Center.

For more information, call the Office of Minority Affairs at 616-895-2177.

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Calendar of Events February 2002

General Events

Arts Hotline: (616) 895-ARTS

Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

All activities on the Allendale Campus unless otherwise noted.

Parking is free and unreserved after 5:30 p.m.

Through Fri., Feb. 8

Gallery Hours: "Action of Non-Action: East and West in Calligraphy and Verse." The classical Chinese calligraphy of Peimin Ni is presented in dialogue with the philosophical verse of Stephen Rowe. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Fri., Feb. 1-Sat., Feb. 2

7:30 p.m.: GVSU Opera/Musical Theatre presents "My Fair Lady." Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Adults \$7; Seniors \$6; College Students \$5; K-12 \$2. For tickets or more information call (616) 895-2300.

Sun., Feb. 3

3 p.m.: GVSU Opera/Musical Theatre presents "My Fair Lady." Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

Thurs., Feb. 7

8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Global Human Resource Management program of facilitator-led discussions on such issues as expatriate systems and strategies, safety and security issues in human resources, immigration, overseas global workforce development, and cultural integration sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. The GVSU Faculty Jazz Quartet will debut on this series with a presentation of standards and recently composed works. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Thurs., Feb 7-Sat., Feb. 9

7:30 p.m.: GVSU Opera/Musical Theatre presents "My Fair Lady." Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

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Sat., Feb. 9

- 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.: Conference on the Americas hosted by Latin American Studies. "Food for Thought" is explored with local, regional, and international presentations on the interplay of food, culture, society, nutrition, and politics in the Americas with keynote speaker Lourdes Hernandez. Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 895-2325.
- 6:30 p.m.-midnight: Brazilian Carnival Celebration follows the Conference on the Americas. Eberhard Center. For more information, call the Latin American Studies program at (616) 895-2325.

Sun., Feb. 10

- 2 p.m.: CORnucopia Series. The Grand Rapids Symphony Horn Section, Richard Britsch, Jeffrey Swanson, Margaret Gage, Kevin Warren and Paul Austin, will be featured in this session focusing on the orchestral horn player. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.
- 3 p.m.: GVSU Opera/Musical Theatre presents "My Fair Lady." Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

Tues., Feb. 12

- 8 p.m.: 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Medalist Concert Series. Maxim Philippov, silver medalist. Tickets: \$30; \$15 for GVSU staff and area piano teachers, and \$10 for students. Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Campus. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Wed., Feb. 13

- 7:30 p.m.: The Vagina Monologues. The ground-breaking, award-winning play addresses women's experiences with frank and humorous performances by GVSU students and members of the community. The GVSU production is part of the V-Day 2002 College Campaign, a worldwide effort to stop violence against women and girls. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$10; purchase after February 1 by calling (616) 895-2300.

Thurs., Feb. 14

- 12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. Classical guitarist David Burgess performs some of Brazil's finest solo guitar music. Formerly a student of Andres Segovia, Burgess has won prizes in international guitar competitions in New York, Mexico City, Toronto and Munich. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Sat., Feb. 16

- 7:30 p.m.: The Vagina Monologues performed at Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy St. SE, Grand Rapids. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

Sun., Feb. 17

- 3 p.m.: Music Department Concert. 11th Annual High School Honors Band Concert with the GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble conducted by Barry Martin and featuring soloist Richard Stoelzel, trumpet artist faculty, at GVSU. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Mon., Feb. 18

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. The Avatar Brass Quintet, quintet-in-residence at GVSU, makes its debut recital. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Mon., Feb. 18-Fri., Mar. 22

Gallery Hours: "Tjukurrpa: Aboriginal Art of the Dreaming." An exhibition of more than 60 paintings and a selection of related artifacts is presented as a joint effort of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids and the Grand Valley State University Art Gallery. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Mon., Feb. 18-Mon., Apr. 8

4-7 p.m.: International Trade Certificate Program sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

Tues., Feb. 19

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. Pianist Anne Schien will debut on this series in a piano recital that will include music of Bartok and Chopin. Cook-DeWitt Center. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Call (616) 895-3484 for more information.

Thurs., Feb. 21

5-7 p.m.: Opening Reception for "Tjukurrpa: Aboriginal Art of the Dreaming." Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Sat., Feb. 23

8 a.m.-2 p.m.: Michigan History Day. Middle- and high-school students will present their topics through the allied disciplines of art, literature, music, drama, visual communications, and writing. This year's presentations revolve around the theme "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." Kirkhof Center.

8 p.m.: Music Department Choral Concert. GVSU University Singers and Madrigal Ensemble conducted by Ellen Pool, and the Festival Chorale conducted by James Borst. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Sun., Feb. 24

3 p.m.: Choral Concert. University Arts Chorale, Ellen Pool, conductor, and Varsity Men, Charles Norris, conductor. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Tues., Feb. 26

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. Arthur Campbell, clarinet artist faculty and winner of the 2001 International Web Concert Hall Competition, will present a program of clarinet classics to be featured on his next solo compact disc. Helen Marlais of the GVSU piano faculty will accompany him. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Wed., Feb. 27

- 12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. The Merling Trio in a concert that will feature *Los Cuatro Estaciones Portenas - The Four Seasons* by Piazzolla. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.
- 8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. The GVSU Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hyunsai Lee. The program will feature the winners of the 2001 GVSU Concerto Competition: Mia Alford, clarinet; Steven Marx, trumpet; Jason Redmond, baritone; and Cameron Warne, violin. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Sports

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Thurs., Feb. 7

- 6 p.m.: Women's Basketball. Northwood University at Grand Valley.
- 8 p.m.: Men's Basketball. Northwood University at Grand Valley.

Fri., Feb. 8

- 4 p.m.: Track and Field. Laker Challenge at Grand Valley.

Sat., Feb. 9

- 2 p.m.: Swimming and Diving. Northern Michigan University at Grand Valley.

Mon., Feb. 11

- 6 p.m.: Women's Basketball. Ferris State University at Grand Valley.
- 8 p.m.: Men's Basketball. Ferris State University at Grand Valley.

Fri., Feb. 15

- 4 p.m.: Track and Field. GVSU Open at Grand Valley.

Thurs., Feb. 21

- 6 p.m.: Women's Basketball. Michigan Technological University at Grand Valley.
- 8 p.m.: Men's Basketball. Michigan Technological University at Grand Valley.

Sat., Feb. 23

- 1 p.m.: Women's Basketball. Northern Michigan University at Grand Valley.
- 3 p.m.: Men's Basketball. Northern Michigan University at Grand Valley.



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Wed., Mar. 6

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: NAFTA: Certification and Rules of Origin workshop sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Room 119E, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

Mon., Mar. 11

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.: Global Finance Certificate Program sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

Thurs., Mar. 14

Call for time: Writers Festival. A biannual event facilitated by authors and professors and attended by English and creative writing students from local schools. Seminars include poetry, fiction, journalism, children's literature, and writing on the Web. Free admission for interested schools. Kirkhof Center. For more information call (616) 895-3411.

8 p.m.:

Young Artist Series. Tim Church, percussion. Church received the bachelor of music degree in percussion from GVSU in 1998. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Fri., Mar. 15

8 p.m.:

GVSU Dance. The Spring Dance Concert featuring students in the GVSU Dance Ensemble. Choreography by Jefferson Baum, William Gordon, Sean France, and others. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$7, available by calling the Music Department at (616) 895-3484.

Sat., Mar. 16

12 noon-9 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program Film Festival. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

2 and 8 p.m.: GVSU Dance. The Spring Dance Concert featuring students in the GVSU Dance Ensemble. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Mon., Mar. 18

8:30 a.m.-4:50 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program. "Gender & Activism" Festival 2002 Panel Discussions. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

Tues., Mar. 19

8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program. "Gender & Activism" Festival 2002 Panel Discussions. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. The Perugino String Quartet in a concert guaranteed to reflect their continued growth and development as the Grand Valley State University quartet-in-residence. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

4 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program Festival 2002. "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future" with Keynote Speakers Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards. Followed by Women's Commission presentation and the Maxine Swanson and Barbara Jordan Awards Ceremony at 5 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Auditorium. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

Wed., Mar. 20

5:30 p.m.: DeVos Art Lecture Series. The second lecture of the series features Daleene Menning, acclaimed ceramist and longtime professor of art and design at Grand Valley and is followed by a reception. Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Reservations requested. Call (616) 895-2564.

Thurs., Mar. 21

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: Building Foreign Representation program sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Room 215, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. The Old Vienna Comedy Project - Show #2. *Ariadne auf Naxos*. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Fri., Mar. 22-Sat., Mar. 23

7:30 p.m.: Student Directors Series. Features plays acted, directed, and designed by Theatre students. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets: adults \$10; staff and alumni \$8; seniors \$7; college students \$5; K-12 \$2.50. For tickets or more information call (616) 895-2300.

Sun., Mar. 24

2 p.m.: Student Directors Series Matinee. Features plays acted, directed, and designed by Theatre students. Katherine Mayberry will direct *Antigone*. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

Tues., Mar. 26

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. Percussionist Michael Parola returns with the Core Ensemble in *Tres Vidas* a new chamber music theatre work for singing actress and chamber music trio. Based on the lives of three Latin American women, this piece includes arrangements of popular and folk music from Latin America and music by tango master, Astor Piazzolla. Cook-DeWitt Center. Call (616) 895-3484 for more information.

Thurs., Mar. 28

7 p.m.: Guest Artist Lecture. Nationally recognized graphic artist Jennifer Sterling. Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Sports

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Thurs., Mar. 21

3 p.m.: Softball. Calvin College at Grand Valley.

Fri., Mar. 22

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis. Northwood University at Grand Valley.

Sat., Mar. 23

10 a.m.: Men's Tennis. Wayne State University at Grand Valley.

1 p.m.: Baseball. Oakland City University at Grand Valley.

Sun., Mar. 24

10 a.m.: Men's Tennis. Hillsdale College at Grand Valley.

12 noon: Baseball. Oakland City University at Grand Valley.

Tues., Mar. 26

1 p.m.: Baseball. University of Indianapolis at Grand Valley.

Thurs., Mar. 28

3 p.m.: Softball. Hope College at Grand Valley.

Fri., Mar. 29

12 noon: Baseball. Mercyhurst College at Grand Valley.

Sat., Mar. 30

11 a.m.: Track and Field at Aquinas Open. Grand Rapids.

12 noon: Baseball. Mercyhurst College at Grand Valley.



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West Michigan Women's Studies Council hosts comedy queen Margaret Cho

The new coalition represents women's studies programs from six area colleges

The new West Michigan Women's Studies Council, a consortium of professionals from six area college and university women's programs, is announcing its formation by hosting its first public event: a free "night of discussion and laughter" featuring nationally-acclaimed comedienne/actress Margaret Cho.

The award-winning, Korean-American celebrity is perhaps best known for her 1994 television sitcom, "All-American Girl," and more recently for her critically-acclaimed off-Broadway show, "I'm the One That I Want." Her performance is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain Street, downtown Grand Rapids. It is open to the public free of charge.

The event is sponsored by the West Michigan Women's Studies Council, a consortium of faculty members and administrators representing women's studies programs and women's centers at Aquinas College, Calvin College, Davenport University, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University, and Hope College. The group was formed in late 2001 with the overall purpose of increasing awareness of gender issues and to share ideas and work together on community projects that enhance the lives of women in West Michigan.

Collaboration is a key element, said Judy Whipps, coordinator of the Liberal Studies Program at GVSU. By bringing people together the council creates a winning combination for all -- particularly for students and the West Michigan community.

"The feminist approach to education is a collaborative approach," said Whipps. "We wanted to carry that model into our community work and support each others' projects, students, and careers."

The council grew out of informal brainstorming meetings between Whipps, fellow GVSU philosophy faculty member Maria Cimitile, and Susan Haworth-Hoepfner, director of the Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center at Aquinas College. Fifteen women now make up the group, which usually meets biweekly and has grown not only in size, but in support and enthusiasm, say participants.

"It is exciting to have so many women's programs working together to accomplish their goals collectively," said Haworth-Hoepfner.

The coalition's activities have been saluted by the Nokomis Foundation, which has awarded the Women's Studies Council grants totaling \$120,000 to sponsor a speakers series over the next three years. The Nokomis Foundation is a community foundation founded by area resident Twink Frey to support issues concerning women and girls.

The council's first event features the outspoken and hilarious Margaret Cho, whose early stand-up comedy routine in the comedy club above her parents' San Francisco bookstore blossomed into performances at hundreds of colleges and, soon thereafter, television appearances that started her on the road to comedy celebrity.

Her groundbreaking and controversial, yet short-lived, ABC sitcom "All-American Girl" followed, after which Cho appeared in some films and continued performing to sold-out audiences across the country. Of her dozen or so films, John Woo's "Face/Off" with Nicolas Cage, and "Rugrats," where she was the voice of the detective, were the most widely distributed.

In 1999, Margaret's hugely successful off-Broadway show, "I'm The One That I Want," toured the country and was made into a movie. The show and tour set records and won *New York* magazine's Performance of the Year award and was named one of *Entertainment Weekly's* Great Performances of the Year. Released as a movie in 2000, the concert was called "the indie success of the year" by the Sundance Channel. Her book of the same name is now a national bestseller and will be available in paperback in May.

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[A photograph of Margaret Cho is available by email. Call Nancy at (616) 895-2221.]

West Michigan Women's Studies Council members:

From Grand Valley State University:

Maria Cimitile, assistant professor of Philosophy
Judy Whipps, assistant professor of Philosophy and coordinator of the Liberal Studies Program
Marlene Kowalski-Braun, director of the Women's Center
Kate Remlinger, associate professor of English
Sonia Dalmia, assistant professor of Accounting, Seidman School of Business
Maureen Wolverton, Liberal Studies adjunct

From Aquinas College:

Susan Haworth-Hoepfner, director of the Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center
Rebecca Coogan, associate professor of English

From Calvin College:

Helen Sterk, professor of Communication Arts and Sciences and director of the Gender Studies Program
Margaret Bendroth, professor of History

From Grand Rapids Community College:

Chris Arnold, coordinator of the Diversity Learning Center

From Davenport University:

Marisela Martinez, director of Multicultural Affairs
Jacqueline Taylor, vice-president of Cultural Affairs and Diversity

From Hope College:

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Pictured are a few of the more than 50 cast members for GVSU's production of "The Vagina Monologues." Email willey@gvsu.edu to request a photo.

GVSU brings critically acclaimed 'Vagina Monologues' to West Michigan

Benefit performances on Feb. 13 and 16 are part of a worldwide effort to end violence against women and girls

"The Vagina Monologues," the groundbreaking, Obie Award-winning play featuring women's experiences, performed by women, and produced on hundreds of college campuses worldwide to help end violence against women and girls, is coming to West Michigan.

Grand Valley State University will feature two productions of the play:

- Wednesday, February 13 at the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus
- Saturday, February 16 at Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy St. SE in Grand Rapids.

Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$15 for adults, and may be purchased or reserved by phoning 895-2300 between 12-5 p.m. after January 21. Proceeds will benefit women's organizations.

"The Vagina Monologues," a series of separate scenes acted by one or more women, has been hailed as "a bona fide phenomenon" (The New York Times), "alternately funny, poetic and provocative" (Entertainment Weekly), and "marvelous, one of the best shows in town" (Daily News). The script is based on playwright Eve Ensler's interviews with hundreds of women from diverse backgrounds and her unabashed exploration of questions often pondered but seldom asked. The resulting play reveals the answers and, with them, portrays the humor, pain, power, wisdom and outrage buried in women's experiences.

Grand Valley's student-run production involves more than 50 GVSU students, faculty and staff, and members of the local community. It is comprised of 14 scenes intertwined with spoken interviews and facts.

Since playwright Ensler first performed the "The Vagina Monologues" in 1996, it has toured the U.S. and abroad with critically acclaimed performances in Jerusalem, Berlin, Athens, Zagreb, and a hit run in London. In 1998 "The Vagina Monologues" was published in book form with a foreword by Gloria Steinem by Villard Books/Random House.

The play is now being produced around the world to mark V-Day -- an international movement to stop violence against women and girls and to proclaim Valentine's Day as the time to celebrate women and demand an end to abuse. The annual event was inspired by the first world V-Day in 1998, which featured a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" by such celebrities as Glenn Close, Whoopi Goldberg, Susan Sarandon, Winona Ryder, and Calista Flockhart. Last year's event included a wildly successful performance by 70 high-profile women at New York City's Madison Square Garden. A special V-Day edition of the play was also released last year.

This year Grand Valley joins more than 500 colleges and universities worldwide presenting "The Vagina Monologues" between February 8 and March 8 as a benefit for the V-Day College Campaign. An additional 245 communities are also staging the show. For more information on the V-Day Campaign or statistics on the problem of violence against women and girls, see www.vday.org.

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Grand Valley's production is sponsored by the Nokomis Foundation, FORGE (Focus On Rethinking Gender Education) student group, the GVSU Women's Center, and GVSU School of Communications. Proceeds will go to the YWCA Sexual Assault Program of Grand Rapids, the GVSU Women's Center, and RAWA (supporting Afghan women).

There will be an accompanying art exhibit February 12-16 at Gallery 222, 222 S. Division Ave., featuring artwork by women faculty, staff, and students at GVSU. For exhibition hours call 458-5933.

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Sources:

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GVSU Opera Theatre presents 'My Fair Lady' for a new generation

Grand Valley State University's Opera Theatre is taking a new look at a beloved classic with its full-scale production of Lerner and Loewe's musical masterpiece, "My Fair Lady."

The musical will be staged January 31-February 10, with performances at 7:30 p.m. on January 31 and February 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9; and at 3 p.m. February 3 and 10. All shows are held in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, located in the Performing Arts Center on GVSU's Allendale Campus.

Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$6 for college students and senior citizens; and \$2 for K-12 students. Purchase at the door or reserve by calling (616) 895-2300.

"My Fair Lady," a romantic comedy often called "the perfect musical," tells the story of the contentious relationship between the lively Cockney flower vendor, Eliza Doolittle, and the brilliant-but-stuffy language professor, Henry Higgins, who bets his friend that he can make Eliza over to pass in high society. The internal changes of the heart that Eliza brings about in Higgins, however, turn out to be far greater than her own external transformation into an educated lady. Hence, the transformative power of love becomes the theme of the play.

"The movie version [of "My Fair Lady"] focuses on the language, costumes, and the fact that Eliza and Higgins are at odds," said GVSU Opera Theatre Director Dale Schriemer. "Our production focuses more on the undercurrent of emotional heat that leads to the transformation of Higgins."

"My Fair Lady" is based on the play "Pygmalion" by English playwright George Bernard Shaw. Adapted as a musical in 1956 by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, it ran for 2,717 performances on Broadway, has been revived three times, and remains one of the most produced shows of all time. The original production starring Julie Andrews won nine Tony Awards, and the 1964 film version starring Audrey Hepburn won eight Oscars.

GVSU's Opera Theatre plans to introduce a new generation to the story, said Schriemer. The musical will be presented in its full finery, featuring period costumes (the show is set in 1913) rented from the Minnesota Opera Company. The musical score includes the enduring favorites "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

Ben Krywosz, director of past Opera Theatre shows "Saturn Returns" and "Into the Woods," returns to Grand Valley to direct "My Fair Lady." Krywosz is artistic director of the Nautilus Music-Theater in St. Paul, Minn., and has worked extensively in the field of integrated singing and acting.

About three dozen students make up the cast, including dancers and a Cockney chorus. Lead roles are played by GVSU students Jamie Mosher, of Ada, as Eliza Doolittle; Rory Miller, of Portland, as Professor Higgins; Trinity Bird, of Bronson, as Higgins' friend Colonel Pickering; and Michael Houser, of Boyne City, as Alfred P. Doolittle. (Full cast is listed on next page.)

Serving as music director is Charles Hutchins, winner of the Grand Award for past musical productions; dancing and movement choreography is led by GVSU dance director Jefferson Baum; and conducting the GVSU Chamber Orchestra is GVSU orchestra director Hyunsai Lee. Costume and set design are by Jill Dole Hamilton and Al Sheffield, respectively.

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GVSU professor offers Kmart analysis

The Michigan-based company had longstanding problems that led to today's bankruptcy filing, marketing professor Ben Rudolph says.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Kmart Corp. on Tuesday filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The filing follows dismal holiday sales and stiff competition from retail rivals Wal-Mart and Target. The Michigan-based company is the nation's No. 2 retailer.

Grand Valley State University's Seidman School of Business has experts who are available to provide comments and analysis of Kmart's bankruptcy and its impact on the state and national economies.

One expert, Marketing professor **Ben Rudolph**, says a unique aspect of the Kmart story is the fact that mass merchandizers have done well this year, but that Kmart suffered from long-standing problems and could not exploit the potential of the economic boom of the 1990s. He can be reached at (616) 336-7473.

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A celebration of bubbles

Grand Valley brings a genuine Mr. Bubble to campus for a demonstration and discussion of the mathematics of bubbles.

Lawrence Welk would have been thrilled. The mathematics of soap bubbles will be celebrated with a presentation at Grand Valley that includes demonstrations and other activities.

At the center of the event is a lecture by Frank Morgan of Williams College.

Morgan works in minimal surfaces and studies the behavior and structure of minimizers in various dimensions and settings. He has four books: "Geometric Measure Theory: a Beginner's Guide," "Calculus Lite," "Riemannian Geometry: a Beginner's Guide," and "The Math Chat Book," based on his live, call-in Math Chat TV show, and Math Chat column, both available at MathChat.org. He is the second vice president of the Mathematical Association of America.

The presentation is **Friday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. in room 101 of Loutit Lecture Hall** on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus.

In addition to the presentation by Morgan, there will be demonstrations, explanations, a soap-bubble guessing contest, prizes, the latest math news on soap bubbles, a soap bubble geometry contest and mathematical research by undergraduates related to soap bubbles.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call (616) 895-2040.

The program is sponsored by Grand Valley's Department of Mathematics and Division of Science and Mathematics.

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Maxim Philippov. Photo is available for download at www.gvsu.edu/news.

GVSU Van Cliburn Series continues with Russian pianist

Maxim Philippov performs on Feb. 12 in downtown Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--Grand Valley State University continues to bring the young piano champions of the world to West Michigan with a concert by Maxim Philippov, silver medalist of the prestigious Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The solo concert is the second in Grand Valley's Van Cliburn Medalist Series, which hosts all four winners of the 2001 competition.

Maxim Philippov will perform on February 12, 2002, in the DeVos Center's Loosemore Auditorium on GVSU's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. The recital begins at 8 p.m. and is followed by a reception. Tickets are \$30 for the general public, \$15 for piano instructors, and \$10 for all students. Reservations are required; for tickets or information call (616) 895-3484.

and made his public debut when he was eight years old. A laureate of several major international piano competitions including the Leeds, Rachmaninoff, Rubinstein, and Tchaikovsky, he was awarded first prize at the 1996 Esther Honens Calgary International Piano Competition. Named one of two silver medalists in the 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition last year, Philippov, then 29, was awarded two years of concert engagements, career management, and a compact disc recording.

The Moscow native is described in *The Washington Post* as "an almost note-perfect pianist with a supple, caressing tone and a powerful technical command of his instrument." Philippov began studying piano at the age of five

Philippov has performed recitals in major concert halls throughout Europe, Canada, Russia, and the United States. Emerging as one of today's most engaging interpreters of Rachmaninoff, he has recorded two discs devoted to the solo works of this composer. He now resides in Moscow where he serves on the faculty of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

Philippov's program on February 12 includes Moments musicaux, Op. 16, by Rachmaninoff as well as Haydn's Sonata in A Major, Schumann's Fantasiestücke, Op. 12, and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 15.

Grand Valley has established a tradition of celebrating the Van Cliburn competition, held every four years, by hosting solo concerts by the top winners. Israeli pianist Aviram Reichert, a medalist in the 1997 competition who performed at Grand Valley that year, recently returned to Grand Valley as a member of the Music Department faculty. Grand Valley will continue its Van Cliburn Medalist Series this fall with concerts by the two gold medal winners of the 2001 competition. Times and dates will be announced.

The Van Cliburn International Piano Competition was begun in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1962 to celebrate resident Van Cliburn's sensational 1958 victory in the first Tchaikovsky Competition. In December 2001, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts recognized Cliburn's lifelong contributions to American culture with the prestigious Kennedy Center Honor.

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Curtain time for 'Vagina Monologues' changed to 8 p.m.

[PLEASE NOTE that the curtain time for "The Vagina Monologues" has been changed. The shows will begin at 8 p.m., not 7:30 as previously stated. The previously sent press release is repeated correctly below.]

"The Vagina Monologues," the groundbreaking, Obie Award-winning play featuring women's experiences, performed by women, and produced on hundreds of college campuses worldwide to help end violence against women and girls, is coming to West Michigan.

GVSU will feature two productions of the play:

- Wednesday, February 13 at the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus
- Saturday, February 16 at Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy St. SE in Grand Rapids.

Both performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$15 for adults, and may be purchased or reserved by phoning 895-2300 between 12-5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit women's organizations (listed below).

"The Vagina Monologues," a series of separate scenes acted by one or more women, has been hailed as "a bona fide phenomenon" (The New York Times), "alternately funny, poetic and provocative" (Entertainment Weekly), and "marvelous, one of the best shows in town" (Daily News). The script is based on playwright Eve Ensler's interviews with hundreds of women from diverse backgrounds and her unabashed exploration of questions often pondered but seldom asked. The resulting play reveals the answers and, with them, portrays the humor, pain, power, wisdom and outrage buried in women's experiences.

Grand Valley's student-run production involves more than 50 GVSU students, faculty and staff, and members of the local community. It is comprised of 14 scenes intertwined with spoken interviews and facts.

Since playwright Ensler first performed the "The Vagina Monologues" in 1996, it has toured the U.S. and abroad with critically acclaimed performances in Jerusalem, Berlin, Athens, Zagreb, and a hit run in London. In 1998 "The Vagina Monologues" was published in book form, including a foreword by Gloria Steinem, by Villard Books/Random House. The play is now being produced around the world to mark V-Day -- an international movement to stop violence against women and girls and to proclaim Valentine's Day as the time to celebrate women and demand an end to abuse.

This year Grand Valley joins more than 500 colleges and universities worldwide presenting "The Vagina Monologues" between February 8 and March 8 as a benefit for the V-Day College Campaign. An additional 245 communities are also staging the show. For more information on the V-Day Campaign or statistics on the problem of violence against women and girls, see www.vday.org.

Grand Valley's production is sponsored by the Nokomis Foundation, FORGE (Focus On Rethinking Gender Education) student group, the GVSU Women's Center, and GVSU School of Communications. Proceeds will go to the YWCA Sexual Assault Program of Grand Rapids, the GVSU Women's Center, and RAWA (supporting Afghan women).

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GVSU Conference on the Americas features daylong events on Feb. 9

'Food for Thought' is the focus of the conference, with special Latin American guests and a Brazilian dinner and carnival



Keynote speaker Lourdes Hernández, Mexico's "Daring Chef"

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--On Saturday, February 9, hundreds are expected to gather at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center in downtown Grand Rapids for a full day of panels, workshops, films, and presentations on the joys and challenges of feeding the people of the Americas. The event marks the sixth Conference on the Americas organized by GVSU's Latin American Studies Program.

Titled "Food For Thought," this year's conference examines the culture, politics, and economics of nutrition in the Western Hemisphere with sessions by noted Latin American scholars and a keynote speech by Mexico's "Daring Chef," Lourdes Hernández. The day finishes with a Brazilian dinner and the conference's first Brazilian "carnaval."

Conference sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on February 9, with Hernández's keynote address beginning at 1:30 p.m. The conference is open to the public. Students with ID are admitted free. A sliding scale donation of \$5 to \$40 is asked of all others, payable at the door or in advance by calling (616) 895-2325. On-site registration begins at 9 a.m.

According to Cliff Welch, coordinator of GVSU's Latin American Studies Program, the conference encourages understanding between different American populations by studying issues related to Latinos in the U.S. and focusing on international relations.

"It also allows Grand Valley to build a bridge with the community by bringing together scholars, academics and people who are activists and community service providers to share ideas," Welch said.

Featured at the conference are scholars from such schools as George Washington, Michigan State, Western Michigan, and Grand Valley State universities and Albion and Hope colleges, as well as educators and service providers from Kent, Ottawa, and Oceana counties. Altogether, the conference brings together 80 experts on Latino and Latin American life in 16 different sessions. One session is devoted to "rediscovering indigenous foods," another to the "Brazilian table," and others to health programs, agricultural development, and the rituals, literature, and art of food.

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Keynote speaker Lourdes Hernández writes "The Public Diary of the Daring Chef," a popular syndicated column on food in Mexico, and appears regularly on TV and radio stations there to talk about the rich diversity of Mexican cuisine. Her house, located in the heart of Mexico City, serves as a salon for poetry reading, music and theatrical performances, and counts as one of the country's most exclusive restaurants. Hernández promises to offer an engaging speech that is as tantalizing to the intellect as her food is to the taste.

The conference also features art exhibits, display tables and book sales, as well as a film festival featuring the U.S. premiere of *Chronicles of an Endless Journey: From Uyuni to Machu Picchu* (sites in Bolivia and Peru), which will be shown by filmmaker and visiting Spanish professor Khedija Ghadoum. Also shown in West Michigan for the first time will be other award-winning films exploring food and nutrition issues from Idaho to Brazil.

Brazilian Dinner and Carnival Masquerade Ball -- register by Feb. 2

The conference wraps up with a Brazilian dinner served by chefs from Rembrandt's at Bridgewater, beginning at 7 p.m. The colorful and festive Carnival Masquerade Ball follows until midnight, featuring the Bossa Nova, Chorinho, and Samba music of the Ricardo Laranja Quartet. This event is co-sponsored by the Brazilian Community of West Michigan.

Persons interested in attending the Brazilian Dinner and carnival must pre-register by February 2. Tickets are available at \$25 for one, \$45 for two, and \$15 for non-GVSU students. Free tickets are available for GVSU students. The dinner fee includes free admittance to the daylong conference as well. Call (616) 895-2325 to reserve tickets.

For a schedule of Conference on the Americas sessions and events, visit online at www4.gvsu.edu/las/con2002.htm.

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GVSU celebrates Black History Month with many events

Numerous events at Grand Valley State University are planned throughout February to celebrate Black History Month. The Black History Month committee is comprised of faculty and staff members and students from the Black Student Union, Multicultural Affairs Office, Women's Center, Office of Student Life, Padnos International Center, African American Studies Department, and Spotlight Productions. Most events are at the Allendale Campus. For details, call the Multicultural Affairs Office at 616-895-2177.

Friday, February 1, 9 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.
 Spotlight Productions presents Roscoe Orman, aka "Gordon" from *Sesame Street*. His lecture/concert, "Eyes on the Prize," will highlight significant events in black history through story and music.

Tuesday, February 5, 1-2:15 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.
 Lecture by Runoko Rashidi, historian, writer and public lecturer with an interest in the African foundations of humanity and civilizations, and the current conditions of blacks throughout the Global African Community.

Thursday, February 7, 4 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.
 Film, *Roots of Resistance: A Story About the Underground Railroad*, by Orlando Bagwell focuses on the story of the underground railroad, the secret network of escape routes to freedom followed by black slaves in the 1800s.

Thursday, February 14, 2 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.
 Second showing of *Roots of Resistance: A Story about the Underground Railroad*.

Monday, February 18, 6 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.
 Black Student Union presents "Soul Fest," an annual event that honors the history of African people in the United States. Soul Fest is a night of entertainment and African cuisine adapted to the resources available during slavery.

Tuesday, February 19, 3 p.m., Cook-DeWitt Center.
 Speaker Orlando Bagwell is the founder and president of ROJA productions, a Boston-based independent film and television production company. A staff producer for PBS' "Frontline," Bagwell co-produced and directed "Running with Jesse," an account of the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign.

Wednesday, February 20, 9 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.
 Spotlight Productions presents comedian Kivi Rogers, who has performed in movies and on A&E's "Evening at the Improv," Comedy Central and HBO.

Tuesday, February 26, 7 p.m., Loosemoore Auditorium, DeVos Center.
 "The Ole Landmark Cathedral" a play performed by local church members about congregations at black churches. Seating is limited, for details call the Multicultural Affairs Office at 616-895-2177.

Thursday, February 28, 6 p.m., Cook-DeWitt Center.
 Step Afrika-USA is an explosive, percussive dance ensemble from Washington, D.C. Founded in 1996, the company highlights the African-American fraternity and sorority art form of stepping and its links to dance traditions around the world.

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State of the Union Sources

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Several Grand Valley sources will be available for analysis and comment before and after President Bush's State of the Union Address. In addition to the war on terrorism, a main theme of the President's address is expected to be jobs.

Topics and sources for preview and reaction include:

The war on terrorism overseas and at home. This will likely be a focus of the President's speech, as he is expected to call upon Congress to greatly increase budgets for defense readiness overseas as well as for homeland "first response" forces, such as fire and police departments. Sources: James Houston, security expert and director of the GVSU School of Criminal Justice. Office: 336-7130. Home: 575-9049. Dave Ballard, terrorism expert and assistant professor in the School of Criminal Justice, Office: 336-7135. Home: 225-8532.

The economy. The recession and whether the federal government should offer an economic stimulus package. Faculty members from the Seidman School of Business are available to comment on Bush's economic proposals, including Paul Lane, chair of the marketing department, (616) 336-7470 or (616) 399-9593 home and finance professor Greg Dimkoff, who can be reached at (616) 336-7428 (contact by 5 p.m. Tuesday).

Oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Bush will likely call this a factor on which full employment depends. Source: Alan Steinman, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute, can comment as an environmental expert on the ramifications of such a policy, and also any connections with recent calls for Great Lakes drilling. Steinman can be reached at (616) 895-3749, call before 5 p.m. Tuesday to arrange interview.

Energy. As international events and energy issues continue to be intertwined, fuel-cell technology and other alternative energy sources may become increasingly attractive. Source: David Mielke, Dean of Seidman School of Business, (616) 336-7379 or (616) 868-6864.

More rigorous education standards. The President is widely expected to connect education quality and accountability to jobs. Source: Anne Mulder, Interim Dean of the School of Education, (616) 895-2091. Contact before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The battle with Congress. President Bush will likely call on Congress to adopt his key proposals from last year, or be labeled as hurting jobs. Source: Erika King, dean of GVSU Social Sciences and political science professor. Office: 895-3197. King may be reached at home directly following the president's speech at 245-1470. Roger Moiles, political science professor, 895-3283 (office) contact by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Volunteerism and the Americorps program for college students are likely to be mentioned in the speech. Grand Valley has a well-established volunteer program and service learning is integrated into various curricula. Source: Jay Cooper, director of Student Life. (616) 895-2345 or (616) 662-9313 (home).

Health care/health policy. Phyllis Gendler, dean of the Kirkhof School of Nursing, 336-7160; Pat Underwood, nursing professor, American Nurses Assoc. first vice president, 336-7173. For evening interviews, call Michele Coffill before 5 p.m. Tuesday to arrange. (616) 895-2221.

Interested in the student perspective? Classes and groups will be watching the address. Contact Brian Bowe, of University Communications, to arrange interviews during and after the address. (616) 895-2221.

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Grand Valley Criminal Justice Education Center gives boost to local law enforcement

Michigan's own "homeland security" forces have recently received a boost with the establishment of the Grand Valley Criminal Justice Education Center -- a new resource offering ongoing leadership and skill-enhancement resources designed specifically for law enforcement personnel.

The new center was established in June 2001 under the auspices of the Grand Valley State University School of Criminal Justice. In January it was awarded a \$52,500 grant from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. The grant will be presented to center Director James Bolger at a workshop on January 30 in Mt. Pleasant.

Bolger, who retired from the Michigan State Police after serving 27 years in law enforcement, said the Criminal Justice Education Center is designed "to bring together local criminal justice people from law enforcement, 9-1-1 centers, courts, and corrections -- a total community -- and give them an opportunity for career development and education in the form of supervisory and leadership courses, and in special topic areas."

A special topic area addressed in response to the Sept. 11 attacks was a one-day seminar on "Pre-Incident Response Preparation on Domestic Terrorism," held in late November and attended by more than 100 command-level officers, including sheriffs, chiefs, and captains, from throughout the state. The seminar, given by international terrorism expert Jonathan White and retired FBI terrorism task force agent William Dyson, Jr., covered the different manifestations of terrorism, how to identify potential threats, and critical responses once a threat is recognized, said Bolger.

Seminars planned through 2002 include "First Line Supervisor" and "Leadership in a Command Position" seminars. The leadership course consists of a series of one-day seminars that build on each other, but are spaced weeks apart to give participants time to absorb what they learn and apply it to their jobs. Topics include risk-taking, decision-making, communication skills, team motivation, and negotiation, among others.

This training for command-level officers -- those who make decisions and lead teams of officers -- is critical for establishing a strong homeland security force, said Bolger.

"We're giving our criminal justice professionals a great deal of responsibility in dealing with homeland security," Bolger said. "With that comes our responsibility as a university to assure those leadership results -- and that's what we're doing."

Instructors for the seminars are current and retired law enforcement executives. Sessions begin in late February. The grant also provides for three one-day seminars addressing diversity issues within criminal justice agencies.

The seminars are presented in partnership with the West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium, a consortium of 35 local law-enforcement agencies.

Bolger, an alumnus of GVSU and Western Michigan University, began his law enforcement career in 1971 with the Kent County Sheriff's Department. He joined the Michigan State Police in 1973, and within that agency eventually served as deputy director (lieutenant colonel) of the Uniform Services Bureau, which oversees the agency's 2,300 field officers and the State of Michigan's \$187 million public safety telecommunications system.

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Grand Valley Board: Hillegonds will be missed

Paul Hillegonds named to Wayne State Board

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today expressed regret at the resignation of GVSU Trustee Paul Hillegonds, who has been appointed to the Board of Governors at Wayne State University.

Board chair Dorothy A. Johnson issued the following statement:

"Paul's background, experience and insights were invaluable to the Board's deliberations. He was a diligent trustee and is a wonderful friend. We will miss him greatly."

Hillegonds replaces Murray Jackson, of Detroit, who has resigned. He is appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2004.

Hillegonds, of Plymouth, has been the president of Detroit Renaissance since 1997. In 1978, he was elected to the Michigan House of Representative from the 88th District comprising Allegan County, and re-elected to eight consecutive terms.

In 1986, the same year in which he was named leader of the Republican caucus, he received his juris doctor degree from the Thomas Cooley Law School. He continued as Republican leader until 1993, when he became co-speaker of the House, serving in that capacity until 1994, then was elected speaker for the 1995-96 term.

Hillegonds is a former board member of the Michigan Strategic Fund. He currently serves on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) executive committee and the MEDC corporate board. He is also a member of the Michigan Nature Conservancy board of trustees. In 1995 he was an instructor in political science at Hope College. He was honored by Governing magazine as Public Official of the Year in 1994, and named Michiganian of the Year in 1996 by the Detroit News.

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GVSU professor recognized for linking classroom and community

Michael DeWilde's students take the classics into an area prison and rehab center

Community Working Classics, program in which Grand Valley State University students take the humanities into an area prison, rehab center, and job training agency, has won state recognition for its success in linking classroom learning to hands-on work in the community.

Michael DeWilde, GVSU philosophy professor and founder of the program, will be honored with the Michigan Campus Compact Faculty Service Learning Award at a ceremony in Ypsilanti on February 8. The MCC is a coalition of Michigan universities and colleges promoting community service in higher education.

DeWilde has been offering the Community Working Classics program since 1999. Students in the three-credit class, mostly juniors and seniors from a variety of academic disciplines, spend a few weeks developing the courses they will teach in such subjects as ethics, literature, philosophy, history, and music. They then go out into the community to market their programs to agency directors and, ultimately, conduct classes and discussions. This year the CWC is offering classes to inmates at the Muskegon Correctional Facility, students at Grand Rapids Job Corps, and residents at Project Rehab in Grand Rapids.

The final few weeks of the semester are spent writing an essay on the experience, which often has had a profound effect on them.

"They feel a sense of urgency about the work they're doing that they don't always feel in a regular classroom," said DeWilde. "They have to stop thinking about themselves as students and start thinking about themselves as teachers. They rise to the challenge and really grow from this experience."

The program fulfills several objectives, DeWilde said: it introduces students to community organizing, gives them an opportunity to test what they're learning, and offers educational services to people who have bypassed traditional learning opportunities.

"The highest goal is to have both Grand Valley students and the community students and inmates be better, more informed citizens and act as full participants in their community," he said.

The CWC program is organized under the auspices of the GVSU Philosophy Department and funded by GVSU's Johnson Center for Philanthropy.

[NOTE: Students in this semester's Community Working Classics program are now beginning the teaching phase of the program. Call for more information on the program or interview opportunities.]

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Avatar Brass Quintet. Print-quality photo available by email; call 895-2228.

Avatar Brass Quintet performs at GVSU

The Avatar Brass Quintet, Grand Valley's quintet-in-residence, will be joined by special guests in its debut campus recital on Monday, February 18. The performance begins at 8 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Allendale Campus, and is open to the public free of charge.

The evening is billed as "Who Could Ask for Anything More? The Avatar Brass Plays Gershwin" -- an apt title. The program features composer George Gershwin, ranging from *Porgy and Bess* selections to a special arrangement of *Rhapsody in Blue* with pianist Aviram Reichert, 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition medalist and associate music professor at GVSU.

Formed in 1993 by trumpeter Richard Stoelzel, the quintet has held residencies at the Harid Conservatory of Music, Ft. Lauderdale's Dillard School for the Performing Arts, the Youth Orchestra of Florida, and the Palm Beach Youth Orchestra.

Avatar's two compact discs, *Magnetic Rags* and *Liturgical Fanfares*, have received great critical acclaim.

Along with Stoelzel, Avatar members are Dorival Puccini, trumpet; Paul Austin, horn; Daniel Spencer, trombone; and Jacob Cameron, tuba. Special guests include William Vits, percussion; Diane Penning, soprano; and pianist John Schuster-Craig, chair of the GVSU Music Department, in his debut performance at GVSU.

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Sources:

Richard Stoelzel, Avatar founder and assistant music professor, (616) 895-3393

John Schuster-Craig, GVSU Music Dept. chair, (616) 895-3484

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Third 'Vagina Monologues' performance added

The initial two performances are sold out

Grand Valley's two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" have sold out, exceeding organizers' expectations for audience attendance at the groundbreaking play. A third show has been added to accommodate ongoing requests for tickets.

The new performance is set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, at Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy St. SE in Grand Rapids. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$15 for the general public, and may be reserved by calling 895-2300 between noon and 5 p.m.

By the middle of last week, the more than 875 available seats for the February 13 and 16 shows had been sold out. The student-run production is produced, directed, and acted by more than 50 people from GVSU and the community.

MADRE director speaks at GVSU on women's issues on Feb. 12

Vivian Stromberg, executive director and founding member of MADRE, an international women's and human rights organization, will speak at GVSU's Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus, at 7 p.m. on February 12. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Stromberg's talk, "Women's Rights -- Human Rights," addresses the post-Sept. 11 Justice Not Vengeance campaign and focuses on MADRE's work in areas of women's economic development, education, sexual violence, and human rights.

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Arab culture celebrated

The Arabic music group Salaam performs at Grand Valley while the university's Middle Eastern Culture Club sponsors "A Taste of the Arab World"

The musical group Salaam performs its brand of Arabic music at Grand Valley on February 21 in a celebration of Arab culture.

Salaam, which means "peace" in Arabic, has been together since 1993. The group performs music from the countries of the Middle East and North Africa. Its innovative arrangements, improvisations and compositions reflect the traditional styles of these countries as well as the band's fresh interpretations.

Each member of Salaam is versed on several instruments, allowing the group to evoke many colors, textures and sounds. Western string instruments blend with the Arabic *'oud* and the Azerbaijani *kemanche*, while clarinet and silver flute blend with the *ney*. For more information about the group, visit its Web site at www.salaamand.com

The performance is at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 21 in the Cook-DeWitt Center on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus. It is free and open to the public.

Grand Valley's Arab Culture Club is sponsoring "A Taste of the Arab World" in the foyer of the Cook-DeWitt Center before and during the performance. They will have tables with Middle Eastern artifacts, clothing, food and other items.

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Sources:

Jim Goode, coordinator of the Middle Eastern Studies program at Grand Valley, (616) 895-3184

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General Events

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Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

All activities on the Allendale Campus unless otherwise noted.

Parking is free and unreserved after 5:30 p.m.

Through Fri., Mar. 22

Gallery Hours: "Tjukurrpa: Aboriginal Art of the Dreaming." An exhibition of more than 60 paintings and a selection of related artifacts is presented as a joint effort of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids and the Grand Valley State University Art Gallery. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center. Call (616) 895-2564 for more information.

Wed., Mar. 6

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: NAFTA: Certification and Rules of Origin workshop sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Room 119E, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

Mon., Mar. 11

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.: Global Finance Certificate Program sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

Thurs., Mar. 14

Call for time: Writers Festival. A biannual event facilitated by authors and professors and attended by English and creative writing students from local schools. Seminars include poetry, fiction, journalism, children's literature, and writing on the Web. Free admission for interested schools. Kirkhof Center. For more information call (616) 895-3411.

8 p.m.: Young Artist Series. Tim Church, percussion. Church received the bachelor of music degree in percussion from GVSU in 1998. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Fri., Mar. 15

8 p.m.: GVSU Dance. The Spring Dance Concert featuring students in the GVSU Dance Ensemble. Choreography by Jefferson Baum, William Gordon, Sean France, and others. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$7, available by calling the Music Department at (616) 895-3484.

Sat., Mar. 16

12 noon-9 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program Film Festival. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

2 and 8 p.m.: GVSU Dance. The Spring Dance Concert featuring students in the GVSU Dance Ensemble. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Mon., Mar. 18

8:30 a.m.-4:50 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program. "Gender & Activism" Festival 2002 Panel Discussions. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

Tues., Mar. 19

8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program. "Gender & Activism" Festival 2002 Panel Discussions. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. The Perugino String Quartet in a concert guaranteed to reflect their continued growth and development as the Grand Valley State University quartet-in-residence. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

4 p.m.: Women and Gender Studies Program Festival 2002. "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future" with Keynote Speakers Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards. Followed by Women's Commission presentation and the Maxine Swanson and Barbara Jordan Awards Ceremony at 5 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Auditorium. Call (616) 895-2325 for more information.

Wed., Mar. 20

5:30 p.m.: DeVos Art Lecture Series. The second lecture of the series features Daleene Menning, acclaimed ceramist and longtime professor of art and design at Grand Valley and is followed by a reception. Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Reservations requested. Call (616) 895-2564.

5:30 p.m.: Women's Center. Phenomenal Woman Program. Students at GVSU recognize outstanding women in their lives. Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. For more information call (616) 895-2748.

Thurs., Mar. 21

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: Building Foreign Representation program sponsored by Van Andel Global Trade Center. DeVos Center, Room 215, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. The Old Vienna Comedy Project - Show #2. *Ariadne auf Naxos*. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Fri., Mar. 22-Sat., Mar. 23

7:30 p.m.: Student Directors Series. Features plays acted, directed, and designed by theatre students. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets: adults \$10; staff and alumni \$8; seniors \$7; college students \$5; K-12 \$2.50. For tickets or more information call (616) 895-2300.

Sun., Mar. 24

2 p.m.: Student Directors Series Matinee. Features plays acted, directed, and designed by theatre students. Katherine Mayberry will direct *Antigone*. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

3 p.m.: Guest Artist Series. Caroline Helton, soprano, and Timothy Cheek, piano. The program will feature songs in the English language by British and American composers. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Tues., Mar. 26

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. Percussionist Michael Parola returns with the Core Ensemble in *Tres Vidas* a new chamber music theatre work for singing actress and chamber music trio. Based on the lives of three Latin American women, this piece includes arrangements of popular and folk music from Latin America and music by tango master, Astor Piazzolla. Cook-DeWitt Center. Call (616) 895-3484 for more information.

Thurs., Mar. 28

7 p.m.: Guest Artist Lecture. Nationally recognized graphic artist Jennifer Sterling. Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Sports

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Thurs., Mar. 21

3 p.m.: Softball. Calvin College at Grand Valley.

Fri., Mar. 22

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis. Northwood University at Grand Valley.

Sat., Mar. 23

10 a.m.: Men's Tennis. Wayne State University at Grand Valley.

1 p.m.: Baseball. Oakland City University at Grand Valley.

Sun., Mar. 24

10 a.m.: Men's Tennis. Hillsdale College at Grand Valley.

12 noon: Baseball. Oakland City University at Grand Valley.

Tues., Mar. 26

1 p.m.: Baseball. University of Indianapolis at Grand Valley.

Thurs., Mar. 28

3 p.m.: Softball. Hope College at Grand Valley.

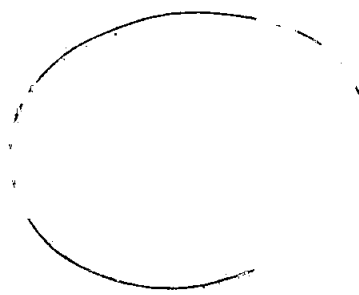
Fri., Mar. 29

12 noon: Baseball. Mercyhurst College at Grand Valley.

Sat., Mar. 30

11 a.m.: Track and Field at Aquinas Open. Grand Rapids.

12 noon: Baseball. Mercyhurst College at Grand Valley.





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Calendar of Events April 2002

General Events

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Parking is free and unreserved after 5:30 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 1-Thurs., Apr. 4

Gallery Hours: Photography Senior Thesis Exhibit. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Tues., Apr. 2

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. Table for 5, vocal ensemble will make its debut here to close this season in a program of 'Sounds of the 60s.' Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. GVSU Small Jazz Ensembles. Dave Spring, director. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Thurs., Apr. 4

5-7 p.m.: Photography Senior Thesis Exhibit Opening Reception. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Fri., April 5-Sat., Apr. 6

7:30 p.m.: Theatre Production. *Mother Courage and Her Children*. Bertolt Brecht unmask the heroism of war by his portrait of "the little man." Germany's greatest playwright weaves his epic tale with comic irony, music and song, and subversive humor in this, his most celebrated, play. Tickets: adults \$10; staff and alumni \$8; seniors \$7; college students \$5; K-12 \$2.50. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets or more information, call (616) 895-2300.

Sun., Apr. 7

- 2 p.m.: Music Department Concert. Small Ensembles Concert featuring the Madrigal Ensemble conducted by Ellen Pool and the Chamber Orchestra conducted by Hyunsai Lee. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.
- 2 p.m.: Theatre Production. *Mother Courage and Her Children*. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

Mon., Apr. 8-Thurs., Apr. 11

Gallery Hours: Art and Design BFA Thesis Exhibits. Features the work of graduating seniors from the School of Communications and the Department of Art and Design. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center and Calder Art Center. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Tues., Apr. 9

- 8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. Gregory Crowell, harpsichord and organ. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Wed., Apr. 10

- 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Van Andel Global Trade Center Program. Global Logistics & Cargo Risk Management. DeVos Center, Room 119E, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

Thurs., Apr. 11

- 12 noon: Music Department Concert. Student New Music Day Part 1: Electroacoustic Music Concert, featuring new works by GVSU students in the Music Technology Program. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.
- 8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. Student New Music Day Part 2: GVSU Composers' Forum, featuring new music by student composers for both acoustic and electroacoustic media. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Thurs., Apr. 11-Sat., Apr. 13

- 7:30 p.m.: Theatre Production. *Mother Courage and Her Children*. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (616) 895-2300.

Sun., Apr. 14

- 3 p.m.: Music Department Concert. GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Barry D. Martin, conductor, with pianist Julianne Vanden Wyngaard performing Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.
- 7:30 p.m.: Music Department Concert. GVSU Percussion Ensemble directed by William Vits; GVSU Steelband directed by Gregrey Secor. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Mon., Apr. 15

- 8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. GVSU Concert Band directed by Barry D. Martin. The program will feature trumpeters Dorival Puccini, Steven Marx, and Matthew Baird performing Bugler's Holiday. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.
- 8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series/Downtown Showcase. Christina Fong, violin. Loosemore Auditorium. Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Call (616) 895-3484 for more information.

Mon., Apr. 15-Thurs., Apr. 18

Gallery Hours: Art and Design BFA Thesis Exhibits. Features the work of graduating seniors from the School of Communications and the Department of Art and Design. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center and Calder Art Center. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Tues., Apr. 16

- 8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. Christina Fong, violin. Cook-DeWitt Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Wed., Apr. 17

- 8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. GVSU Symphony Orchestra. Hyunsai Lee, conductor. The concert will feature music by Leonard Bernstein and John Corigliano. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Thurs., Apr. 18

- 8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. Choral Concert. Madrigal Ensemble and University Singers conducted by Ellen Pool, and Festival Chorale conducted by James Borst. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Fri., Apr. 19

- 8 p.m.: Music Department Choral Concert. University Arts Chorale conducted by Ellen Pool and Varsity Men conducted by Charles Norris. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Sat., Apr. 20

- 8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. GVSU Jazz Ensemble directed by Kurt Ellenberger. Featured will be local composers Jeremy Ribando and David Morneau as well as the premiere of a new arrangement by Calgary-based pianist/composer Brian Sharron of a song by the British cult band, XTC, in which pianist Michael Sobie will make his singing debut at GVSU. Opening for the ensemble will be the 5 O'Clock Quartet. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For more information call (616) 895-3484.

Mon., Apr. 22-Thurs., Apr. 25

Gallery Hours: Art and Design BFA Thesis Exhibits. Features the work of graduating seniors from the School of Communications and the Department of Art and Design. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center and Calder Art Center. For more information call (616) 895-2564.

Tues., Apr. 23

8 a.m.-12 noon: Van Andel Global Trade Center Program. The Automotive Supplier. Pew Grand Rapids Campus. For more information call (616) 771-6811.

Sat., Apr. 27

10 a.m.: Commencement. Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids.

Sports

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Tues., Apr. 2

3 p.m.: Softball. Saginaw Valley State University at Grand Valley.

Sat., Apr. 6

1 p.m.: Men's Tennis. Alma College at Grand Valley.
1 p.m.: Baseball. Saginaw Valley State University at Grand Valley.
2 p.m.: Track and Field. Laker Relays at Grand Valley.

Sun., Apr. 7

12 noon: Baseball. Saginaw Valley State University at Grand Valley.
1 p.m.: Softball. Wayne State University at Grand Valley.

Tues., Apr. 9

2 p.m.: Softball. Lake Superior State University at Grand Valley.

Thurs., Apr. 11

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis. Ferris State University at Grand Valley.

Fri., Apr. 12

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis. Michigan Technological University at Grand Valley.

Sat., Apr. 13

10 a.m.: Men's Tennis. Lake Superior State University at Grand Valley.
1 p.m.: Baseball. Ashland University at Grand Valley.
1 p.m.: Softball. Mercyhurst College at Grand Valley.
2 p.m.: Track and Field. GVSU Classic at Grand Valley.

Sun., Apr. 14

12 noon: Baseball. Ashland University at Grand Valley.
1 p.m.: Softball. Gannon University at Grand Valley.

Tues., Apr. 16

4 p.m.: Baseball. Calvin College at Grand Valley.

Sat., Apr. 20-Sun., Apr. 21

All day: Women's Golf. GLIAC Championship at Grand Valley.

Sat., Apr. 27

1 p.m.: Baseball. Wayne State University at Grand Valley.

Sun., Apr. 28

12 noon: Baseball. Wayne State University at Grand Valley.

Tues., Apr. 30

4 p.m.: Softball. Cornerstone University at Grand Valley.



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Dow President and CEO gives GVSU lecture

Michael D. Parker will deliver a lecture on the topic: "Seeking Sustainability through the Power of Chemistry"

Dow Chemical Co. President and Chief Executive Officer Michael D. Parker will speak at Grand Valley State University on the topic "Seeking Sustainability through the Power of Chemistry" in the second lecture in the Ott Lecture Series.

Parker's lecture will touch on the benefits that chemistry brings to the world, the need to re-ignite excitement about the potential of chemistry, as well as the responsibility to manage the power of chemistry in a sustainable way.

The lecture will be Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni House on the Allendale Campus.

Parker has served in a wide variety of assignments in research, manufacturing and the commercial area since he began his Dow career in 1968. He joined Dow International at Freeport, Texas, in Organics Research and Development, and subsequently became a production engineer. He has served as a district sales manager, product marketing manager, and other positions internationally. He was named to his current position in 2000.

The lecture is the second in an endowed lecture series established through a donation from Dr. Arnold C. and Marion Ott. The once-a-semester lecture series is expected to draw prominent chemists from around the world, said chemistry department Chairman Harvey Nikkel.

Ott is a former GVSU trustee who served on the board for 28 years and served as its chairman from 1978-84. He also holds a Ph.D. in chemistry, physics and bacteriology. He authored 55 patents while employed at Upjohn Co. and he founded the Ott Chemical Co.

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Sources:
Harvey Nikkel, (616) 895-3617

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News Advisory/Photo-Op: GVSU track's quest for glory

GVSU's parade of athletic excellence continues as members of the track and field team head to NCAA Division II championship competition in Boston.

First, Grand Valley's football and volleyball teams progressed all the way to championship competition. Now, 14 athletes from Grand Valley have qualified for NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships in Boston on March 8-9.

Competing in 15 different events will be 10 Laker women and four men. Icis Charles, and Shannon Antvelink qualified for three events each, while Steph Kuhlman and Jason VanElst will participate in two. The rest of the individual qualifiers are Scott Mackey, Dave Ross, Ben Hirdes, Christy Tedrow, Krista O'Dell, Lindsey Mills, Becky Meyers, Amy Oostdyk, Katie Willis, and Leanna Lowe.

GVSU also qualified in the women's 4 x 400 relay which includes Ericka Helmila, Jen Henry, Steph Kuhlman, and Christy Tedrow.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

- Tuesday March 5, 3 p.m.: Practice at GVSU Fieldhouse
- Wednesday March 6, 6:30 a.m.: Team meets at Fieldhouse to depart for airport

For a complete list of NCAA qualifiers and their events visit the Grand Valley athletics Web site at lakersports.gvsu.edu.

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Track and Field coach Jerry Baltes, (616) 895-3360

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Amy Richards

WGS Festival featured March 16, 18, and 19 at GVSU

Film Festival is Saturday; prominent feminist authors speak on Tuesday

Grand Valley State University's Women and Gender Studies Program explores the theme "Gender and Activism" in its seventh annual WGS Festival, presented March 16, 18 and 19 with films, presentations, prominent guest speakers, and interactive activities open to the public free of charge.

WGS Film Festival: March 16, noon-9 p.m., Pew Grand Rapids Campus

The daylong WGS Film Festival on Saturday, March 16, features five compelling films about women taking a stand in political or social events, from a 1950s mining strike to the Black Panther Party to the fictional chronicle of a female teen-age suicide bomber. Two of the films -- "The Nasty Girl" and "Silkwood" -- are Academy Award nominees. A schedule and description of films is listed below. Admission and refreshments are free.



Jennifer Baumgardner

WGS Festival: March 18 and 19, Allendale Campus

The seventh annual WGS Festival presents a multitude of activities throughout Monday and Tuesday relating to the theme "Gender and Activism." Most events are held at the Kirkhof Center; all are open to the public free of charge. Call 895-2325 for a complete schedule.

Presenting the keynote address on Tuesday, March 19, at 4 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center are Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards, authors of "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future." Described as "hip, funny and thoroughly engaging," the two women represent the face of feminism in the 21st century, say festival organizers, and appeal to a young audience that has learned to reject the word "feminism" while at the same time benefiting from and believing in feminist ideals.

Baumgardner and Richards, both writers for "Ms. Magazine," will discuss themes in "Manifesta," which documents the history of feminism in the United States and examines "snags" in the movement, such as the dissolution of the musical group Riot Grrrls into the likes of the Spice Girls. Rather than represent roadblocks to feminism, the authors contend, these snags illustrate the vibrancy with which the movement has evolved and detail important political goals that still need to be achieved.

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Other festival sessions address "Fosterparenting Refugee Children as Activism" (by foster parent Catherine Frerichs, director of the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, 4 p.m., March 18); "Title IX: Gender Equity in Math and Science and Intercollegiate Athletics" (1 p.m., March 19); and many other topics. Call 895-2325 for more information.

Film Fest Schedule -- Saturday, March 16th

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.
Admission and refreshments are free.

12 noon: "Salt of the Earth" (USA, 1954, 94 min., Herbert J. Biberman)
Hispanic zinc miner families in New Mexico fighting for economic and social equality in the 1950s.

2 p.m.: "The Nasty Girl" (Germany, 1990, 94 min., Michael Verhoeven)
The story begins as Sonja writes an essay titled "My Hometown in the Third Reich" -- an unpopular topic with her neighbors, some of whom were, in fact, Nazis. The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.

4 p.m.: "Still Revolutionaries" (USA, 1998, 16 min., Sienna McLean)

Two women reflect on their days as members of the Black Panther Party. This student documentary premiered at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival.

4:20 p.m.: "Silkwood" (USA, 1983, 131 min., Mike Nichols)

Karen Silkwood, an employee in a facility that produces highly radioactive plutonium, works to expose the carelessness, corruption, and danger of the nuclear facility and the government agencies that monitor it -- at great personal cost. Based on actual events and starring Meryl Streep and Cher, "Silkwood" was nominated for five Academy Awards.

7 p.m.: "The Terrorist" (India, 2000, 95 min., Santosh Sivan)

Inspired by the events surrounding the 1991 assassination of India Prime Minister Rajiv Ghandi, the film features Malli, a hardened killer who has spent most of her 19 years in revolutionary training. "The Terrorist" is an intimate diary of the genesis and cultivation of a suicide bomber, one who must confront personal responsibility and maternal instincts in the face of duty.

8:30 p.m.: Audience/Panel Discussion

"The Role of Film in Activism," led by GVSU film professors Barbara Roos and Pete Porter.

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Sources:

Linda Chown, coordinator of the WGS Program, (616) 895-3405

Linda Rynbrandt, associate professor of sociology, 895-2871

John Philbin (for Film Festival), assistant professor, GVSU School of Communications, 895-3668

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Josh Zoerhof, of Zeeland, and Ella Dunn, of Grand Haven, are among the first dance majors in GVSU's Dance Program. (Download at gvsu.edu/news)

Spring Dance Concerts showcase GVSU's new dance program

Three performances on March 15 & 16 feature ballet, modern, and jazz

Grand Valley State University's new dance program will showcase its 20-member Dance Ensemble in three Spring Dance Concerts, held Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, at the Louis Armstrong Theatre in the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus.

The concerts offer "a very eclectic collection of dances" that begin with a strong footing in classical ballet, says dance Director Jefferson Baum. "From that they branch off and explore different techniques such as modern dance and jazz and contemporary ballet."

All pieces performed are world premieres choreographed by Baum, fellow GVSU dance faculty members William Gordon and Sean France, and guest choreographers. Music for the dances are as eclectic as the dance program, ranging in selections from Bobby McFerrin and Janet Jackson to Vivaldi and Nat King Cole.

Baum, a native of Spring Lake, established the dance program at Grand Valley last year after retiring from professional dance. An internationally recognized master teacher and choreographer, Baum's career highlights include touring Europe as a soloist with Ballet de Monte Carlo, touring China with the Los Angeles Classical Ballet, and performing as principal artist with the Arizona, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Santa Fe Opera, and the Metropolitan Opera ballets. Since 1993 he has served on the faculty at Steps on Broadway of New York City, and he has been artistic director for the Traverse City Youth Ballet Company since 1997. This summer will be Baum's thirteenth season as founding director of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp dance program, rated by "Dance Magazine" as one of the top 10 in the nation.

The 90-minute Spring Dance Concerts give audiences their first opportunity to view Grand Valley's new dance program -- which has seen a steady growth in interest since its establishment last year and now has about 16 dance majors from across the state.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$10, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for students, and are available at the door or by calling the ticket office at 895-2300.

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Sources:

Jefferson Baum, GVSU dance director, (616) 895-2548

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Mark Murray to assess state of Michigan Higher Ed

Grand Valley State University President Mark Murray, the former state treasurer, will offer a perspective on higher education in Michigan Friday morning, March 8, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Murray is scheduled to testify before the Michigan Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education field hearing to be held on the first floor of Clements Library. He is slated to speak at 9:30 a.m.

The event is open to media coverage.

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GVSU Shakespeare Festival announces its 2002 feature play

The 2002 GVSU Shakespeare Festival will present "The Merchant of Venice" as its feature production, with 11 performances running September 27 through October 6.

First staged in 1598, the play sets a generous and clear-sighted woman, Portia, in sharp contrast to a memorable but markedly antisocial man, Shylock. In spite of the drama provided by Shylock and his attempts at revenge against his persecutors, "The Merchant of Venice" is a comedy, and romantic as well. A truly spellbinding play — and provocative in its inquiry of grief bred of hatred — "The Merchant of Venice" is a classic that GVSU is proud to present, says GVSU Theatre professor Karen Libman, who will direct the production.

As with all Shakespeare Festival feature plays, "The Merchant of Venice" will be acted primarily by GVSU students, with the exception of one character. Nashville native Brian Web Russell, last seen in the 2000 Shakespeare Festival production "The Comedy of Errors," will assume the role of Shylock.

Tickets go on sale at the end of August at the GVSU Box Office, 895-2300.

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Tip sheet: Grand Valley events for week of March 11

Wednesday, March 13

3 p.m.: Yanhong Wu, professor from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, will present a lecture on "Women's Legal Status in Modern Chinese History." Kirkhof Center, room 104.

Wu's week-long visit to Grand Valley is coordinated by the Padnos International Center and the East Asian Studies Program. She is also scheduled to visit several classes throughout the week.

Thursday, March 14

11:30 a.m.: Author Bonnie Jo Campbell will highlight Grand Valley's Writers Festival for high school students with a reading. Cook-DeWitt Center.

Campbell's new book, "The Barn," will be published soon. She won an award for short fiction from the Associated Writing Programs for her novel, "Women & Other Animals." High school students at the daylong Writers Festival will attend sessions in the Kirkhof Center led by area professional writers in various genres like newspaper features, sports writing, poetry, fiction, drama, and biography.

Thursday, March 14

Noon: GVSU President Mark A. Murray will address the Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce during a luncheon meeting. It will be the first time a Grand Valley president has addressed the Allendale Chamber. Allendale Township Offices, 6676 Lake Michigan Drive.

Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16

Spring Dance Concerts featuring the GVSU Dance Ensemble. Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center Tickets: \$10, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for students, available at the door or by calling (616) 895-2300.

March 16, 18, 19

Women and Gender Studies Festival 2002

Saturday, March 16, noon-9 p.m., Women's Film Festival, Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.

A daylong viewing of films relating to the theme "Gender and Activism." A list of featured films is available by calling (616) 895-2325. Admission is free.

March 18 and 19

WGS Festival 2002. This year's theme, "Gender and Activism," is explored with panels, book booths, discussions, and interactive activities. For a schedule of festival events, call (616) 895-2325.

Keynote speakers on March 19, 4-5 p.m.: "Ms. Magazine" writers Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner, authors of "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future." Cook-DeWitt Center.

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Criminal justice expert available to discuss Gabrion sentencing

The Marvin Gabrion trial, now in its sentencing phase, has gained added significance and attention as possibly being the first trial in Michigan to result in a death sentence.

Dr. James Houston, director of the GVSU School of Criminal Justice, is available for comment on sentencing guidelines, procedures, and possibilities regarding the case. Houston, who holds a doctorate in urban studies and criminal justice, worked for 20 years in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and in community criminal justice programs around the nation. He is the author of two books, "Criminal Justice and the Policy Process" and "Correctional Management: Functions, Skills, and Systems."

Dr. Houston may be reached at the School of Criminal Justice in the DeVos Center, downtown Grand Rapids, at (616) 336-7130.

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Dow President and CEO gives GVSU lecture

Michael D. Parker will deliver a lecture on the topic: "Seeking Sustainability through the Power of Chemistry"

Dow Chemical Co. President and Chief Executive Officer Michael D. Parker will speak at Grand Valley State University on the topic "Seeking Sustainability through the Power of Chemistry" in the second lecture in the Ott Lecture Series.

Parker's lecture will touch on the benefits that chemistry brings to the world, the need to re-ignite excitement about the potential of chemistry, as well as the responsibility to manage the power of chemistry in a sustainable way.

The lecture will be Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni House on the Allendale Campus.

Parker has served in a wide variety of assignments in research, manufacturing and the commercial area since he began his Dow career in 1968. He joined Dow International at Freeport, Texas, in Organics Research and Development, and subsequently became a production engineer. He has served as a district sales manager, product marketing manager, and other positions internationally. He was named to his current position in 2000.

The lecture is the second in an endowed lecture series established through a donation from Dr. Arnold C. and Marion Ott. The once-a-semester lecture series is expected to draw prominent chemists from around the world, said chemistry department Chairman Harvey Nikkel.

Ott is a former GVSU trustee who served on the board for 28 years and served as its chairman from 1978-84. He also holds a Ph.D. in chemistry, physics and bacteriology. He authored 55 patents while employed at Upjohn Co. and he founded the Ott Chemical Co.

For more information contact Chemistry Department Chair Harvey Nikkel at (616) 895-3617 or via e-mail at nikkelh@gvsu.edu.

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'Survivor' cast member speaks at GVSU

Michael Skupin discusses his Christian faith in March 21 lecture sponsored by a student group.

Michael Skupin of the TV series "Survivor II -- The Australian Outback," will speak at Grand Valley State University on Thursday, March 21. The visit is sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

In his lectures, Skupin takes experiences from his time on "Survivor" and everyday life, and delivers a presentation that involves clips from the show and real life encounters with everyday people. He shares stories of his life and his Christian faith, and he talks about how he fell into a fire, severely burning both hands. Skupin is a graduate of Western Michigan University, father of three and owns his own company.

MEDIA CONSIDERATIONS: Skupin's appearance on Thursday March 21 at Grand Valley State University is at 7:30 p.m. in 132 Lake Huron Hall. It is open to the public and to media coverage.

For more information, contact Jessica Leep at (616) 447-4003 or kitchica@yahoo.com. For more information about Mike Skupin see www.mikeskupin.com.

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Media advisory: Science Olympiad Saturday

The regional competition returns to GVSU for the 18th year on March 23

ALLENDALE, Mich. -- Students from all over the region will converge at Grand Valley State University for the annual Michigan Science Olympiad tournament on Saturday, March 23, 2001.

[MEDIA NOTE: Reporters should check in with headquarters in room 192 in the Fieldhouse to obtain results or call (616) 895-2267 prior to March 23 to be placed on a list to receive results by phone or fax by 6 p.m. the evening of the competition. The best photo opportunities will be between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.]

The competing students represent 29 area high schools and 46 area middle schools from all around Kent and Ottawa counties. The events, which feature names like "Disease Detectives," "Feathered Frenzy" and "Can't Judge a Powder by its Color," are fun for the students but also involve serious scientific concepts. Winners move on to a state competition, where four teams from Michigan will advance to this year's National Science Olympiad May 17-18, 2001 at the University of Delaware.

Competition begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and continues until 3:30 p.m. on GVSU's Allendale campus. Events will take place in the GVSU Fieldhouse, Padnos Hall of Science, Manitou Hall and the Kirkhof Center. An awards ceremony is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center coordinates the event. This year's competition is the 18th regional event hosted by GVSU. In 1998, Grand Valley was the first non-research institution to host the National Science Olympiad. The event has become an important extension of GVSU's education and community service missions.

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Prominent author selected for GVSU Summer Film Project

Last year's surprise winner (a local man) will be highlighted in April 20 screening

Faculty and students in Grand Valley's School of Communications read screenplays from far and wide each year to select one to produce for the Summer Film Project. The winner of this year's 8th Annual International Short Screenplay Competition, chosen anonymously from about 75 entries, was John Dufresne, a prominent author.

Dufresne's winning script, "The Freezer Jesus," is adapted from a story in his 1991 short story collection, "The Way That Water Enters Stone." The drama revolves around a farmer who sees the image of Jesus on his yellow Amana freezer, and whose life is subsequently turned upside down as pilgrims begin flocking to his farm. The story combines supernatural overtones with a portrayal of plain, everyday folks, said John Philbin, assistant professor in Grand Valley's School of Communications, who directs the film project.

"Freezer Jesus" will be filmed by a student crew in the spring and edited in the summer as part of the Summer Film Project. Local actors will be enlisted to play the characters in the film, which will most likely run about 30 minutes.

Dufresne is also the author of the novels "Louisiana Power & Light" (1995) -- which was named a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, and is in the works for a feature film involving Billy Bob Thornton -- and "Love Warps the Mind a Little" (1998), also a NYT Notable Book. "Deep in the Shade of Paradise," published just last month, is in bookstores now. The author teaches creative writing at Florida International University. More information can be found at his website: johndufresne.com.

That the winning screenplay was submitted by an accomplished author was a pleasant surprise, said Philbin. He, like the film students and other faculty members who critique the incoming scripts, knows nothing about the writers until after the winner is chosen. He solicits screenplays in national trade magazines, and has received submissions from as far away as Canada, England, and Israel.

Film & Video Show held April 20

Last year's winner was also a surprise, Philbin noted: the scriptwriter turned out to be a recent graduate of GVSU. Chris Randall, a former student of Philbin's who was living in Los Angeles, sent his screenplay to the competition under the pseudonym Charles Jones -- and won. Philbin didn't know the winner was his former student until he phoned "Charles Jones" in Los Angeles and Randall answered.

Randall said he wrote the screenplay, "The Lucas Files" -- about a boy-turned-sleuth tracking down the hit-and-run driver who ran over his dog -- for his young nephews, who wanted a story that they would be allowed to watch. It was filmed last summer for the 2001 Summer Film Project. The 30-minute film will have its premier public showing at the GVSU Film & Video Show held on Saturday, April 20, at the Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. The student screenings begin at 8 p.m. and are open to the public. Admission is \$5.

Randall recently returned to Grand Rapids and is working on film and video projects for Fulvew Productions, the new production company he and a friend started. He will be at the film premier on April 20.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Grand Valley hosts rowing regatta

The Grand Valley State University Rowing Team will race some of its biggest rivals as it competes for the Lubbers' Cup on Saturday, March 23.

The Lakers will compete against Michigan State, Notre Dame, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan as well as national powerhouse the University of Michigan and the Ontario University Athletic Association rowing champions from the University Of Western Ontario.

MEDIA NOTE: The races are 2000 meters long and start every 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The regatta will be at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids. To cover the event, enter the park at boat launch #2 at the junction of Monroe and Knapp (1 mile north of the intersection of Ann and Monroe streets).

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Lani Guinier. (Download this photo from the online release at gvsu.edu/news)

Lani Guinier to speak in Grand Rapids

Her lecture on "Rethinking Race and Gender" is presented April 1

Lani Guinier, the Harvard Law professor who became a household name in the mid-1990s amid a political firestorm over her nomination to head a civil rights post, will be the second guest brought to a local stage by the newly formed West Michigan Women's Studies Council.

Guinier will speak on "Rethinking Race and Gender" at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 1, at the St. Cecilia Music Society, 24 Ransom St. NE in downtown Grand Rapids. Her presentation is free and open to the public.

Guinier rocketed into the public eye in 1993 when former President Bill Clinton nominated her to lead the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and the nomination was summarily withdrawn amidst heated political wrangling and mistaken media portrayals of Guinier, who is African American, as a racial isolationist and a "quota queen."

Since then, Guinier has continued to work closely with issues related to race and gender and in 1998 wrote the bestseller "Lift Every Voice: Turning a Civil Rights Setback into a New Vision of Social Justice," a look at where civil rights have been and are headed. The book also reflects on her experiences in 1993. Guinier is also co-author of the recently published "The Miner's Canary: Enlisting Race, Resisting Power, Transforming Democracy."

Guinier's lecture is the second event presented by the West Michigan Women's Studies Council, a consortium of professionals from six area colleges and universities formed in 2001 to increase awareness of gender issues and to work together on programs that enhance the lives of women in West Michigan. The council consists of representatives from Aquinas, Calvin, and Hope colleges, Grand Rapids Community College, Davenport University, and Grand Valley State University. The lecture series is sponsored by the Nokomis Foundation.

"Guinier has a challenging yet educating perspective on women's rights and how those rights should be expressed in today's diverse society," says Judy Whipps, vice-president of WMWSC and associate professor of philosophy at Grand Valley State University. "We expect she will draw lots of students from our campuses."

Susan Haworth-Hoepfner, director of the Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center at Aquinas College and president of the WMWSC, notes that Guinier's expertise covers a wide variety of topics.

"She weaves the fundamental elements of race, class and gender into an analysis of policy," says Haworth-Hoepfner. "This will be an excellent opportunity for those involved in race issues, such as racism institutes and civil rights groups, to learn more about these important issues."

Guinier has Michigan connections as well. From 1974-76 she served as judge's clerk for the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan, and then as the juvenile court referee in Wayne County. In 1977 she began working in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, moving from 1981-88 to assistant counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York City.

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Sources:

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Statement from John Scherff, foreman of Gabrion jury

March 21, 2002

To members of the media,

My name is John Scherff, and I was the jury foreman in the case of the United States vs. Marvin Gabrion. I am writing to you to express my concerns and to offer a proposal.

Here are my concerns: The last several weeks have been a difficult and emotional time for us. We took our responsibilities seriously and did not make our decisions lightly. Afterwards, we asked the judge for time to ourselves. Despite his best efforts, several of you managed to track us down. Your unwanted phone calls and unexpected visits have disturbed some jurors and frightened others. We ask you to stop.

In exchange, approximately 10 jurors will get together and make themselves available early next week. We will sit down with the media and answer questions about the trial. PLEASE NOTE! Because several jurors are concerned about their privacy, we ask that you take whatever steps they require to maintain their anonymity.

We ask you not to contact any of us until that time. Jurors who do not take part in that meeting should be left alone. Their absence should be considered their "no comment." I have contacted all jurors and have responses from all so there is no need for you to contact them.

We know you have a job to do. We know that we made some important decisions, and some of us are willing to share some of our reasoning with the public. We need you to know we have a right to talk or not to talk - to take part in this discussion or be left alone. We hope and expect you to comply with our wishes.

I have worked with Chuck Furman of WGVU to arrange with him a meeting with the media at 9:00 AM Tuesday March 26. Chuck can be contacted at 771-6790. I can be contacted by calling my pager at 270-3712

This letter is not for publication. Thank you for your consideration. I can be in touch with you between now and then as needed to answer questions about this meeting; I will not comment on the case until then.

There is one question the jurors may bring up, since this was an important event in our lives as well I anticipate that some of the jurors, me included, will ask if the artists' sketches are available to us. We would be grateful if you could check this out.

Sincerely,

John (Adrianus) Scherff

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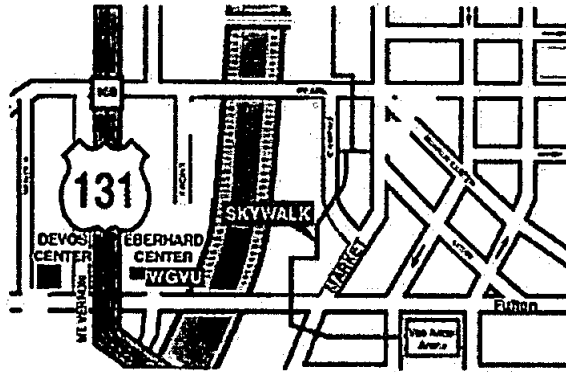
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U.S. vs. Gabrion jurors to hold news conference at Grand Valley

Tuesday morning availability

The jurors from the Marvin Gabrion trial will hold a news conference on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at 9:15 a.m. at the WGUV studios. This is the first opportunity for the media to talk with the jurors following their verdict in the Marvin Gabrion trial.

The WGUV studios are located in the Meijer Public Broadcast Center in the Eberhard Center on Grand Valley State University's Pew Campus in downtown Grand Rapids.

Please notify Chuck Furman at 616-771-6790 or furmanc@gvsu.edu if you plan to attend; also let him know any special equipment or parking needs you may have. WGUV will provide television lighting for the event, a mult box for audio feeds and access to power strips. Please arrive and be set up by 9:10 a.m. See map for parking details:

Please read the statement from John Scherff, jury foreman in the case of the United States vs. Marvin Gabrion, on the following page.

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Mother Courage (Tamira Henry), right, poses with her daughter Katrin (Carolyn Ratkowski). Download color photo from the release at gvsu.edu/news.

'Mother Courage and Her Children' opens at GVSU April 5

Brecht's anti-war epic gains relevance as worldwide conflicts continue

Grand Valley State University will close its mainstage Theatre season with a dramatic flair by presenting Bertolt Brecht's powerful anti-war epic, "Mother Courage and Her Children," with six performances from April 5 through 13.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on April 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, at the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors, \$5 all college students, and \$2.50 for K-12 students. Call the GVSU box office at (616) 895-2300, noon-5 p.m. weekdays, for ticket reservations or more information.

Brecht (1898-1956) is considered Germany's greatest playwright, and the sweeping black comedy "Mother Courage and Her Children," replete with symbolism and subversive humor, is considered his most celebrated play. The play's setting is Sweden during the Thirty Years War (1618-48) and follows the destitute Mother Courage as she struggles vainly to scrape together a living by selling items to soldiers while at the same time keep her beloved children alive and out of the war.

Brecht's masterpiece of silence and survival was premiered in 1941, during World War II, and grew in stature as ensuing decades continued to be marked by deadly worldwide conflicts. The version of the play performed at Grand Valley was translated

by renowned British playwright David Hare and premiered to widespread acclaim at the National Theatre in London in 1995. It "bristles with gutsy cynicism (and) is funny in precisely the right, black comic way," wrote *Time Out* magazine.

The play was chosen for production a year ago, before Sept. 11 and the United States' war in the Middle East, but now seems unexpectedly appropriate, said Karen Libman, Theatre professor at GVSU. She pointed out a scene in which Mother Courage says, "If I could just take my two children to a place where there's no shooting, then we could live for a while."

"In the wake of all that has happened since September 11, I am increasingly proud and somewhat awed by the fact that we are producing such a timely play," Libman said. "All you have to do is turn on the TV right now to see hundreds of human beings like Mother Courage -- in Afghanistan, in Israel and Palestine, and previously, in Kosovo, Rwanda, Vietnam. The war that never ends is sadly still with us."

The role of Mother Courage is played by Theatre major Tamira Henry in fulfillment of her senior project requirement. Henry, a Muskegon native, has been seen in the GVSU Shakespeare Festival, Cherry County Playhouse, and (this summer) at Circle Theatre. She has also worked with the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre.

Songs for the production were composed by guest artist Greg Witulski, of Grand Rapids, whose latest musical compositions were featured in last summer's "O Baby!," presented by the X Performance Group. Eleven songs based Brecht's original lyrics are brought to vibrant life in Witulski's catchy score.

"Mother Courage and Her Children" is unique as it is the first mainstage show to have all student designers. Supervised by Professor Al Sheffield, the play features the work of advanced GVSU students.

The full cast is listed on the following page.

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Grand Valley announces provost finalists



Dr. Gayle R. Davis

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray has invited three candidates for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of Grand Valley State University to visit campus for final interviews. The finalists were chosen by the President from a group of semi-finalists forwarded to him by the Provost Search Committee. The finalists are:

Dr. Gayle R. Davis is associate vice president for academic affairs and research at Wichita State University in Kansas. She holds a BA degree in French from Muskingum College, an MA degree in Art History and a PhD in American Studies, both from Michigan State University. She began her academic career in 1971 as an instructor at Lansing Community College, where she was a faculty member for 10 years. In 1982 she joined the faculty of Wichita State in the Department of Women's Studies and still holds faculty rank in that department. She became an associate vice president at WSU in 1994.



Dr. Barbara B. Dixon

Dr. Barbara B. Dixon is provost and vice president for academic affairs at the State University of New York College at Geneseo, a position she has held since 1997. She holds the BM and MM degrees in piano from Michigan State University and the DMA degree in piano performance, literature and pedagogy from the University of Colorado. She was a faculty member at Central Michigan University from 1971-89 in the Department of Music. From 1989-95 she was associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at CMU and was Interim Dean from 1995-97.



Dr. Walter Harris, Jr.

Dr. Walter Harris, Jr., is provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. He holds the BS degree from Knoxville College, and the MM and PhD degrees from Michigan State University. From 1969-80 he was choral director of Knoxville College. From 1980-2000 he was on the faculty of the Music Department at Arizona State University, Tempe. From 1992-2000 he was Vice Provost at ASU. In 2000 he was appointed provost of NCCU.

The finalists are being invited to visit GVSU during the first week of April. Dates and details of the visits will be announced shortly.

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*Singer/songwriter/lecturer
 Magdalen. Color photo available
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Magdalen addresses diversity issues at Asian-American conference

The musician/lecturer is featured at Grand Valley on April 6

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.-- Magdalen Hsu-Li, prominent Asian-American musician, lecturer, and feminist, will be the featured guest at an upcoming conference at Grand Valley State University addressing Asian awareness and diversity.

Magdalen, as the artist is known, will speak at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, on GVSU's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. Her lecture is free and open to the public.

Magdalen's appearance caps the daylong RICE Conference (Realizing and addressing Issues in our Culture and Education), sponsored by the Asian Student Union of Grand Valley. The conference is held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the DeVos Center with the goal of increasing awareness and understanding of Asian and Asian-American culture and ideas. It is open to the public.

A pioneering musician, Magdalen is one of the first Chinese-American singer/songwriters in the United States to become a star in the acoustic/pop/folk/alternative genres. Her 2001 release, "Fire," was selected as one of the 12 Best DIY (Do It Yourself) Albums by "Performing Songwriter." Magdalen's song "Monkeygirl" from her critically acclaimed 1998 release "Evolution" also received acclaim. Her music is described as an eclectic mix of pop, folk, alt, punk and jazz.

In addition to performances, Magdalen's lecture series presents programs which challenge stereotypes and encourage diversity and understanding. She has shared the stage and the podium with notables such as The B-52's, Mary Lou Lord, Windham Hill recording artist Barbara Higbie, Grace Jones, Kathy Sledge (of Sister Sledge), and many others, and is a familiar face on the college, acoustic, women's and GLBT Pride circuits.

Magdalen's appearance at Grand Valley is sponsored by the Asian Student Union and the GVSU Women's Center.

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Grand Valley autism conference will feature national, state experts

Conference also caps first year of START program

National and state experts on autism will highlight a three-day conference hosted by Grand Valley State University's Autism Education Center.

"From the START: Best Practices for Supporting Autism," is scheduled for April 25-27 at GVSU's Pew Campus in downtown Grand Rapids. Along with sessions geared toward health care professionals, educators, parents, and people diagnosed with autism, the conference will highlight the first year of the Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START) program, based at GVSU to serve Michigan school districts.

The following experts will deliver keynote addresses on the "best practices" for meeting the needs of people with autism:

- **Glen Dunlap**, University of South Florida professor of child and family studies;
- **Peter Gerhardt**, executive director of the Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism and the Martin C. Barell School, a nonprofit school for children with autism in New York;
- **Don Meyer**, director of the Sibling Support Project at the ARC, in Seattle;
- **Gary Sasso**, University of Iowa professor of special education;
- **Luke Y. Tsai**, University of Michigan professor of psychiatry and pediatrics.

Other highlights include a poetry and mime performance by two people diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, and a sibling workshop for brothers and sisters of special needs children.

Cost to attend the entire conference is \$115, two days is \$95, one day is \$65, and the Saturday half-day session is \$25, or \$40 for a family. Details about the conference and a printable registration form are available on the Autism Education Center's Web site, www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter. The deadline to register is April 8, call the center at 616-486-6483 about availability after that date.

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Sources:

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First Friday Forum to address effects of nursing shortage in West Michigan

Grand Valley nursing professors part of panel

A panel of nursing educators and professionals will address possible effects of a nursing shortage in West Michigan at a First Friday Forum, scheduled for Friday, April 5.

"Who Will Care for the Sick? The Nursing Shortage and its Implications for Patient Care," will run from 8:30-10 a.m. at Davenport University's Academic Center, 415 E. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Panelists will discuss why the nationwide shortage occurred, its local effects, and how it can be alleviated in the short and long term.

Panelists will include Phyllis Gendler, dean of Grand Valley State University's Kirkhof School of Nursing; and Karen Dunlap, KSON continuing education program coordinator. Other panelists are from Montcalm Community College, Michigan Nurses Association, Metropolitan Hospital, and Holland Home. The moderator will be Michael Wambach, dean of the Learning Academy and coordinator of Davenport's health care administration program.

First Friday Forums are sponsored by the Alliance for Health, a coalition of health care organizations, educational institutions, and businesses in 12 West and Central Michigan counties.

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Sources:

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John Esposito, director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding. Download this photo from the online release at gvsu.edu/news.

Christian-Muslim relations is subject of talk by top expert

John Esposito speaks April 11 at GVSU

One of the nation's top experts on Islam will address the topic "Christian-Muslim Relations in the 21st Century" in a lecture sponsored by Grand Valley State University's Middle East Studies Program.

John Esposito, founding director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University, will speak at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, at the Cook-DeWitt Center on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus. His presentation is open to the public free of charge.

The topic is significant for understanding not only current, but future interactions between two of the world's largest religions, said James Goode, coordinator of the Middle East Studies Program at Grand Valley. Muslims and Christians have interacted as individuals and civilizations for 14 centuries, Goode pointed out, and the nature of their relations today plays an important part in determining the future: whether it will involve a great clash or a successful dialogue between people of different beliefs. Esposito's talk will focus on the nature of these relations in the 21st century.

Esposito is the author of more than a dozen books on Islam and is the editor-in-chief of the four-volume "Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World" and the "Oxford History of Islam." His books, translated into Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Japanese, Chinese, and European languages, include "The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality?," "Islam and Politics," and many others.

A former president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America and a professor of religion and international affairs at Georgetown University, Esposito founded the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding in 1993 to foster a better understanding of Islam and of Muslim-Christian relations in the West. He is also a consultant to the U.S. Department of State and to corporations, universities, and the media worldwide.

Esposito is widely interviewed or quoted in the media, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN and network news stations, NPR, BBC, and in media throughout Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

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Sources:

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Student Scholarship Day shines the spotlight on student achievements

More than 200 presentations/exhibits featured on April 10

Nearly 550 students are scheduled to give 265 presentations on Student Scholarship Day 2002, taking place on Wednesday, April 10 at several locations on the Allendale Campus.

The annual event gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their scholarly research and creative projects, which range from an oral presentation on Occupational Dysfunction Among Musicians to an exhibit on Sand Size and Composition at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore to an analysis of global warming in Grand Rapids.

The quality and breadth of their presentations are always amazing, said Neal Rogness, event coordinator and assistant dean of the Science and Mathematics Division. This is the seventh year the event has taken place, with student participation growing each year.

Student Scholarship Day schedule:

- Oral presentations: 8:20 a.m.-11:15 a.m. and 1:20-6:15 p.m. in classrooms on the second floor of Padnos Hall;
- Poster presentations: 9-11 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. in the Henry Hall Atrium;
- Musical presentation: 1:20 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

The day is student-focused and filled with activity, said Rogness. Many faculty members use attendance at presentations as a class assignment for students.

Keynote speaker at a luncheon for presenters and their faculty/staff sponsors -- from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center -- will be Dr. Al Werner, professor of Earth and Environment at Mount Holyoke College and a 1979 GVSU graduate in geology. His address is entitled "Deciphering the Past to Understand the Future: Ice, Mud and Global Warming."

A complete schedule and synopses of presentations will be available at the event Web site: www.gvsu.edu/ssd.

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— International summer theater program offered in West Michigan

Registrations are being taken now; workshops begin in June

Local actors, students, and teachers will have the opportunity to study with top theater professionals from around the world this summer in several workshops offered through the Intensive Theatre Training Program (ITTP).

Registrations are now being taken for ITTP's International Summer Conservatory 2002, which consists of three conservatory-style workshops held at Grand Valley State University, Allendale Campus. The program is a collaborative effort between GVSU and Muskegon Community College, which will host an additional workshop designed for teachers.

Now in its fifth year, the International Summer Conservatory takes the performing arts to new levels in West Michigan by promoting the use of theater techniques as innovative tools for communication, creative thinking, and cultural exchange. Workshops are taught by world-class theater instructors from New York, London, and Buenos Aires.

Workshops held at Grand Valley are for high school- and college-age students and members of the community, and are appropriate for theater novices and professionals alike. All follow a 9-5 schedule with training sessions in practical technique (acting), movement, and voice.

Summer 2002 ITTP workshops

On campus at Grand Valley State University

- Stella Alder Conservatory of Acting (from New York, New York)
 June 17-28
 The program is based on Stella Adler's unique approach to actor training, which teaches actors to think on their feet, be engaged in life, and become independent theater artists. Students of theater from beginner to professional can benefit from these tools.
- Andamio 90 Conservatory of Acting (from Buenos Aires, Argentina)
 July 8-19
 An intensive workshop based on Theatre of the Collective, using experimental Latin techniques; conducted in Spanish with simultaneous translation.
- London Theatre Exchange (London, England)
 Shakespeare Workshop (precedes GVSU's annual Shakespeare Festival)
 August 5-16
 Stretches participants' "acting muscles" by exploring new techniques while working on Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. LTE's holistic actor training incorporates daily tutorial sessions to address participants' different stages of experience and focus.

On-campus housing and academic credit are available for workshops at Grand Valley. Cost of two-week workshops is \$750.

An additional three-day workshop for teachers (K-12 and beyond) will be held at Muskegon Community College, July 29-31, featuring instructors from the London Theatre Exchange. Cost is \$250.

For more information or to register for workshops, see www.gvsu.edu/ittp; email requests to ITTP Director Sherri Slater at ittpUSA@aol.com; or call the GVSU School of Communications at (616) 895-3331.

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Sources:

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NEWS ADVISORY: GVSU holds Secretary of State debate

Republican primary hopefuls Bennett, Land and Norlander debate for Secretary of State nomination on April 9

GRAND RAPIDS -- Three candidates hoping to land the state Republican nomination for Secretary of State will square off in a debate at Grand Valley State University.

Loren Bennett (R, Wayne), Terri Land (R, Kent), and Anne Norlander (R, Calhoun) will participate in a debate co-sponsored by the GVSU College Republicans and Grand Valley State University. The event will take place on **Tuesday, April 9 in the DeVos Center's Loosemore Auditorium, located at 401 W. Fulton.**

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m., followed immediately at 6:45pm by the debate. The event will feature a brief opening statement from each of the candidates and then move to a moderated, open forum debate. Candidates will be allowed a brief closing statement to close the event. The debate will be moderated by Bill Ballenger, editor and publisher of "Inside Michigan Politics."

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Tip Sheet: Grand Valley events for week of April 8

Wednesday, April 10

All day: Student Scholarship Day 2002. Nearly 550 students will give 265 presentations to demonstrate their scholarly research and creative works. Oral and poster presentations are scheduled in Padnos and Henry halls. There will be one musical presentation at 1:20 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. A complete schedule and synopses of presentations is available at the event Web site: www.gvsu.edu/ssd.

Thursday, April 11

1 p.m.: John Esposito, director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University, will address "Christian-Muslim Relations in the 21st Century" at a lecture in the Cook-DeWitt Center, sponsored by Grand Valley's Middle East Studies Program.

One of the country's top experts on Islam, Esposito serves as a consultant to the Department of State as well as to corporations, universities, and the media worldwide.

2 p.m.: Nancy Harper, director of Grand Valley's ALERT Labs, will give a presentation, titled "Alcohol and GVSU," in room 104 of the Kirkhof Center. Harper will focus on perceived versus actual numbers of students who drink, and those who drink dangerously. Her presentation coincides with National Alcohol Screening Day.

Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13

National and international researchers will discuss issues related to Africa and its culture during "The State in Africa: Beyond False Starts," which will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, and from 9 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday. All events will be in the Kirkhof Center, room 204.

Eleven faculty members and professionals from U.S. and African universities will present papers on Africa's environment, economy, civil society, military, and political state.

The conference is open to the public. George Kieh, dean of International Education, said it will have particular appeal to those interested in foreign policy. For more information, call the Padnos International Center at 616-895-3898.

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Grand Rapids charter school receives accreditation

Gateway Middle/High School is authorized by GVSU

Gateway Middle/High School, serving students in grades 7-12 in downtown Grand Rapids, has received accreditation by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI). Gateway is one of 28 charter schools authorized by Grand Valley State University.

Gateway, 311 State St. SE, was one of four charter schools in Michigan that became NCA-CASI members for the first time this year. The association notified schools of membership during its annual meeting in Chicago on Tuesday, April 9.

"Accreditation means that Gateway has met the demanding standards set by the NCA-CASI for membership and been found to possess the resources, personnel and leadership necessary for effective education," said Mary L. Mason, Gateway's board president. "It confirms our belief that academic excellence can be obtained through non-traditional means, even when measured by traditional standards."

The NCA-CASI, the nation's largest regional accrediting association, is a voluntary coalition of more than 9,000 schools in 19 states located in the central United States. There are three components at the core of NCA accreditation: standards for effective education; continuous improvement; and peer review. Accreditation must be renewed each year.

Meg Hackett Carrier, Gateway's superintendent and general counsel, said students and community collaborators are working together on several initiatives for next school year that include incorporating a school-wide reading program, a mentoring program, and a skills for success program into Gateway's curriculum.

"We are delighted to have received this level of recognition at this early point in Gateway's history," Carrier said. "This is the first year that Gateway was eligible to apply for NCA accreditation and it is a testimony to the vision, dedication and hard work of all those involved with our school that accreditation was conferred at this time."

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Meg Hackett Carrier, Gateway superintendent and general counsel, 616-458-9646

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GVSU names minority scholarship after longtime civil rights leader

\$1 million endowment fund named for Helen Claytor

Grand Valley State University will honor Helen Jackson Claytor, a lifelong champion of civil rights in West Michigan and nationwide, by giving her a recognition that will highlight her important work in the community for many years to come.

President Mark Murray has announced that Grand Valley's minority scholarship endowment fund will be named in honor of Claytor, a longtime Grand Rapids resident. The scholarship fund, which totals \$1 million to be used to advance the education of minority students, "is a fitting way to recognize a woman who has spent her life working on behalf of civil rights, equal opportunity, and education," said Murray.

Claytor was selected for the tribute at the recommendation of a special committee appointed to name the minority scholarship fund. The 10-member committee consisted of members of the Grand Valley faculty, staff and Alumni Association and a representative from the community.

"I can think of no better person to honor," Murray said. "Helen Claytor's tireless efforts on behalf of not only minorities, but of all people, have made her a national role model. She honors

us by accepting."

Claytor, who turns 95 this month, is best known for her work on behalf of the Young Women's Christian Association, a commitment that began in 1928 when, just out of college with a teaching degree, Claytor began working at a YWCA. Traveling to Grand Rapids in 1943 on behalf of the National YWCA, Claytor met and married Dr. Robert Claytor, and in 1949 became the first black woman to serve as president of the Grand Rapids YWCA. She assumed the presidency of the National YWCA board in 1967 -- again, with the distinction of being the first black woman to lead the organization -- and held that position until her retirement in 1973.

Always, Claytor has worked tirelessly to eliminate racism and advance the rights of all minorities. In the 1940s, she was part of a Grand Rapids race study that resulted in the formation of the city's first Human Relations Commission -- the forerunner to today's Office of Equal Opportunity. She was also active in the Michigan United Way, Kent County Planned Parenthood, the Urban League, and the NAACP. She continues to be active with the YWCA and in her church and community.

Claytor's many honors for her work in public service include being named, along with Rosa Parks, a "Woman of Courage" by the Michigan Women's Foundation in 1994 and being inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

Claytor will be formally recognized at a ceremony on May 29 celebrating her lifelong contributions and proclaiming the scholarship in her name. Speaking at the event will be her son, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Roger Wilkins.

Wilkins shared a Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for Watergate coverage with his *Washington Post* colleagues Bob Woodward, Carl Bernstein and cartoonist Herb Block. Now a professor of history and American culture at George Mason University, Wilkins is author of the highly acclaimed *A Man's Life* and *Jefferson's Pillow: The Founding Fathers and the Dilemma of Black Patriotism*, and serves on the board of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

In naming the minority scholarship for Claytor, President Murray also took the opportunity to recognize former Grand Valley Minority Affairs Dean Don Williams for his substantial contributions in building the university's enrollment of students of color, for remaining a tireless advocate on their behalf, and for his fundraising successes.

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Grand Valley responds to case of tuberculosis

Grand Rapids Campus development called non-emergency

Grand Valley State University and the Kent County Health Department are responding to a case of tuberculosis at the university. The health department does not consider this to be a medical emergency, but several steps are underway to assure the well being of the Grand Valley community.

The situation involves a student who attends classes only on the Grand Valley Grand Rapids Campus and who does not live in university housing.

Other people, including members of the Grand Valley community, most likely to have been in close proximity to the affected individual, have been contacted by the university, with follow-up from the health department, and informed of the potential need for TB testing.

All members of the Grand Valley community, including students, faculty, and staff, are being informed of the situation through internal channels of communication.

The health department is providing TB testing to people determined to be at potential risk.

Persons with questions are advised to contact the Kent County Health Department at 616-336-3425.

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President Murray selects Davis for provost

President Mark Murray announced today that he has offered the position of Provost to Dr. Gayle Davis of Wichita State University.

In a prepared statement, President Murray noted:

"I am very pleased to announce that I have offered the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to Dr. Gayle Davis of Wichita State University. Dr. Davis has substantial leadership experience in higher education. As a department chair and a senior administrator, she has a strong record of leadership in academic, budgetary and personnel matters. She has extensive experience in working with deans, department chairs, and faculty in many disciplines, and has always demonstrated a respect for the unique challenges facing both professional programs, and traditional liberal arts disciplines. Just as important as her experience is her manifest skill in addressing issues in a collaborative and solution-oriented style. Her reputation for solid preparation, openness, and thoughtfulness is well established at Wichita State. Her skills and energy will be a great benefit to Grand Valley. I look forward to many years of partnership with her in ensuring Grand Valley's continued ascent as an outstanding university serving West Michigan.

"I also want to offer my deep gratitude to the Provost search committee in its work to identify three strong candidates, to the faculty for their deliberations that led to their identification of Dr. Davis as their preferred candidate, to Dr. John Gracki for his very able leadership during this year as interim provost, and to Drs. Wendy Wenner and Susan W. Martin for their diligent service in interim roles in the Provost's office during this year as well."

Responding to President Murray's invitation, Dr. Davis said, "I'm very honored to be offered this position and in my conversation with President Murray reaffirmed my strong interest in it. I look forward to the prospect of working with President Murray and the entire university community to build on the already wonderful successes of Grand Valley. It seems to me that the challenges of the exciting future before us demand from higher education exactly what Grand Valley can offer: an enduring commitment to cutting edge excellence in both the liberal arts and sciences and in its professional degree programs. The prospects for the university's advancement are excellent, and it would be a fulfilling challenge to participate in that bright future."

President Murray has invited Dr. Davis to return to campus at her earliest convenience to discuss the final details of her appointment. She is expected to be in Allendale on Monday, April 15.

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GVSU presents auto supplier symposium

Van Andel Global Trade Center program seeks to answer questions that are important to automotive suppliers

Grand Valley State University's Van Andel Global Trade Center, along with Comerica Bank, present the fourth annual *Automotive Supplier Symposium* in Grand Rapids.

This half-day seminar is designed for management and owners of automotive suppliers. It will focus on the regional and global challenges that the auto suppliers will face in the coming years.

The symposium will discuss the outlook for the global auto market in the next 10 years, emerging auto markets, and challenges for American industry. It will also discuss strategies of how to become a supplier of the future.

Speakers include:

- Jim Gillette, vice president of International Resource Network
- Fred Keller, chairman and CEO of Cascade Engineering
- David Littmann, senior vice president and chief economist for Comerica Bank
- Peter Nuesch, president of ConGlobo GmbH
- Jim Orchard, president of North America and Asia for Viseton Corp

The symposium is **Tuesday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to noon in Grand Valley's Loosemore Auditorium** on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Registration is \$100 and includes continental breakfast.

For more information, call the Van Andel Global Trade Center at (616) 771-6811 or e-mail info@vagtc.org.

Media Note: The event is open to coverage by the news media, and reporters are invited to attend free of charge. Please call Pat Kluz at (616) 771-6811.

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Engineering camp for girls comes to GVSU

Grand Valley's Regional Math and Science Center, in conjunction with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Educational Foundation, hosts free summer science and technology camp for girls

Grand Valley State University and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers are hosting Michigan's first Science, Technology and Engineering Preview Summer Camp for girls (STEPS) this summer.

The STEPS program is a tuition-free, one-week introduction to the world of technology and engineering for girls entering the 7th grade. The purpose of the camp is to introduce young women to the opportunities for technical careers early enough to influence their choices of math, science and technical courses in middle school and high school.

The program is a one-week residential summer camp that runs in two sessions at Grand Valley: July 14-18 and July 21-25. Applicants must have completed the 6th grade by 2002, be female and reside in the state of Michigan. The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Educational will select participants at random from all eligible participants.

During this camp, participants will design, manufacture and test the radio controlled airplanes they build. Topics that will be covered during the camp workshops include aerodynamics, electronics, pneumatics and team building exercises. Time has also been set-aside during the week long camp for some fun and games like swimming, boating and pizza parties. The Nokomis Foundation has provided funding for Grand Valley State University's STEPS program. Campers also get to experience college life as they live together in dormitories, have meals on campus, attend classes in college classrooms and labs and are taught by college professors.

Applications can be downloaded from www.engineer.gvsu.edu/steps. For more information, call (616) 895-2267. To obtain eligibility requirements and an application form contact: Lynn Borg, program officer, SME Education Foundation at 313-271-1500, ext. 1713. Applications are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

STEPS was created in 1997 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout as part of a major effort to attract more woman and minorities into the field of engineering early in their academic pursuits. Funded by the SME Education Foundation, private foundations and industry partners, STEPS is a tuition-free, technology-based summer camp for girls targeting students in 7th, 10th and 11th grade. To date 2,500 young woman have participated.

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Sources:

- Lynn Borg, program officer, SME Education Foundation at (313) 271-1500, ext. 1713
- Margo Dill, Regional Math and Science Center, (616) 895-2272

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AIDS Memorial Quilt on display May 9-12 at GVSU

Quilt originator Cleve Jones will open ceremonies

The Midwest's -- and possibly the nation's -- largest display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt this year will take place in Allendale, Mich., at the Grand Valley State University Fieldhouse Arena. More than 1,500 panels will be available for viewing from May 9-12.

Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project Foundation which started the AIDS Memorial Quilt 15 years ago in San Francisco, will speak at the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. Viewing times will be 7-10 p.m. on May 9; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11; and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 12. Closing ceremonies and the dedication of new panels will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The public is encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

Thousands of adults, youth, and children from throughout the state and the Great Lakes region are expected to view the quilt. Education and advocacy will accompany the display, which is sponsored by GVSU, the West Michigan AIDS Memorial Quilt Display committee, and the Kent County Health Department. For more information, call (616) 453-1735.

In its entirety, the AIDS Memorial Quilt is made up of more than 44,000 hand-sewn, 3-by-6-foot panels, each commemorating one or more loved ones lost to AIDS. According to the Names Project Web site (www.aidsquilt.org) the quilt now covers 792,000 square feet and would stretch for 50 miles if panels were laid end to end. The world's largest ongoing community arts project, the continually growing quilt is both a poignant memorial and a powerful tool for prevention education.

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Evening autism conference sessions opened to public

Two evening sessions during an April conference hosted by Grand Valley State University's Autism Education Center will be open to the public and free.

"From the START: Best Practices for Supporting Autism," is scheduled for April 25-27 at GVSU's Pew Campus in downtown Grand Rapids. About 300 educators, health care professionals, and parents are expected to attend.

Through mime and poetry, the evening session on Thursday, April 25, will help audience members understand what it's like to be diagnosed with autism. The moderator for "Dialogue in 'Our World'" is Liane Holliday Willey, a writer and researcher who specializes in Asperger's Syndrome. She is the author of "Pretending to be Normal: Living with Asperger's Syndrome," and "Asperger's Syndrome in the Family: Redefining Normal."

Holliday Willey will be joined by professional mime Johnny Seitz, who was trained by Marcel Marceau; and Chris Seitz, Johnny's wife and his translator.

"Dialogue in 'Our World'" will begin at 7 p.m. in Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St.

The evening session on Friday, April 26, will focus on siblings of people with special needs. The featured speaker is Don Meyer, director of the Sibling Support Project at the ARC, in Seattle. Meyer has conducted more than 200 workshops in the United States, Canada, Ireland, England, and Japan. He is the author and editor of several books, including "Sibshops," "Uncommon Fathers," and "Views from Our Shoes," a children's book.

"Brothers and Sisters of People with Special Needs" will begin at 7 p.m. in Loosemore Auditorium. Participants will share their experiences and concerns of having a special needs sibling in the family and gain advice from Meyer and other researchers.

For more information about these sessions, or the conference, call the Autism Education Center at 616-486-6483.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Grand Valley Trustees meet Friday

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees will hold its regular April meeting tomorrow, April 19, 2001 on the 2nd floor of the GVSU Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids.

The Board will conduct its regular business meeting and present a special certificate of commendation to a student. President Murray will also comment on the enactment of the higher education appropriation by the Legislature.

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Latino Youth Conference at GVSU expects to draw 800 area high schoolers

Friday show by New Latino Visions theater group is open to the public

About 800 high school students from Grand Rapids and surrounding districts are expected to gather at Grand Valley State University for the Latino Youth Conference, held Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26 on the Allendale Campus.

The intent of the two-day program is to acquaint high schoolers with a college setting while at the same time motivating them to go on to higher education after high school. About 20 representatives from area colleges and universities will staff a College Fair throughout the two days. The conference was held the past two years at Grand Rapids Community College.

A majority of the 10th-12th grade Hispanic youth in the Grand Rapids area -- 400 per day -- will attend the conference, said Michael Lopez, Grand Valley admissions counselor and a coordinator of the event. They will attend sessions from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Special guests opening the conference at 10 a.m. both mornings are state Sen. Valde Garcia (R-Howell) and Mary Lou Mazon of the Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs. Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus is expected to conduct a session on Friday afternoon. [Media: call for confirmation if planning to cover the Posthumus session.]

The highlight of the conference will be performances of "Cesar Died Today" by New Latino Visions, a new theater company in Kalamazoo formed with the goal of presenting mainstage shows that relate in some way to the Latino experience in the United States.

The general public is invited to attend the conference's final performance of "Cesar Died Today," held at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center in Allendale. Admission is free.

"Cesar Died Today," written by New Latino Visions founder John Fraire, who is dean of admissions at Western Michigan University, and his brother Gabriel Fraire, is about a Mexican American family whose secrets are about to be exposed the day that Cesar Chavez dies. Robert Morgan, artistic director of New Latino Visions, is a Juilliard-trained actor with many off-Broadway and regional theater credits. The 90-minute play is performed by students from Western Michigan University.

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Sources:

Michael Lopez, admissions counselor, Grand Valley State University, 895-2025

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John Fraire, executive director of New Latino Visions, 616-384-0859

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GVSU prof named to IRS Advisory Council

Susan Martin named to commission that conveys the public's perception of IRS's activities and advises the IRS on tax administration policy, programs, and initiatives

Grand Valley State University accounting professor Susan Martin has been appointed to serve for a two year term on the Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Charles Rosotti's advisory board called the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). The IRSAC is authorized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463.

IRSAC conveys the public's perception of IRS's activities and advises the IRS on tax administration policy, programs, and initiatives. Martin previously served on the IRS Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee that focused on e-filing initiatives and goals from 1998-2000.

IRSAC's first meeting is in Washington, D.C. on May 6, 7, 8. Call News and Information Services at (616) 895-2221 to arrange interviews or request a photo of Martin.

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Grand Valley's School of Education to honor administrator, teacher of year

Two Grand Valley alumni members, a Forest Hills administrator and a Newaygo County teacher, will be honored at the university's School of Education convocation, scheduled for Friday, April 26.

Fred Wisniewski, the director of student services at Forest Hills Pubic Schools, will receive the Administrator of the Year award. Wisniewski supervises all of the district's special needs programs. He also serves as the Alternative High School principal, and coordinates the At-Risk Assessment Team, and Crisis Team.

Under Wisniewski's leadership, Forest Hills has implemented numerous programs for special needs students. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Grand Valley.

Lisa Corbett, a Grant Elementary Teacher, will receive the Teacher of the Year award. The 1993 GVSU graduate teaches a class of 15 emotionally impaired students, and team-teaches science and social studies in a general education third grade room.

Grant Principal Duane Jones said Corbett, "gives 110 percent of herself on a daily basis in order to provide the best possible learning environment for her students."

Grand Valley's School of Education convocation will be held at Sunshine Community Church, 3300 E. Beltline NE in Grand Rapids, beginning at 7 p.m. More than 400 students are eligible to graduate.

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Dorival Puccini (left) and GVSU trumpet professor Richard Stoezel.



Student Senate President Ben Witt at a recent Board of Trustees meeting. (Download photos at www.gvsu.edu/news.)

GVSU Commencement held Saturday, April 27 at Van Andel Arena

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Grand Valley State University's Spring Commencement ceremony will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Van Andel Arena in downtown Grand Rapids. The procession will begin at 10 a.m.

More than 1,400 students are expected to take part in the ceremony, including 270 receiving master's degrees. The graduates and their families typically fill the arena to capacity.

Returning to Grand Valley to give the commencement address will be writer and historian James Cowan, who is best known as the author of more than 20 books covering a wide variety of topics, including the bestselling *A Mapmaker's Dream*. A native of Australia, Cowan has traveled and lectured widely in his continuing study of and efforts to preserve the world's indigenous cultures. He will be presented an honorary degree by President Mark A. Murray.

Cowan's exploration of his country's contemporary aborigines brought him to Grand Valley in February for an exhibit he helped bring about at the GVSU Art Gallery, titled "Tjukurrpa: Australian Aboriginal Art of the Dreaming." Pieces from Cowan's collection are still on display through May at a similar exhibit at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids.

Distinguished Alumnus honored

Alan McEvoy, '70, will be honored as a distinguished alumnus at the ceremony. Currently a sociology professor at Wittenberg University in Ohio, McEvoy has been a national leader in efforts to end violence in schools, homes, and communities. He has authored nine books on the topic and founded the national organization Safe Schools Coalition. McEvoy has also been a frequent guest on national news and talk shows

following the 2001 publication of his book, *If She is Raped: A Guidebook for Husbands, Fathers and Male Friends*.

Commencement Story Angles

- **Music major from Brazil is first GVSU graduate to go on to Juilliard**
 Dorival Puccini, 25, a music major graduating this month, has the distinction of being the first GVSU student going on to graduate studies at The Juilliard School in New York City, long considered the most prestigious music school in the world. He was also accepted at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., another premier school for exceptional music students.

A native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Puccini was barely able to speak English five years ago when he moved to Boca Raton, Fla., to study under trumpet professor Richard Stoezel at the Harrod Conservatory. When Stoezel accepted a position in Grand Valley's Music Department in 2000, Puccini followed him to West Michigan. That year, Puccini won third place in the International Trumpet Guild Mock Orchestra Competition, an arduous contest for trumpeters all over the world ages 18-25.

After that, dental problems sent him back to "ground zero," said Stoezel, but he bounced right back. "I can't say enough good things about Dorival. He's one of the hardest-working students I have," said Stoezel. "He's a model student for the other students here."

Puccini will receive his bachelor of music degree in trumpet performance. *He can be reached at (616) 453-2707 or 243-0443.*

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- **Student Senate President Ben Witt graduates; his shoes will be hard to fill**

At its April 19 meeting, the Grand Valley Board of Trustees passed a "resolution of appreciation" for outgoing Student Senate President Ben Witt, who graduates this week. The resolution, read by Chair Dorothy Johnson, said he served with "integrity, distinction and diligence" and cited his "maturity and judgment in the highest degree."

Presenting Witt with a gift, GVSU President Mark A. Murray said: "You have been a great leader. You have a great future ahead and we're looking forward to seeing how you help change the world out there."

Witt graduates from Grand Valley this week with a double major in criminal justice and history. The Manistee native has served for two years as Student Senate president and has the distinction of participating on search committees that chose Grand Valley's top two leaders: President Mark A. Murray and newly-named Provost Gayle Davis.

At the board meeting, Witt spoke of several initiatives he has worked on, including the Association of Michigan Universities, a group he helped found that unites student government across state colleges and universities to lobby state government on issues of common interest. One of his lobbying initiatives is to convince the state Legislature to amend the absentee voting rules to make it easier for college students to vote from school.

Witt was also a resident advisor in his student housing. After graduation, he leaves for Washington, D.C., to participate in an internship at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and hopefully find permanent employment.

Ben Witt can be reached at the Student Senate office, 895-2333.

- **Have Classics degree, will travel**

Grand Valley's new Classics Department, started in 2000, is a microcosm of a classics revival across the nation. Joshua Congrove, of Grand Haven, is the department's first graduate. Initially a math major, Congrove, 22, said he was drawn to the study of Greek by the language itself and by the fact that many mathematical concepts originated with the Greeks. On Saturday he will receive degrees in both math and classics.

The study of ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, and Latin in particular, is currently undergoing a huge boom across the nation -- so much so that increased demand for high school (and even elementary school) Latin teachers is expected to far outnumber supply, according to Adam Blistein, executive director of the American Philological Association, based in Philadelphia. The "back to the classics" movement is fueled in part by studies showing that a knowledge of Latin -- from which an estimated 60 percent of English vocabulary is derived -- significantly improves verbal test scores.

Furthermore, a degree in Greek or Latin is "a ticket to wherever someone wants to take it," said one classics professor, as it greatly enhances opportunities in fields such as business, law, medicine, journalism, and museum work.

In starting a new Classics Department from scratch, "Grand Valley is in the vanguard," Blistein said. The department is so successful, in fact, that two classicists were added this school year, bringing the total to five full-time and highly distinguished professors. And although classics majors and graduates were not expected until about 2004, said department chair William Levitan, Grand Valley already has more than a dozen classics majors.

Joshua Congrove can be reached at (616) 846-6298. For more information on the Classics Department, call department chair William Levitan, 895-3073 or Nancy Willey, 895-2228.

Traverse City Commencement held April 30

A separate commencement ceremony for graduates of GVSU's program in Traverse City will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 30 at Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. William Anderson, director of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries, will give the commencement speech. Anderson is also the recipient of an honorary degree to be bestowed at the ceremony.

[NOTE: Skybox 101B of the Van Andel Arena has been reserved for media. The box offers a mult box and an elevated, unobstructed view of the podium and platform.]

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James David Ballard. (Download photo from the online release at www.gvsu.edu/news.)

GVSU terrorism expert to testify before Congress on risks of transporting nuclear waste

Text of testimony and media interviews are available Thursday and Friday

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--Terrorism expert James David Ballard, assistant professor of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University, will testify at a U.S. House of Representatives hearing on the potential for terrorism in relation to the transporting of nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain, the proposed storage facility in Nevada.

In particular, Ballard's testimony will focus on the risks and impacts of potential sabotage against spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste shipments to the Yucca Mountain repository. Michigan, with five nuclear power plants, is on the proposed waste-shipment route.

Ballard will testify on **Thursday, April 25** at the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's joint meeting of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and the Subcommittee on Railroads. The hearing begins at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2167, Rayburn House Office Building (HOB), in Washington, D.C.

Ballard will be available for press interviews on Thursday after 3 p.m. and on Friday, 8 a.m.-12 noon. While staying in Washington, he may be reached at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at (202) 582-1234.

A printed copy of his testimony (apprx. 12 pages) will be available to interested media. Contact Nancy Willey at (616) 895-2228 or by email at willeyn@gvsu.edu to have it faxed or emailed to you.

Yucca Mountain in Nevada is the proposed site for the nation's first long-term geologic repository for high-level radioactive waste. On February 14, 2002, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham recommended that the site be developed for that purpose; the following day, President Bush notified Congress that he considers Yucca Mountain qualified for a construction permit application. The government is now in the process of gathering information to determine if the site is suitable for storage of nuclear waste.

Proposed routes for nuclear waste shipments to Yucca Mountain could directly affect an estimated 126 million people in 43 states, said Ballard. Michigan's major sites include the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Fermi Nuclear Plant in Newport, and Palisades Nuclear Plant in Covert.

Ballard has taught in the School of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University for the past five years. Prior to that, he was a graduate assistant teaching terrorism and sociology courses at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he received his doctorate degree in sociology.

Since 1995, Ballard has focused much of his professional activity on terrorism issues, including radiological terrorism in respect to transportation methods, and prevention of transportation-related attacks. Over the last several years he has conducted police training on terrorism, reviewed nuclear waste transportation routes, and authored numerous articles, book chapters, and various state-level government reports on terrorism, transportation, and related issues..

He has also spoken on transportation-related violence and terrorism before meetings of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the United Nations.

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Local archaeologists found new chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America

Interested people can learn more at the inaugural lecture on May 8

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- A new chapter of North America's oldest and largest archaeological organization -- the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) -- is forming in West Michigan. The public will have an opportunity to learn about the organization and sign up as members at the local chapter's inaugural event, held on May 8 at Grand Valley State University.

The new West Michigan Society of the AIA will present the lecture "Deciphering the Dead: The Old Kingdom Cemetery at Abydos, Egypt" by Janet Richards, a professor of Egyptology at the University of Michigan and curator for Dynastic Egypt at U-M's Kelsey Museum.

The event takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8 in Room 136E of the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. It is open to the public free of charge. Attendees can learn more about future lectures and events now being planned.

Founded in 1879 and headquartered in Boston, the AIA promotes archaeological studies by establishing research centers and schools in the U.S. and abroad. Members are involved in excavations and surveys throughout the world, particularly in the Mediterranean and the Near and Middle East. The Institute also publishes a wide range of scholarly and popular publications, offers fellowships, conducts an extensive lecture program, and organizes tours for members.

There are 110 local societies throughout the U.S., Canada, and Greece. Those in Michigan are located in Lansing, Detroit, Ann Arbor, and, now, West Michigan.

Melissa Morison, Ph.D., assistant professor of classics at Grand Valley State University, is program director for the new society. In terms of archaeology, the West Michigan area is "very significant," said Morison, but that's not the only reason the AIA chapter is being formed. The West Michigan Society will appeal to a wide variety of people who have a common interest in national and international archaeology, past and present.

"The goal of the Archaeological Institute is to bring professional archaeologists and enthusiasts from the general public together," Morison said, noting that there are many professional archaeologists at area colleges and universities.

One of the functions of the West Michigan Society will be to raise funds for scholarships to send students to overseas archaeological digs and to provide educational opportunities for young people, Morison said.

The AIA will complement the existing Michigan Archaeological Society, which focuses more on sites and issues within the state of Michigan.

An expert in Roman and Greek archaeology, Morison is currently working on archaeological projects in Turkey, Greece and Italy. She joined GVSU's growing Classics Department in fall 2001.

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News Advisory: Graduating music student will perform at his own commencement ceremony Saturday

The trumpeter is first GVSU graduate to attend Juilliard

Dorival Puccini, a graduating senior featured in Grand Valley's previous commencement release, will be performing in Saturday's Commencement Ceremonies at Van Andel Arena, which begin at 10 a.m.

Puccini and fellow trumpet students Matthew Laird and Steven Marx will perform "Fanfare" immediately following the invocation at the beginning of the ceremony. They will be located on the stage to the audience's right. Puccini will then take his place among graduating students and receive his bachelor's degree in music performance.

Puccini, 25, has the distinction of being the first GVSU student going on to graduate studies at The Juilliard School in New York City, long considered the most prestigious music school in the world. He was also accepted at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., another premier school for exceptional music students.

A native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Puccini was barely able to speak English five years ago when he moved to Boca Raton, Fla., to study under trumpet professor Richard Stoelzel at the Harid Conservatory. When Stoelzel accepted a position in Grand Valley's Music Department in 2000, Puccini followed him to West Michigan. That year, Puccini won third place in the International Trumpet Guild Mock Orchestra Competition.

NOTE: The two trumpet students performing with Puccini Saturday -- Matthew Laird and Steven Marx -- are both juniors majoring in music at GVSU. Both are finalists in this year's International Trumpet Guild Mock Orchestra Competition and will travel to England in July to compete for top honors. They are two of four students ages 18-25 worldwide selected for this honor. GVSU will notify media in July of their placement in the competition. This Commencement performance might be a good opportunity to videotape them playing.

More than 1,400 students are expected to take part in Grand Valley's Spring Commencement Ceremonies, including 270 receiving master's degrees. The graduates and their families typically fill the arena to capacity.

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GVSU will host training program for osteoporosis prevention

Osteoporosis prevention is the focus for an upcoming training program for health professionals presented by two Grand Valley State University faculty members.

"Better Bones, Brighter Futures" is scheduled from 8 a.m.-12 noon on Wednesday, May 1, in the Kirkhof Center (rooms 215 and 216) at GVSU's Allendale Campus. The training program, co-sponsored by the Michigan Public Health Institute, targets nurses, dieticians, health educators, senior center coordinators, cooperative extension workers, and other allied health professionals. About 40 people are expected to attend.

Phyllis Gendler, dean of Grand Valley's Kirkhof School of Nursing, and Barbara Hoogenboom, assistant professor of physical therapy, will be the presenters. The program will cover medical management, fall prevention, nutrition, and exercise strategies to help people reduce risks of osteoporosis.

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AIDS Memorial Quilt on display May 9-12 at GVSU

Quilt originator Cleve Jones will open ceremonies

The Midwest's -- and possibly the nation's -- largest display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt this year will take place in Allendale, Mich., at the Grand Valley State University Fieldhouse Arena. More than 1,500 panels will be available for viewing May 9-12.

Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project Foundation and originator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt 15 years ago in San Francisco, will speak at the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. Viewing times will be 7-10 p.m. on May 9; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11; and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 12. Closing ceremonies and the dedication of new panels will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The public is encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

Thousands of adults, youth, and children from throughout the state and the Great Lakes region are expected to view the quilt. Education and advocacy will accompany the display, including busloads of children from schools as far away as Detroit on Friday. This exhibition of the quilt, the largest in North America this year (to date), is brought to the area by the West Michigan AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, a grass-roots group comprised of representatives from GVSU, the Kent County Health Department and area businesses, and concerned citizens and AIDS and human service providers from Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties. For more information, call (616) 453-1735.

In its entirety, the AIDS Memorial Quilt is made up of more than 44,000 hand-sewn, 3-by-6-foot panels, each commemorating one or more loved ones lost to AIDS. According to the Names Project Web site (www.aidsquilt.org) the quilt now covers 792,000 square feet and would stretch for 50 miles if panels were laid end to end. The world's largest ongoing community arts project, the continually growing quilt is both a poignant memorial and a powerful tool for prevention education.

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Grand Valley's School of Nursing opens new community clinic

Open house kicks off National Nurses Week

Grand Valley State University's Kirkhof School of Nursing will soon open a community clinic in the remodeled Ferguson building, at 72 Sheldon Street in Grand Rapids.

An open house from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, May 3, will celebrate the clinic and other health agencies slated to begin operations in the building that was once a hospital. The Ferguson Renaissance Center will house apartments for residents in need of supportive housing, and office space for social service and health care providers. Open house events will include tree planting and speeches.

Pat Schafer, associate professor of nursing, said Grand Valley's Ferguson Family Health Center will officially open on May 20. Although most patients will be Ferguson residents, the primary care clinic is open to GVSU employees, students, and the public.

The Kirkhof School of Nursing operates another community health clinic, the Herkimer Health Center, on Division Street. Schafer said the larger Ferguson site will accommodate five examination rooms, compared to just one at the Herkimer clinic.

National Nurses Week, May 6-12

Other story ideas and contacts:

Nursing shortage: Phyllis Gendler, KSON dean, 616-336-7160

Faculty research: Carmen Eribes, associate professor, received a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation grant to implement a study among African Americans with Type II diabetes living in Muskegon, 616-771-6812.

Men in nursing: Ron Perkins, learning resource coordinator, 616-895-3558.

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Sources:

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Croatian ambassador visits Grand Valley

Ivan Grdesic, ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the U.S. to discuss business development with academic, political, and business leaders in Grand Rapids

Grand Valley State University's Van Andel Global Trade Center and World Hope USA present Dr. Ivan Grdesic, ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the United States.

Grdesic will spend several days in the region meeting with academic, political, and business leaders. These events will be capped with a formal reception and presentation at the Richard M. DeVos Center-GVSU Pew Campus on Tuesday, May 21st, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.

The topic of Grdesic's presentation will be the current economic and business environment of Croatia, and potential areas of collaboration and business development between Michigan and the Republic of Croatia. An announcement will also be made that the Van Andel Global Trade Center and World Hope USA will be initiating a trade mission to Croatia in May of 2003 with the purpose of building economic and social cooperation.

Invitations for this event can be requested from the Van Andel Global Trade Center by calling (616) 771-6811 or emailing kluzp@gvsu.edu. The registration fee is \$15 for all participants. The registration deadline is May 15.

This event is made possible in part by sponsorships from the Michigan Manufacturers Association, the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan and Michigan Radio.

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News Advisory: AIDS Quilt on display this week, May 9-12

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- A mult box and press packets will be available at the event Thursday. The mult box will be located in the Fieldhouse balcony, which overlooks the stage and quilt panels laid out on the floor below.
- A reception prior to the opening will take place from 5-7 p.m. Media are welcome. Members of the AIDS Quilt Display committee will be wearing red T-shirts.
- Beginning at 7 p.m., names of the the deceased memorialized on the panels will be called as the panels are unfurled one by one. Many West Michigan AIDS victims are among the names called, along with well-known AIDS victims such as Rock Hudson and Ryan White.
- After the panels are unfurled, audience members are free to walk among them. A large crowd is expected.

Public viewing times are 7-10 p.m. on May 9; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11; and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 12. Closing ceremonies and the dedication of new panels will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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June 2002 Events at GVSU

SUMMER CARILLON SERIES

June 16 through August

True to tradition, Grand Valley State University will celebrate Father's Day on June 16 with the first concert of its summer-long International Carillon Concert Series.

The free concerts are held at 8 p.m. on Sundays from June 16 through mid-August at the Cook Carillon, located in the bell tower on the Allendale Campus, off M-45 just west of Grand Rapids. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax on the spacious lawn while listening to the music of the bells.

The series, now in its eighth year, features carillonneurs from around the world:

- June 16:** Juliianne Vanden Wyngaard, GVSU carillonneur
 - June 23:** Auke deBoer, city carillonneur of Groningen, the Netherlands
 - June 30:** Liesbeth Janssens, city carillonneur of Lommel, Belgium
 - July 4:** Juliianne Vanden Wyngaard will celebrate Independence Day with a special patriotic concert and bell tolling beginning at 2 p.m.
- (Other July and August concerts announced later)

The Cook Carillon was installed in a 110-foot-tall tower on the Allendale Campus in 1994. Its 48 bells were cast in bronze in the Netherlands — the largest weighing nearly 3,000 pounds; the smallest, 14 pounds. The music they provide is part of a centuries-long tradition continued today at Grand Valley.

A complete schedule will be available soon. Call the GVSU Music Department at (616) 895-3484 for more information.

ART GALLERY

Now through August 9, 2002

"All the World's a Stage: From Conception to Creation."

This beautiful and educational summer exhibit features the working drawings and models of past GVSU Theatre productions, along with explanations of the behind-the-scenes world of theater. Also highlighted are the fanciful period and character costumes made for Grand Valley's stage shows. The GVSU Art Gallery is located in the Performing Arts Center on the Allendale Campus. Summer hours: M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (616) 895-2564

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THEATRE

June 6-9

"Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 6, 7 and 8; 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, GVSU Allendale Campus

Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 college students, \$2.50 K-12. Tickets available at the door or by calling 895-2149.

Grand Valley's first summer production, "Big River" features the work of 30 GVSU students and is designed and directed by students. In it, Mark Twain's timeless classic sweeps the audience down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. Their adventures along the way are at times hilarious, suspenseful, and heartwarming, bringing to life favorite characters from the novel, including Tom Sawyer and the boys' rowdy gang of pals.

The winner of seven Tony Awards, "Big River" was written by William Hauptman, based on the Mark Twain novel, and features music and lyrics by Roger Miller. The jaunty musical is a celebration of Americana for the whole family.

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GVSU terrorism expert testifies before U.S. Senate on transportation of nuclear waste

Dr. Ballard is available for interviews. Hearing is Tuesday

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--Terrorism expert James David Ballard, assistant professor of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University, will testify at a U.S. Senate hearing on the threat of terrorism against nuclear waste shipments to Yucca Mountain.

In particular, Ballard's testimony will focus on the risks and impacts of potential sabotage against spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste shipments to the Yucca Mountain repository. Michigan, with five nuclear power plants, is on the proposed waste-shipment route.

Ballard will speak on **Tuesday, May 14** before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Hart Senate Office Building, Room SH-216, in Washington, D.C. It is scheduled to be broadcast live on CSPAN and CSPAN II.

Ballard will be available for press interviews on **Monday and Tuesday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, 202-582-1234**. He can then be reached at his office at Grand Valley, at **616-336-7135**.

A printed copy of Ballard's testimony is available to interested media. Contact Michele Coffill at 616-895-2221 or by email at coffillm@gvsu.edu to have it faxed or emailed to you.

Ballard testified before U.S. House highway and railroad subcommittees on April 25. He calls himself neither an apologist for the energy industry nor an alarmist for environmentalists.

"I fall in between," he said. "Ultimately, I'm a pragmatist. If we're going to move nuclear waste, we have to move it safely. But our current planning is inadequate for that."

Routes for nuclear waste shipments to Yucca Mountain in Nevada -- the proposed site for the nation's first long-term repository for high-level radioactive waste -- could directly affect an estimated 126 million people in 43 states, said Ballard. Michigan's major sites include the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Fermi Nuclear Plant in Newport, and Palisades Nuclear Plant in Covert.

Ballard has taught in the School of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University for the past five years. Prior to that, he was a graduate assistant teaching terrorism and sociology courses at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he received his doctorate degree in sociology.

Since 1995, Ballard has focused much of his professional activity on terrorism issues, including radiological terrorism in respect to transportation methods and prevention of transportation-related attacks.

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Media Advisory: Time change in Grand Valley professor's testimony before U.S. Senate

There has been a change in the time James David Ballard is scheduled to testify at a U.S. Senate hearing on the threat of terrorism against nuclear waste shipments to Yucca Mountain. Ballard is an assistant professor of criminal justice at Grand Valley State University.

His testimony is scheduled to begin at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22**, before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Originally, Ballard's testimony had been scheduled for May 14.

Ballard will be available for media interviews following his testimony on May 22. He can be reached at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, 202-484-1000. Prior to his trip to Washington, Ballard can be reached at his Grand Valley office, 616-336-7135.

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Sources:

James David Ballard, assistant professor of criminal justice, 616-336-7135

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Summit at GVSU to address alcohol abuse prevention

National speaker, student panel highlights day

A nationally known scholar and innovator of substance abuse prevention programs will deliver the keynote address at the inaugural "Alcohol Summit," sponsored by an Ottawa County task force and Grand Valley State University.

The summit is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, from 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center at Grand Valley's Allendale Campus. Alan Berkowitz, psychologist and consultant, will address social norms and approaches to alcohol and drug prevention campaigns from 9-10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the summit, which is sponsored by Ottawa County's "Attitudes Matter" group and Grand Valley's Alcohol Education, Research, and Training (ALERT) Labs. Following Berkowitz's address, a panel of students will discuss teen-age alcohol use and abuse (from 10:45-11:45 a.m.). Other highlights include a theatrical performance by GVSU students (12:15-1 p.m.) and break-out sessions to form community plans that develop prevention strategies for students in middle and high schools, and colleges.

Berkowitz travels around the country to help colleges, universities, public health agencies, and communities design programs that address health and social justice issues like substance abuse, sexual assault, gender, and diversity. He received a doctorate degree from Cornell University in 1981 and is a licensed psychologist in New York.

At the summit, Nancy Harper, ALERT Labs director, will discuss how Grand Valley's alcohol prevention campaign has helped decreased the amount of students who drink dangerously. For example, the total number of students who binge drink (total of 12-15 drinks per week) has declined by 42 percent since 1999. Seventy-nine percent of Grand Valley students said they drink moderately or not at all.

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Sources:

Nancy Harper, ALERT Labs director, 616-895-2537

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Grand Valley math professor wins state teaching award

The Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) named Grand Valley State University Professor Charlene Beckmann as the state's top college or university math teacher.

The Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics award was presented to Beckmann at the MAA meeting in Southfield. As a state award recipient, Beckmann is eligible for the MAA national award.

Beckmann, who lives in Muskegon, has taught at Grand Valley for 14 years. She earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a doctorate degree from Western Michigan University.

She has published numerous articles in math journals and a series of math workbooks. Recently Beckmann and another faculty member received grant funds for a three-year project that will enhance Grand Valley's core math classes with concepts that arise in K-12 curricula.

Douglas Kindschi, dean of Science and Mathematics, said, "Char Beckmann is well-known throughout the mathematical community at Grand Valley, the state of Michigan, and nationally, for her commitment to teaching and her innovations in presenting mathematical concepts. Her service record is just phenomenal."

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GVSU terrorism expert testifies before U.S. Senate on transportation of nuclear waste

Dr. Ballard is available for interviews after hearing on Wed., May 22

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--Terrorism expert James David Ballard, assistant professor of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University, will testify at a U.S. Senate hearing on the threat of terrorism against nuclear waste shipments to Yucca Mountain.

Ballard will speak on **Wednesday, May 22** before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Hart Senate Office Building, Room SH-216, in Washington, D.C. It is scheduled to be broadcast live on CSPAN.

Ballard will be available for media interviews on Wednesday afternoon following the hearing. He can be reached at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, 202-484-1000. After Wednesday Ballard can be reached at his Grand Valley office, 616-336-7135.

A summary of Ballard's Senate testimony is available to interested media. Call 616-895-2228 or contact by email at willeyn@gvsu.edu to have it faxed or emailed to you.

Ballard previously testified before U.S. House highway and railroad subcommittees. His talks focus on the risks and devastating impact of potential sabotage against nuclear waste shipments to Yucca Mountain in Nevada -- the proposed site for the nation's first long-term repository for high-level radioactive waste.

"These cargoes have the potential to be used as weapons of mass victimization," Ballard wrote in his summary, which is available to the media. He goes on to detail why he feels the shipments would be vulnerable.

Terrorist acts targeting the shipments could directly affect an estimated 126 million people in 43 states that are on the shipment routes, said Ballard. Michigan's major sites include the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Fermi Nuclear Plant in Newport, and Palisades Nuclear Plant in Covert.

Ballard has taught in the School of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University for the past five years. Prior to that, he was a graduate assistant teaching terrorism and sociology courses at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he received his doctorate degree in sociology.

Since 1995, Ballard has focused much of his professional activity on terrorism issues, including radiological terrorism in respect to transportation methods and prevention of transportation-related attacks.

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Local civil rights leader Helen Claytor to be honored Wednesday

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist/author Roger Wilkins will speak on the value of diversity in education

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Grand Valley State University will honor Helen Claytor, a lifelong champion of civil rights in West Michigan and throughout the nation, by naming its minority scholarship endowment fund for her.

Claytor will be honored at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 29, beginning at noon at the DeVos Center Exhibition Hall (located just outside the Loosemore Auditorium). Following from 1-1:30 p.m. will be a program held in the Loosemore Auditorium.

Claytor's son, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Roger Wilkins, will give the keynote speech. Wilkins plans to speak on the value of diversity in education, specifically focusing on recent court cases challenging the use of race in the admissions process at the University of Michigan Law School and at U-M's largest undergraduate school, the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. Wilkins is a professor of history and American culture at George Mason University.

About 150 guests and community leaders are expected to attend. The event is not open to the public; however, members of the media are welcome. The DeVos Center is located at 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.

The minority scholarship, which totals \$1 million to be used to advance the education of minority students, "is a fitting way to recognize a woman who has spent her life working on behalf of civil rights, equal opportunity, and education," said GVSU President Mark A. Murray. "I can think of no better person to honor."

Claytor was selected for the tribute at the recommendation of a 10-member committee formed to name the scholarship, consisting of members of the Grand Valley faculty, staff and alumni and a representative from the community.

Claytor, 95, is best known for her work on behalf of the Young Women's Christian Association. In 1949 she became the first black woman to serve as president of the Grand Rapids YWCA, and in 1967 she went on to become president of the National YWCA board -- again, with the distinction of being the first black woman to lead the organization. She retired from the top leadership position in 1973.

Throughout her life, Claytor worked tirelessly to eliminate racism and advance the rights of all minorities. In the 1940s, she was part of a Grand Rapids race study that resulted in the formation of the city's first Human Relations Commission -- the forerunner to today's Office of Equal Opportunity. She was also active in the Michigan United Way, Kent County Planned Parenthood, the Urban League, and the NAACP.

Claytor's many honors for her work in public service include being named, along with Rosa Parks, a "Woman of Courage" by the Michigan Women's Foundation in 1994 and being inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

Claytor's son Roger Wilkins has achieved his own share of fame. Wilkins shared a Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for Watergate coverage with his *Washington Post* colleagues Bob Woodward, Carl Bernstein and cartoonist Herb Block. Wilkins is author of the highly acclaimed *A Man's Life* and *Jefferson's Pillow: The Founding Fathers and the Dilemma of Black Patriotism*, and serves on the board of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

In naming the minority scholarship for Claytor, President Murray also commended former Grand Valley Minority Affairs Dean Don Williams for his substantial contributions in building the university's enrollment of students of color, for remaining a tireless advocate on their behalf, and for his fundraising successes.

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Huck Finn his friend Jim (Adam Borst and Brian Christian) weave lessons about tolerance and friendship into the jaunty musical. Print-quality photo available for download from online release at gvsu.edu/news, or call Nancy at 895-2228 to have it emailed.

Family-friendly musical is GVSU's first summer production

"Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" runs June 6-9

Grand Valley students have chosen a large, fun, and meaningful musical for the university's first summer production in several decades. "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" will have four performances from June 6-9.

The award-winning show was written by William Hauptman based on the classic novel by Mark Twain, and as one would expect, it sweeps the audience down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. The boys' adventures along the way are at times hilarious, suspenseful, and heartwarming. Favorite characters from the novel make their appearance, including Tom Sawyer and the boys' rowdy gang of pals.

Performances last about 2 hours, 15 minutes, and are featured at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 6, 7 and 8; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9; at the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, GVSU Allendale Campus. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$4 for all college students, and \$2.50 for K-12 students. Tickets are

available at the door or by calling 895-2149.

Huck introduces the story and, at times, talks to the audience, so it's not necessary to know the story in advance, said Director Trinity Bird. Kids will like the slapstick humor and songs, and audiences of all ages will appreciate the messages that never get old: of tolerance, acceptance of others as equals, and friendship and loyalty. The brilliance with which Huck defies the racial stereotypes he's been taught about Jim, who is black, is especially wonderful, Bird said.

"It's a universal message that Mark Twain wrote in the 1800s, and that's still relevant and important today," said Bird.

Bird, a theater major who will graduate soon, spearheaded the summer project earlier this year, wondering if there would be enough interested students for a summer production -- the university's first in several decades. He found a surprising amount of interest: the cast and crew of "Big River" now include about 30 students, along with an alumnus and several children.

The role of Huck Finn is played by Adam Borst of Jenison; Jim is performed by Brian Christian of Detroit; Tom Sawyer, Peter Bisson of Hudsonville; and Pap Finn, by Michael Houser of Boyne City.

The winner of seven Tony Awards, "Big River" features music and lyrics by Roger Miller. The jaunty musical is a celebration of Americana for the whole family.

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**GRAND VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**
NEWS & INFORMATION

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Summer carillon concerts begin on Father's Day, June 16

*'International' and 'All-American' carillonneurs are featured on the
Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses, respectively*

True to tradition, Grand Valley State University's summer-long International Carillon Concert Series begins on Father's Day — providing a refreshing, open-air musical performance for the whole family to enjoy.

The free, hour-long concerts are held at 8 p.m. on Sundays from June 16 through August 18 at the Cook Carillon, located in the bell tower on the Allendale Campus, off M-45 just west of Grand Rapids. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax on the spacious lawn while listening to the music of the bells.

The eighth annual summer series features carillonneurs from around the nation and Western Europe, beginning with Grand Valley's own accomplished artist and carillon series coordinator. Schedule follows:

Cook Carillon International Concert Series Sundays at 8 p.m. • Allendale Campus

June 16: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, GVSU

June 23: Auke de Boer, The Netherlands

June 30: Liesbeth Janssens, Belgium

July 4 (Thurs.), 2 p.m.: Ceremonial tolling of bells by Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, followed by a patriotic concert.

July 7: Wylie Crawford, University of Chicago

July 14: Gijsbert Kok, The Netherlands

July 21: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, GVSU

July 28: Karen Meyers and Diane deVries, GVSU

Aug. 4: Jenny King, Michigan carillonneur

Aug. 11: Todd Fair, University of Denver

Aug. 18: Julia Walton, Michigan carillonneur

The Cook Carillon was installed in a 110-foot-tall tower on the Allendale Campus in 1994. Its 48 bells were cast in bronze in the Netherlands — the largest weighing nearly 3,000 pounds; the smallest, 14 pounds.

Grand Rapids Series

Carillon concerts by America's top university carillonners will be featured on GVSU's Beckering Family Carillon, located on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. The All-American Concert Series will be held at noon on Wednesdays, July 10-31. A list of featured carillonners follows:

All-American Concert Series at the Beckering Family Carillon Wednesdays at noon • Pew Grand Rapids Campus

- July 10:** Margo Halsted, University of Michigan
- July 17:** Ray McLellan, Michigan State University
- July 24:** Linda Dzuris, Clemson University, S.C.
- July 31:** Tin-shi Tam, Iowa State University

The Beckering Family Carillon was dedicated in 2000 and includes 48 bells housed in a striking 151-foot tower.

Note: In addition to the two summer concert series, GVSU carillonneur Julianne Vanden Wyngaard will provide weekly concerts at 12:15 p.m.: Tuesdays on the Cook Carillon, and Wednesdays and Sundays on the Beckering Family Carillon (except during July).

Call the GVSU Music Department at (616) 895-3484 for more information (use this number for publication).

For media interviews or more information, contact Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, university carillonneur and associate professor of music at GVSU, 616-895-2581.

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NEWS ADVISORY: Grand Valley holds Muskegon press conference

GVSU will announce a major development related to the Muskegon SmartZone on Monday, June 3

MUSKEGON -- Grand Valley State University hosts a press conference Monday, June 3, for an important announcement regarding the Muskegon SmartZone. The press conference will feature officials from Siemens Corp. and Grand Valley State University, to be joined by business and political leaders from Muskegon County.

Event Details

- When: Monday, June 3 at 2 p.m.
- Where: GVSU's Lake Michigan Center, 740 W. Shoreline Dr., Muskegon.
- Media Considerations: A multi-box will be available for broadcast media.

For more information, contact News and Information Services at (616) 895-2221.

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GVU Foundation Enrichment Dinner celebrates leadership

Four area business leaders will be honored at the 2002 Grand Valley University Foundation Enrichment Dinner for their contributions not only to the university, but also to West Michigan.

John H. Batts, Ralph W. Hauenstein, Clare F. Jarecki, and Leslie E. Tassell will be recognized at the annual dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, at the Amway Grand Plaza. The Capitol Steps, a touring troupe of current and former Congressional staff members, will provide entertainment for the event, which will begin at 6 p.m.

Batts was named president of Batts, Inc., in 1959. He led the Zeeland-based company to success as the second largest manufacturer of garment hangers in the world, before retiring in 1999.

His philanthropy has benefited Grand Valley and other West Michigan organizations over the years, including the Porter Hills Foundation and the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. Batts helped secure resources to increase Grand Valley's presence in downtown Grand Rapids and has been involved in capital campaigns for Grand Valley's Keller Engineering Laboratories and Center for Health Professions.

Col. Hauenstein was chief of the Intelligence Branch of the Headquarters of the European Theater of Operations during World War II. His job was to acquire and compile military intelligence about the enemy, then analyze it and disseminate it to Allied officers.

Following his military career, Hauenstein owned several companies, including Werner Lehara, Inc. He has been a board member of the Van Andel Institute and Jamestown Foundation. Through his endowment of the Ralph W. Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, he has ensured that government officials, scholars, students, and the public will benefit from his commitment to community and world peace.

At age 24, Jarecki became acting president and helped to keep his family's business afloat following the Great Depression. Known for progressive manufacturing techniques, the Jarecki Machine and Tool Company grew to become the largest tool and die firm of its era in West Michigan. Jarecki has made lead gifts to the campaigns for the Keller Engineering Laboratories and Center for Health Professions.

Tassell began his career in the tool and die industry at age 15 and continued through the Depression. Shortly after World War II, he partnered to form Superior Tool and Die Company. With Tassell at the helm, Superior expanded to become Lescoa -- one of the top 10 manufacturers in Kent County.

Tassell has also turned his entrepreneurial energies to philanthropic partnerships with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Michigan State University, Cascade Township, Grand Rapids Community College, and the Frederik Meijer Gardens. He also provided major support for the Keller Engineering Laboratories and a lead gift for the Center for Health Professions.

The Enrichment Dinner is a membership benefit for donors who contribute \$250 or more annually to the GVU Foundation. For more information, call Maribeth Wardrop, executive director of the GVU Foundation, at 616-771-6530.

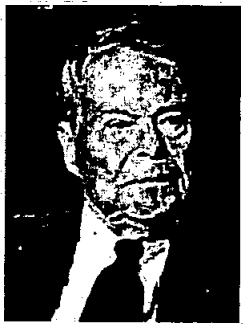
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Ralph W. Hauenstein



Clare F. Jarecki



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Will Clark, a Grandville High School graduate, places Grand Valley merchandise on racks at School Spirit, in Rivertown Crossings Mall.

Partnership between Grand Valley, retail store extends beyond merchandise

Laker apparel now available at Grandville mall

Visitors to Rivertown Crossings Mall in Grandville will now have opportunities to purchase Grand Valley State University sports apparel at a unique store run by high school students.

But the relationship between the university and retail store School Spirit goes beyond selling Laker T-shirts and sweatshirts. Students who help operate the store can learn more about selling merchandise on a college campus through mentorships with Grand Valley bookstore employees.

School Spirit, located on the first floor of Rivertown Crossings near the Cinemark theater entrance, is in its third year of operation. The store -- the first of its kind in the United States -- sells apparel from 30 area high schools and serves as an off-campus classroom for students from Grandville, Jenison, and Hudsonville high schools. Students take classes at the store and become part of the decision-making process regarding the store's displays, advertisements, budgets, and product lines.

The partnership between Grand Valley and School Spirit sprung from customer comments about carrying university sportswear, according to store manager Deb Bales.

"Grand Valley is popular with the community, and I heard things like, 'I don't want to go to (Allendale)' or 'the bookstore is closed when I get out of work,'" said Bales, who is employed by Grandville Public Schools as the store's business education coordinator.

She said merchandise from Michigan State, University of Michigan, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, and Hope College will be displayed at the store, but only GVSU and Davenport University have established mentorship programs.

Jerrold Nickels, Grand Valley's bookstore manager, said the partnership will be beneficial for School Spirit and GVSU.

"I think it will increase our visibility," he said. "Then, we'll be able to spend some time with the students and bring them in here to show how we do things on a larger scale of operations."

Grand Valley bookstores at the Allendale and Pew Grand Rapids campuses sell a wide variety of university clothes and gifts, textbooks, greeting cards, school and art supplies, and general reading books.

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Sources:

Deb Bales, Spirit Store manager, 616-534-1909;
John Schwalm, Grandville High School career coordinator, 616-254-6467;
Jerrold Nickels, GVSU bookstore manager, 616-895-2450.

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Hollywood cinematographer shoots a movie with GVSU students

Their big outdoor scene will be shot this Saturday

Cinematographer Jack Anderson, a 25-year Hollywood movie veteran who has worked with the likes of Steven Spielberg, Clint Eastwood, and Peter Bogdanovich, has come to West Michigan to work on his latest project: a movie he is producing with Grand Valley film and video students.

The movie, "Freezer Jesus," is the focus of this year's Summer Film Project, an annual undertaking of the GVSU School of Communications. An crew of 21 students is filming scenes for the production at farms between Allendale and Grand Rapids [directions below]. Local actors make up the cast. Anderson, who lives in Los Angeles, will be in town until June 15 to serve as director of photography for the film.

Anderson's camera credits run the gamut from big Hollywood films ("Hook," directed by Steven Spielberg) to award-winning indie flicks ("Always Say Goodbye") to television series ("Mad About You," "Third Rock from the Sun," etc.). Film and television credits are listed on page 2.

For the past month Anderson has been passing his knowledge of "the industry" along to Grand Valley students by teaching classes on the technical aspects of camera, grip and electrical work on movie and television sets. He discussed scenes from some films he's worked on, including Jim Jarmusch's cult classic "Down by Law" and William Freidkin's "To Live and Die in L.A." Now students are gaining firsthand experience on lighting, camera techniques, and shooting.

Anderson, 56, said that he is "pleasantly surprised" by the students' interest and capability. "What I find very nice is that not only have the students picked up on the technical information they need to know, but they've also been getting into the routine of a film set, which is difficult to do. It's like the military in a sense -- there's a hierarchy and there's a lot of hurry-up-and-wait. They understand it and are showing a lot of enthusiasm." They're also finding that 12-hour workdays are not uncommon.

The film, he said, is very good and might surprise people with its seriousness. Students will edit the film this summer and it will be debuted in the fall.

[Anderson and the student crew are shooting scenes this week. On Saturday, June 8, a scene involving a large outdoor crowd (60+ people) will be filmed. The site is Lubbers Family Farm (no relation to Arend Lubbers): from GR take M-45 west. Before reaching GVSU, go south (left) on 8th Ave. (at light). Go 1-1/2 miles to Luce St. Take right and see Lubbers Family Farm on left (862 Luce St.). Call numbers below for times.]

"Freezer Jesus" tells the story of a farmer whose life is turned upside-down after he sees the image of Jesus on his yellow Amana freezer. Word gets out and religious pilgrims begin to flock to his farm. The screenplay, selected anonymously through the School of Communications' annual screenplay competition, was submitted by John Dufresne, a prominent author and creative writing professor at Florida International University (johndufresne.com). "Freezer Jesus" is adapted from a story in his 1991 short story collection, "The Way that Water Enters Stone."

For more information:

Jack Anderson is in Allendale through June 15 and can be reached at 895-5827 or 310-505-0219 (cell).

John Harper Philbin, assistant professor in GVSU's School of Communications, is producer/director for the Summer Film Project. He can be reached at (616) 895-3608 or 3066.

Aaron Deiter, a film and video senior, is production manager, 892-5713.

For a list of cast and crew members, call 895-2228.

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CINEMATOGRAPHER JACK ANDERSON Film and Television Credits

(degrees from Cornell University and American Film Institute)

TV Series:

Mad About You (1992-1999) and Titus, Frasier, Third Rock from the Sun, Spin City, and many more

Feature films:

Always Say Goodbye (1997) Joshua Beckett
Showgirls (1995) Paul Verhoeven
Cheyenne Warrior (1994) Mark Griffiths
Mother (1994) Frank LaLoggia
Puppetmaster IV & V (1993, 1994) Jeff Burr
Ultraviolet (1992) Mark Griffiths
Prey of the Chameleon (1992) Fleming Fuller
Noises Off (1992) Peter Bogdanovich
Hook (1991) Steven Spielberg
Talent for the Game (1991) Robert M. Young
The Rookie (1990) Clint Eastwood
Predator 2 (1990) Steven Hopkins
I Love You to Death (1990) Lawrence Kasdan
Pretty Woman (1990) Garry Marshall
Child's Play 2 (1990) John Lafia
Cry in the Wind (1990) Mark Griffiths
She-Devil (1989) Susan Seidelman
Playroom (1989) Manny Coto
Bird (1988) Clint Eastwood
My Stepmother is An Alien (1988) Richard Benjamin
Jaws: The Revenge (1987) Joseph Sargent
Barfly (1987) Barbet Schroeder
Broadcast News (1987) James L. Brooks
Shy People (1987) Andrei Konchalovsky
Invaders from Mars (1986) Tobe Hooper
Down by Law (1986) Jim Jarmusch
Fool for Love (1986) Robert Altman
To Live and Die in L.A. (1985) William Friedkin
Dune (1984) David Lynch
Heart Like a Wheel (1983) Jonathan Kaplan
Dr. Detroit (1983) Michael Pressman
Firefox (1982) Clint Eastwood
Some Kind of Hero (1982) Michael Pressman
Cannery Row (1982) David S. Ward
White Dog (1982) Sam Fuller
The Long Riders (1980) Walter Hill
Oh, God! (1977) Carl Reiner
World's Greatest Lover (1977) Gene Wilder

GVSU rowers compete in England

The Laker men's and women's rowing teams are set to compete in the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta

Grand Valley State University's men's and women's rowing teams are heading to England to compete in the Royal Henley Regatta -- one of the most prestigious events in the sport.

The famed regatta on the Thames River, is held annually for five days in the town of Henley upon Thames in Oxfordshire. It was first held in 1839 and has been held each year ever since, except during the two World Wars. A total of 21 athletes from GVSU are going to England to race in Henley upon Thames. The event attracts some of the greatest rowers in the world and is attended by members of the royal family.

The men's team will race in the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta, which was first held in 1839. The women's team will race in the Price Waterhouse Collegiate Eight. The teams leave for England on June 17. The Women's Henley starts June 23. The Men's Henley begins on July 3. For more information, visit the regatta's Web site at www.hrr.co.uk.

When the Lakers arrive in England, they will face a familiar opponent. Amelia Bueche, a Grand Valley senior from Saginaw, will row against Grand Valley as a member of the Kingston University team.

Bueche is a biomedical sciences major studying at Kingston University in England on an exchange program. She was a member of the Grand Valley crew when she was studying in Allendale. Her love for the sport has been rekindled at Kingston, and she counts that experience as one of her favorites of the entire program.

"That's definitely been a good way to meet people here," she said. "I'll be competing as a Kingston student. It should be interesting."

Bueche added: "I'm not exactly (Grand Valley's) favorite person right now, because I'm rowing for Kingston."

"It's going to be a lot of fun for our team," said Laker coach Chad Jedlic, who is in his second year leading the club sport team. "We're staying in the dorms at Kingston and training at the Kingston Boathouse, so that will add to the rivalry, and spirit of competition."

The Grand Valley squad has been practicing twice a day to prepare for the grueling events. The races last only 6 or 7 minutes, but are an exercise in pain management as lactic acid builds up in the racers' muscles to near intolerable levels.

The women's team includes Emily Twitchell of Marquette, Sarah Maniaci of Howell, Caley Jelsma of Holland, Breanna Rypka of Grand Haven, Jenny Smith of Petoskey, Kate Maes of Jackson, Kim Yount of Canton, Carrie Sage of Detroit, Moe Wagner of Chicago and Lauren Groves of Commerce Township. The last time GVSU's women's team raced in the Henley Regatta, advanced all the way to the quarterfinals.

The men's team includes James LeBlanc of Ada, John Palk of McEwen, Tenn., Steve Tuls and Justin Lankeet of Holland, Keith Bouwman and Brian Bartek of Grand Rapids, Justin Martisius of Hastings, Shane Kamps of Grand Haven, Rick Schneider of Portland, Rob Johnson of Rockford and Nikki Seidl of Jackson.

The Laker teams compete in the Midwest Association of Rowing Colleges, with teams from the University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Notre Dame, and other universities.

After hosting its only home race, the Lubbers' Cup in March, Grand Valley traveled nearly every spring weekend to regattas. In mid-May the Lakers competed with 120 other teams at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia. The women's varsity team finished third in its repechage; men's varsity, fourth in a heat; women's novice four-team, fourth in its semi-final; and men's junior varsity, sixth in the grand finals.



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GVSU, Holland schools form partnership for teacher training, student learning

Educators at Holland Public Schools and Grand Valley State University believe not only does it take a community to raise a child, it takes a community to raise a teacher.

Under a new partnership established between the two institutions, Grand Valley education students will participate in a teacher-training program at Washington School, a K-5 school in Holland's historical district. Marcia Bishop, HPS superintendent, will formally announce the partnership at a school board meeting on Monday, June 17.

Bishop said Washington School was selected because of its diverse enrollment and active community center. Washington School serves 267 students; it also houses a community center that is open daily until 6 p.m.

"The staff and students learn from the diversity, celebrate it, and value their community," she said.

Anne Mulder, interim dean of GVSU's School of Education, said the partnership involves students and Grand Valley faculty and staff, who will engage in "front line" initiatives with the school.

"Our hope is that when our students emerge from this year-long experience they will be well-versed in the teaching/learning community that constitutes a school within a specific environment," Mulder said.

The program, designed by Grand Valley and Washington School faculty, will begin in January 2003.

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Sources:

Anne Mulder, interim dean GVSU School of Education, 616-895-2091;
Marcia Bishop, Holland Public School superintendent, 616-494-2000.

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Piano Pedagogy Conference kicks off at GVSU

More than 100 piano teachers and students will gather at Grand Valley State University this Friday and Saturday for the fourth annual Piano Pedagogy Conference, held June 21 and 22 in the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus.

Piano instructors from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois will attend the two-day seminar, which has grown into the largest independent piano conference in the country, said conference director Helen Marlais, assistant professor of music at GVSU. Sessions run 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and include workshops with nationally and internationally acclaimed piano clinicians.

The goals of the conference are two-fold, said Marlais: to offer a motivational, affordable, and very high-quality program for piano teachers from throughout the Midwest, and to apprise them of the exceptional music program GVSU offers. About 120 piano teachers and serious students are expected to attend.

Guest clinicians are like the encyclopedia for piano, said Marlais. Maurice Hinson, one of America's most respected authorities on piano literature, will offer sessions on both days. Hinson has performed, lectured, and given master classes worldwide and his books have become standards in the studios of serious piano teachers and students. In 1994 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Music Teachers National Association.

Other clinicians are Susan Guy West, who has taught piano pedagogy at Peabody Conservatory and George Mason University; Aviram Reichert, 1997 Van Cliburn medalist and associate professor of music at GVSU; Kurt Ellenberger, director of jazz studies at GVSU; and music faculty Gregory Crowell and Helen Marlais.

A conference highlight will be a recital by Reichert at 4 p.m. Friday in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. The performance is free and open to the public.

Note: Master classes and workshops will be going on throughout Friday and Saturday, so that at almost any time teachers and students can be photographed at the piano. For more information, call Helen Marlais at 895-3390 or 3484.

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Sources:

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GVSU budget up 3 percent per student for next year

Board sets tuition rate at state cap

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today approved the university's budget for the 2002-03 academic year. Overall per-student spending will increase by 3 percent compared to last year.

"This budget increase reflects the university's commitment to maintain quality while keeping costs as low as possible," said Dorothy A. Johnson, chair of the board.

In order to meet this budget in the face of flat funding from the state, tuition for full-time undergraduates was increased by just under \$200 per semester. Under the tuition schedule established today, a full-time Michigan resident freshman will pay \$2,527 per semester, an increase of 8.5 percent compared to last year.

"My recommendation to the board of an 8.5 percent tuition increase is in line with the agreement worked out in April between the state and its public universities," said President Mark A. Murray. "The state asked us to cap tuition rate increases at 8.5 percent or \$425. Using the 8.5 percent, the board adopted the less costly of the two caps."

Murray observed that the funding agreement between the state and the public universities is based on the promise that state funding will not be cut in the current fiscal year and that university appropriations will be held constant next year. "If for some reason the state becomes unable to keep its commitment, I may have to ask the board to consider changing the rate it established today," he said.

Murray reminded Grand Valley students and their parents that many are eligible for federal higher education income tax credits that range from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Many entering freshmen will also be eligible for the State of Michigan Merit Award of \$2,500. Grand Valley also offers need-based financial aid as well as a wide array of scholarship and loan programs.

GVSU is ranked as one of America's 100 Best College Buys by a publication of the same name that identifies college campuses with above-average quality and below-average tuition.

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Sources:

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Allendale July 4 parade to route through GVSU campus

For the second straight year, the Allendale Township Fourth of July parade will wind through Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, and travel south on Campus Drive ending near Lake Michigan Hall. With the theme "Allendale Celebrates Hometown Heroes," the grand marshal will be city resident Sherwin Nagelkirk.

University Carillonneur Julianne Vanden Wyngaard will perform a patriotic concert at 9:30 a.m. on the Cook Carillon Tower. She will also participate in a nationwide simultaneous bell-ringing ceremony at 2 p.m., followed by a brief concert.

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GVSU sets primary election candidate forums

Series of forums gives voters a chance to hear from candidates before the Aug. 6 primary election.

The Public Policy Institute at Grand Valley State University offers a series of candidate forums for selected races for the Aug. 6 primary election for state House and Senate. The forums are free and open to the public. Please note the times and locations for the legislative districts and the candidates who have been invited to attend:

● **Thursday, July 18**

Lake Michigan Center, 740 W. Shoreline Dr., Muskegon

7 p.m. House District 91 Republican primary: David Farhat, Kenneth J. Wolcott

8 p.m. House District 92 Democratic primary: Rep. Julie Dennis, Tom Nolan, Gregory Roberts

● **Monday, July 22**

Grand Rapids Press Auditorium, Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St., Grand Rapids

7 p.m. House District 72 Republican primary: Dennis J. Gillem, Kenneth D. Parrish, Steven F. Stapleton, Glenn Steil Jr.

8:15 p.m. House District 86 Republican primary: Wayne L. Creelman, Bob Eleveld, James Koetje, Ross Leisman

● **Tuesday, July 23**

Grand Rapids Press Auditorium, Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St., Grand Rapids

7 p.m. Senate District 24 Republican Primary: Rep. Patricia L. Birkholz, Terry Geiger, Joe Wicks

8 p.m. Senate District 29 Republican primary: Brian K. Craig, Timothy M. Doyle, Hon. Bill Hardiman.

● **Wednesday, July 24**

Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus

7 p.m. House District 88 Republican primary: Gary Dewey, Jeff Farnsworth, Rick Kraai, Fulton Sheen, Roger Van Volkinburg

8:15 p.m. House District 90 Republican Primary: Bill Huizenga, Case VanKempen

● **Thursday, July 25**

Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus

7 p.m. House District 89 Republican primary: Sen. Leon Stille, Rep. Barbara Vanderveen

8 p.m. Senate District 30 Republican primary: James C. Cooper, Timothy J. Dykstra, Rep. Wayne Kuipers, Philip Tanis, Rick VanderKolk

The Public Policy Institute at Grand Valley State University is an educational resource for elected officials, community leaders, and the general public. It is sponsored by the university with the goal of providing a forum for the exchange of ideas concerning public policy issues. For more information, visit the institute's Web site at www4.gvsu.edu/publicpolicy.

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Sources:

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Grand Valley will host LEAD students for summer camp

Tenth-grade students from Muskegon will experience college life during a two-day stay at Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus.

The students are participants in LEAD (Let Education Answer Dreams) 2005, a federally funded program geared at helping students from low-income families graduate from high school and go on to college or vocational school.

Grand Valley is one of LEAD's community partners, along with the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, Muskegon Public Schools, Muskegon Community College, Baker College of Muskegon, Child and Family Services, and Muskegon Area Intermediate School District.

The LEAD summer camp at Grand Valley will run in two sessions, on July 8-9, and July 10-11. Activities planned include campus tours, writing sessions, games, and presentations on careers. About 40 students are expected at each session. (For a schedule, call News and Information Services, 616-895-2221.)

Marcy Joy, LEAD program coordinator, said the program serves 239 students from Bunker Middle School who will graduate from high school in 2005. Education services include tutoring, summer school, campus visits, counseling, and after-school programs. LEAD students have opportunities to qualify for scholarships at GVSU, Muskegon Community College, or Baker College of Muskegon.

LEAD 2005 is sponsored by a \$875,000 federal grant and matching cash and services from the program's community partners.

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Sources:

Marcy Joy, LEAD program coordinator, 231-722-4538;

Vanessa Greene, GVSU continuing education coordinator, 616-895-3910

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Grand Valley State University Graduate List

More than 1,400 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in April, including 270 receiving master's degrees. A list of the names of GVSU's most recent graduates follows. GVSU focuses on undergraduate academics and is dedicated to individual student achievement. It has been named one of "America's 100 Best College Buys" for the past six years, and a recent UCLA study ranked it the most selective state college in Michigan in its category.

Students who graduated at the conclusion of the Winter 2002 semester in April include:
(A key to degree and honor abbreviations is on page 15.)

Ada:	BARNES, ANGELA A.	MS	Allendale:	DANIEL, MICHELLE L.	BS
	CHERBA, DAVID M.	MS	(continued)	DUGAN, BRENNAN L.	BA
	LAPUS, JENNIFER E.	BBA		EISENTRAUT, PETER	BA S
	STEVENS, KIRSTYN M.	BBA		EVERETT, ELAINNE M.	BSN
	WILLIAMS, CARMEN M.	BS		FISHER, JOSHUA D.	BS
Adrian:	BANFIELD, MEGAN L.	BBA		GRANATA, RICHARD J., JR.	BS
	BYRD, ALYSSA M.	BA		HAVEMAN, ROBERT J.	BBA
	CHOINSKI, GREG D.	BBA		HSIEH, SHIH-WEI	BS
	DOWLING, JEREMY E.	BS		HUBINSKY, PAUL J.	MED
	MCCULLAR, KERRY L.	BS		IGNATOSKI, KELLY	MED
	MUCK, BENJAMIN R.	BS		KEAST, ALLISON M.	BA
	TORONY, REBECCA L.	BS		LAFORTE, RUSSELL B.	BS
Afton:	JUNG, VERONICA A.	MSW		LAKEMAN, ASA J.	BBA
Albion:	HAMILTON, DEANNA R.	BSN M		LUTKE, KARI A.	BS
Algonac:	CAMERON, NICOLE A.	BSW		MCCREA, PATRICIA D.	MED
Allegan:	BILL, HEATHER M.	BS C		MEREDITH, MARY E.	MSW
	COOK, JENNIFER E.	BA		MERKLE, HARLAN B.	BBA
	DEETZ, KRISTEN L.	BA		MISTRETTA, ANGELA M.	BA
	LEWIS, TAMMY L.	BA		MITCHELL, JOSEPH P.	BS
	TENCLAY, JENNIFER	MSW		REDMOND, JASON R.	BS
Allendale:	ASUMA, THOMAS S.	BS		RYBINSKI, RICHELLE	MED
	BEAUDETTE, HEATHER A.	BBA BA		SHAFFER, JERRY K.	BS
	BERANEK, AMY R.	BA		STROBEL, WENDY D.	BBA
	BLOEM, KERI A.	BSW C		TOLLEFSON, STEVEN J.	BS
	BLOEMERS, MARISSA A.	BS		VANDERVEEN, KURT J.	BS
	BODE, KIM J.	BA		VANENK, JESSE D.	BS
	CHAMPION, CRISTI A.	MS		VEGTER, ERIC J.	BBA
				WEIHAUCH, JACOB C.	BS
				WOLBRINK, AMANDA R.	BBA
				ZARNOSKY, AARON R.	MPA
				ZIMMER, ANDREA J.	BBA M
				ZYCH, JENNIFER M.	BSN

Alma:	BALLINGER, KATHRYN J. CURTIS, AMANDA K. ROBERTS, ELAINE R.	MSW MSW BA	Blissfield: (continued)	LAVOY, NATHAN L.	BS
Alpena:	LEWANDOWSKI, JENNIFER PERRY, MINDI M. WISNIEWSKI, JEFFREY J.	MED MSW MPA	Bloomfield Hills:	CASKEY, CATHERINE M. CHAUDHRY, RASHID A., JR. DUNN, BRADLEY A. STANTON, ETHAN J.	BSW BS BS BA
Alto:	BRILLOWSKY, KATE E. GLESS, NATHAN J. MUUSE, MONICA A. SMITH, JENNIFER L. WIERENGA, KEVIN	BS BBA BS M MS BBA	Boon:	PACKER, ELIZABETH A.	BA
Ann Arbor:	HOLLERAN, ELISSA R. SKYLIS, NICOLE E.	BBA BS	Boyne City:	SWARTZ, MICHAEL L. WOLF, SARAH M.	BS BS
Armada:	GLOVER, KATHRYN L. SIEMEN, ADELE S.	BS BS	Boyne Falls:	UTLEY, MICHELLE L.	MED
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Augres:	SCHMIDT, CORRIE L.	MS	Brethren:	MLEJNEK, JAMES R., II	BS
Bad Axe:	KALIS, ERIKA A. LISS, MELISSA A. MILES, JOHN D.	MS BS BS	Bridgeman:	ROBERTS-LAUER, MACKENZIE SMUSZ, CHRISTOPHER C.	BBA BS
Bailey:	GEE, LISABETH J. WOOD, CHERI L.	MPA MED	Brighton:	DOMBROWSKI, BETH J. KELLAMS, LAURIE M. OLIVIER, NICHOLE R.	MSW BS C BS C
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Bay City:	RABIDOUX, JESSICA L.	BA	Burnips:	STRICKFADEN, ANGELA M.	MSW
Bay View:	VANDERLINDE, SARAH A.	BA	Byron:	WONDOLKOWSKI, AMY S.	MS
Bear Lake:	BRADFORD, JASON J. MATESICH, GAIL S.	BS BA M	Byron Center:	BAIRD, CARL E. BOMGAARS, MARY L. HALL, LAURA J. HESSELINK, SCOTT R. KOOPTMAN, ANDREW S. LLEWELLYN, JULIE D. OVERKLEEF, JEFFREY W. PALMBOS, MATTHEW J. RATERINK, MARYELLEN K. ROELOFS, CARLA S. SCHICHEL, CASEY M. STEPHENS, DENISE J. VANSOLKEMA, ANDREW J. VELTHOUSE, MARC D. VREDEVOGD, DEBORAH L. ZOERMAN, DANIELLE M.	BBA MSW BSN BBA M BS BBA BS BS BBA BSN BS BS C BFA BBA BA M BSN
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Berrien Springs:	DODSON, STACEY R. ZECH, ERIN M.	BA BS			
Beulah:	ADAMS, BRIAN C.	BS			
Big Rapids:	RUTTAN, DEANN M. SAMUELS, SUSAN M.	BA MSW			
Blissfield:	FILIPEK, JANINE A. FREDERICK, ERIC M.	BS BA			

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

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BBA	Bachelor of Business Administration
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts
BM	Bachelor of Music
BME	Bachelor of Music Education
BS	Bachelor of Science
BSE	Bachelor of Science Engineering
BSN	Bachelor of Science Nursing
BSW	Bachelor of Social Work
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MED	Master of Education
MHS	Master of Health Science
MPA	Master of Public Administration
MPAS	Master's in Physician Assistant Studies
MS	Master of Science
MSE	Master of Science Engineering
MSN	Master of Science Nursing
MSN/MBA	Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration
MST	Master of Science Taxation
MSW	Master of Social Work

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S	Summa cum laude – 4.000



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STEPS camp teaches girls how to fly

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers' Science Technology and Engineering Preview summer camp for girls has landed at Grand Valley

A group of girls entering the 7th grade will design and fly a radio-controlled airplane at Grand Valley State University as part of a summer camp aimed at increasing interest in science and engineering among girls.

The Regional Math and Science Center and the Padnos School of Engineering at Grand Valley, in conjunction with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Educational Foundation hosts STEPS (Science Technology and Engineering Preview Summer) camp.

The STEPS program is a one-week introduction to the world of technology and engineering for girls entering the 7th grade. The purpose of the camp is to introduce young women to the opportunities for technical careers early enough to influence their choices of math, science and technical courses in middle school and high school.

STEPS provides an opportunity for girls to learn more about what engineers do. The workshops are taught by instructors with a background in engineering, technology and science. Activities include designing, manufacturing and flying a radio-controlled airplane.

News media are invited to visit the STEPS flight event on **Wednesday, July 17, 2002 from 6-8 p.m.** (in the event of rain, the media availability will be **Thursday, July 18, 2002 from 9-11 a.m.**). Reporters should sign in at the Warped Wings Remote Control Flying Field, located between Pierce and Alger streets on 56th Avenue in Allendale. A map is available at www.homestead.com/warpedwings. For more information, contact Brian J. Bowe, (616) 895-2221.

STEPS, a tuition-free, technology-based summer camp for girls, was created in 1997 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout as part of an effort to attract more woman and minorities into the field of engineering early in their academic pursuits. The program targets young people at two critical stages, as they enter seventh grade and then again in 10th and 11th grades.

Celebrating its 70th anniversary, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers is the world's leading professional society supporting manufacturing education. Through its member programs, publications, expositions, and professional development resources, SME promotes an increased awareness of manufacturing engineering and helps keep manufacturing professionals up to date on leading trends and technologies. Headquartered in Michigan, SME influences more than half a million manufacturing engineers and executives annually. The Society has members in 70 countries and is supported by a network of hundreds of chapters worldwide. For more information, visit the society's Web site at www.sme.org.

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Barbee named Alumni Relations director

Grand Valley State University has named Christopher Barbee its new Director of Alumni Relations.

Barbee, a 1988 Grand Valley graduate, assumes his new position on Aug. 19. He returns to his alma mater after serving for 8 years as press secretary for U.S. Rep. Vernon Ehlers.

"It is an honor and privilege to return to my alma mater as the Director of Alumni Relations. I am extremely excited to return to Grand Valley and I look forward to meeting alumni members and renewing old friendships within the campus community," Barbee said.

Barbee follows longtime Alumni Relations Director Nancee Miller, who retired in July after 17 years in that post.

"I want to thank Nancee Miller for the solid foundation she has built in the Alumni Relations department and for her dedication in spreading Laker pride everywhere," Barbee said. "It is my goal to continue to spread the enthusiasm she passed along to me over the years."

Vice President for Development Maribeth Wardrop said: "Chris is a solid member of the emerging generation of Grand Valley alumni who are taking their place as leaders in all walks of life. Over 60 percent of our alumni graduated since the late '80s, and as a 1988 graduate, Chris represents that group very well. His experience in Congress will help in our outreach to our alumni, and he has the personal character that will help both our pioneer alumni and recent graduates to connect with him.

"He has tremendous energy, passion, commitment and a belief in the value that Grand Valley brings to the community and state," Wardrop added.

Barbee holds a bachelor's degree in broadcasting with emphasis areas in advertising, public relations and journalism. He was born and raised in Kalamazoo and is a graduate of Mattawan High School. He has a wife, Janice, and a daughter, Maya.

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Students solving industry problems

Students in GVSU's Padnos School of Engineering show off senior projects in design conference, followed by commencement

Students in GVSU's Seymour and Esther Padnos School of Engineering will show off their talents in a day-long design conference Friday, Aug. 2.

On display will be ten projects with a combined materials value of more than \$125,000, which were designed to address actual problems and needs of area companies. The conference celebrates the successful completion of the Capstone Design Program, in which teams of senior engineering students solve engineering design problems sponsored by participating industries and other sponsoring organizations.

The projects take two semesters to complete, and at the end the companies who participate have an actual working design. The cost for the sponsoring industries is materials -- the students are not paid for their work, but instead gain college credit and valuable real-life working experience.

"They gain a lot of experience that there's no way you can teach in the classroom," said Jeff Ray, an associate professor in the Padnos School of Engineering and Engineering Design Center coordinator. The projects on display Friday were completed by 51 students and include:

- Developing an automated sample collection system for Dana's Perfect Circle Division
- Designing a device to automatically test F-16 button and knob controls for Goodrich Avionics Systems
- Helping Siemens Dematic overcome a problem in Wal-Mart distribution centers
- Building and programming of an automated circuit board tester for Eaton Aerospace
- Engineering of a power transmission and electrical generator for use in an innovative residential wind turbine for Dr. Steve Platt, inventor of the Windfeather wind turbine

The day culminates in the Order of the Engineer Iron Ring ceremony, which is a special commencement ritual for Engineering students. The graduates earn their degrees later in the year than the traditional spring ceremony because they must complete a year-long co-op experience. In the ceremony, each student receives an iron ring, placed on the little finger of the working hand, which symbolizes bridging the step between training and experience. The practice started in Canada and is firmly established in the U.S.

Events open to the media include project displays from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the Order of the Engineer ceremony from 7-8 p.m.

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Oscar Arias
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Nobel Peace prize recipient will highlight Fall Teaching Conference

Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica and a Nobel Peace Laureate, will address Grand Valley State University faculty members at a conference to kick off the 2002-03 academic year.

Arias' speech will coincide with the theme of the conference, "Can the Center Hold? Terrorism, Globalization, and the Value of Liberal Learning." Sponsored by Grand Valley's Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, the conference is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 21**, with Arias' speech beginning at 9 a.m. in Padnos Hall on the Allendale Campus. (The conference is closed to the public, but media members are welcome to cover Arias' speech.)

Arias holds international stature as a spokesman for the Third World. By championing issues like human development, democracy, and demilitarization, he has traveled around the world to discuss, among other topics, applying lessons from the Central American Peace Process to topics of current global debate.

He was elected president of Costa Rica in 1986 after serving in Congress and as secretary-general of the National Liberation Party. Arias was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1987 for drafting a peace plan that was signed by all Central American presidents. He used the Nobel Peace prize monetary award to establish the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress.

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September 2002 Events at GVSU

ART

8/23-9/27

"Engaging Memory: Contemporary Interpretations of War." The exhibition showcases the work of Renee Zettle-Sterling, a professor of art and design at Grand Valley, whose "sculptural metal mouthpieces" give voice to veterans' experiences of war. In three-dimensional constructions she terms "actualities," Zettle-Sterling provides a thought-provoking look at the human response to wars and violent social movements of the past 100 years. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center.

9/30-5/30

"Honoring the Brooks Family: The Dutch Collection of Prints." This exhibit celebrates contributions by the Donna and James Brooks family to Grand Valley and the Holland community with the first major exhibition held at the university's Meijer Campus in Holland. On display will be significant pieces from the Brooks' recent gift to Grand Valley of 500 works on paper by contemporary Dutch artists. The exhibition will be on display through May 2003 at the Meijer Campus, 515 S. Waverly Rd. in Holland.

MUSIC

Call (616) 895-3484 for more information. Events are free of charge unless noted otherwise.

9/9 Monday

Baritone **Dale Schriemer**, a professor of voice at GVSU, opens the 2002-2003 concert season, appearing with **Aviram Reichert**, 1997 Van Cliburn bronze medalist and piano professor at GVSU, the **Perugino String Quartet**, and guitarist **Brian Morris**. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center.

9/14 Saturday

The legendary **Kenny Wheeler** with the **Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra**. Appearing as rhythm section will be the **GVSU Faculty Jazz Trio** and vocalist **Sunny Wilkinson**, a Michigan favorite, will also appear. Tickets: \$7 general public; free admission for all students. Call (616) 895-3484 to reserve tickets. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center.

9/16 Monday

Arts at Noon Series. **Sören Hermansson**, horn, and **Erica Goodman**, harp, join forces to present a program of 19th century French and Italian duos. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

9/16 Monday

Clarinetist **Arthur Campbell** presents premieres of engaging new works for clarinet and electro-acoustic processing by Norwegian composer **Natasha Barrett** and American composer **Benjamin Broening**. Campbell has received international acclaim for his work with new music. Tickets: \$7 general public; free admission for all students. Call (616) 895-3484 to reserve tickets. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center.

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9/24 Tuesday

Eric Tanner, violin, with **Robert Byrens**, piano. Tanner, a member of the Perugino String Quartet, is principal second violin of the Grand Rapids Symphony. Joining Tanner and Byrens will be GVSU horn professor **Paul Austin** performing the *Brahms Horn Trio*. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center.

9/25 Wednesday

Arts at Noon Series. University Carillonneur **Julianne Vanden Wyngaard** will present a recital of music for the carillon that has been written over the recent 200 years. Seating will be provided on the lawns surrounding the Cook Carillon Tower. 12 p.m.

9/26 and 28

Music Department Concert. **The Old Vienna Comedy Project, Show #3. Nostalgia and Thievery — Music of the '20s**. A lecture-recital designed by **Lisa Feurzeig** and **John Sienicki** highlighting the serious music in the great social-commentary comedies of three very similar decades: the 1720s, 1820s, and 1920s. Will the 2020s be the same? Musical selections from London, Vienna, Berlin, and Louisiana, performed by an ensemble of GVSU students and recent graduates. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center.

THEATER

Grand Valley's ninth annual **Shakespeare Festival** presents:

9/27-10/6

Shakespeare Festival Mainstage Play. **The Merchant of Venice**. Shakespeare's classic comedy/drama tackling such themes as love, racism, wealth, and social justice in the cash-crazed economy of Renaissance Venice. Christian entrepreneurs vie with Jewish moneylenders for economic power, exotic princes vie for the hand of the beautiful and wealthy Portia, and all their lives intertwine in the public arena, where they discover whether mercy or justice will prevail. A company of students and guest artists, staged by faculty director Karen Libman.

September 27, 28, and October 2, 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m.

September 28, 29 and October 6 at 2 p.m.

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center

Tickets: general public \$10-\$2.50. For tickets or information, call the box office at (616) 895-2300.

9/29 Sunday

Shakespeare Festival. **Boarshead Feast**. Join the lords, ladies, kings and queens, as well as the common folk, for a Renaissance-inspired feast and entertainment by the Grand Valley Madrigal Singers. Follows a 2 p.m. performance of **The Merchant of Venice**. 5 p.m. Alumni House and Visitor's Center. Tickets must be purchased by September 20. Call (616) 895-2300 for reservations.

9/30 Monday

Shakespeare Lecture. "**My Life with Shakespeare: An Actor's Reflection**," by Shakespeare scholar and actor **Louis Zorich**. 4 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

10/2 Wednesday

Shakespeare Festival Symposium. "**Do I Not Bleed? The Meaning of 'Merchant' in Today's World**." A panel of local community and religious leaders will discuss messages in **The Merchant of Venice**. Audience question-and-answer session included. 4 p.m. Location TBA.

10/4 & 12 Friday and Saturday

Shakespeare Festival. **Bard to Go**. Special campus performance of Grand Valley's touring show, **Lovestruck**, which presents a collage of scenes from several of Shakespeare's most beloved plays. 3 p.m. Oct. 4, 2 p.m. Oct. 12. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

10/12-13 Saturday and Sunday

Shakespeare Festival. **Renaissance Festival**. Period food, music, theater, juggling, children's games, mock sword fighting, minstrels, medieval merchants, and much more. Popular daylong festival begins at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Cook Carillon Tower. Free admission.

LECTURES AND READINGS

Sept. 19

Poetry Reading by **Anita Skeen**, professor at Michigan State University and author of the collection "The Resurrection of Animals," and **Karl Elder**, professor at Lakeland College (Wis.) and author of five collections of poetry. Elder's poems are included in "September 11: America's Writers Respond" (2002) and in "Best American Poetry." Free admission. 7 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. (616) 895-3603

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'Surviving College' seminar planned to help freshmen adjust

Seminar, overnight for minority GVSU students

Prior to hitting the books, some Grand Valley State University students will hit the water, on a canoe trip designed to build friendships and mentorships.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is coordinating a "Surviving College" orientation for incoming freshmen enrolled in one of three minority scholarship programs. About 50 students, including upperclassmen as mentors, are expected to attend the **August 21-23 event**, which is also sponsored by Grand Valley's Math and Science Division. GVSU classes begin on Monday, August 26.

Eduardo Sanchez, assistant director of Multicultural Affairs, said the orientation includes an overnight stay at Montague's Pioneer Trails, where the group will take a four-hour canoe trip. Other activities include seminars on community service and time management, cultural workshops, and a welcome address from President Mark A. Murray. (A schedule of events is available for media members, call News and Information Services at 616-895-2221.)

Participating students are enrolled in one of three programs designed to address the academic and social needs of minority students in business, science and mathematics, and education.

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GVSU Celebrates Space Exploration

Super Science Saturday event at the IMAX puts focus on space exploration with films, workshops

Grand Valley State University's Regional Math and Science Center presents a day-long fun and educational celebration of space exploration on Saturday, October 19, 2002.

Super Science Saturday at the IMAX: Celebrating Space Exploration is a day of science fun for children, teachers and parents. Scheduled events will include:

- Free hands-on science activities and demonstrations related to traveling, living and working in space
- The amazing IMAX feature film "Space Station 3-D" at the reduced group rate of \$5 per person
- Special invited guests: a NASA astronaut and aerospace education specialist
- Classic science fiction films for a nominal admission fee

Event details

Date: Oct 19, 2002

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Celebration Cinema/IMAX, corner of Knapp and East Beltline, Grand Rapids

The event is sponsored by Grand Valley State University, GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center and IMAX. For more information, contact Karen Meyers, Regional Math and Science Center, at (616) 895-2267 or visit www.gvsu.edu/rmsc.

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Convocation kicks off fall semester at Grand Valley

Students move into living centers on Wednesday

The annual Fall Convocation at Grand Valley State University to kick off the 2002-03 academic year is scheduled for **Friday, August 23**.

Faculty members and students participating in the ceremony will wear academic robes and process into the Fieldhouse Complex, on the Allendale Campus, for the 10:30 a.m. ceremony. Gayle Davis, the university's new provost, will give the keynote address. Davis, former associate vice president for Academic Affairs and Research at Wichita State University, began her duties at Grand Valley on July 1.

GVSU classes begin on Monday, August 26. Other media opportunities this week include:

Wednesday, August 21

9 a.m.: Faculty Teaching and Learning Conference, keynote speech by Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica and 1987 Nobel Peace Laureate. Padnos Hall.

Move-in day: Students begin moving into living centers on Allendale Campus. Best times between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Welcome/information center is located in Kleiher Commons.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Student nerve center to be dedicated

GVSU's Kirkhof Center, which has undergone a significant renovation project, will be dedicated Aug. 28

For members of the Grand Valley State University community, the Kirkhof Center has always been a hub of activity. But now, thanks to a 16-month renovation project, the building will become even more filled with action.

Grand Valley celebrates the dedication of the newly renovated Kirkhof Center. The 16-month construction project includes a three-floor addition to the northwest side of the existing building. The new 43,000 square foot addition includes student organization and assembly space, student activities programming space and space for the Office of Student Life.

Significant interior renovation was done to the entire existing 73,000 square foot building including the creation of a main street atrium area providing light dining, shopping, information services and social lounge space. Other areas include expanded seating for dining, upgraded food service, new games lounge and big-screen theater, e-mail computer terminals, and student lounge areas are all highlights of the renovation. New space for the Women's Center is located on the main level. Renovations within the University Bookstore include the new Copy Center + for printing services and mail services.

The exciting transformation of the existing building includes expansive atrium space and creates a welcoming environment for the campus community to come together and enjoy university life at Grand Valley.

This fall semester the Kirkhof Center will be open until midnight Sunday through Thursday and until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Media Considerations

- A brief ceremony and traditional ribbon cutting will be held at noon on **Wednesday August 28, 2002** at the Kirkhof Center on the Allendale Campus. President Mark A. Murray and Student Senate President Thomn Bell will provide remarks regarding the impact of this exciting project on the campus community. Building tours and an ice cream social will follow the ceremony. The event is open to the public, and news media are encouraged to attend.
- Student artist Lisa Orr will be at the dedication. Her sculpture of stained glass airplanes was selected from a student competition. The sculpture is located on the main level in the center of the building.

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President Mark A. Murray helps freshman Craig Florek move into his living center.

GVSU students get presidential help during move-in days

Several Grand Valley State University students had assistance from the president to move boxes and personal items into their living center rooms.

Mark A. Murray was among hundreds of faculty and staff volunteers who donated time during student move-in days to direct traffic or move items from parent's vans into the student's rooms.

Murray is pictured talking to Craig Florek, of Rochester Hills. Florek is a graduate of Brother Rice High School.

GVSU opened four new living centers this year to house an additional 560 students. The two-person units are equipped with a bath, kitchenette and two private bedrooms.

Classes at Grand Valley begin on Monday, August 26.

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Health forums touch on hot topics

A series of discussions at Grand Valley focus attention on today's biggest health care issues.

Grand Valley State University is set to host a series of discussions aimed at helping people discover what the experts are saying about today's health care issues.

The Autumn Health Forums are a series of discussions that focus attention on health care topics of interest to both the general public and health care professionals. The forums are intended to provide an informative, interesting and sometimes provocative way to explore some of the leading health care issues of the day.

The hour-long sessions begin at noon in the Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. The forums are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call (800) 690-0314.

- **Wednesday, September 25**
How Genomics Changes Everything for Providers and Patients
Kent Bottles, MD and Chief Executive Officer of the Grand Rapids Medical and Research Center, professor and vice provost for health, Grand Valley State University
- **Wednesday, October 9**
Hormone Replacement Therapy: What's Next for Living with Menopause?
Ann L. Steiner, M.D. clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and a certified menopause practitioner
- **Wednesday, October 16**
How Can the Public be Assured that the Doctors We Train are Competent and Compassionate?
Richard F. LeBlond, M.D., professor of clinical internal medicine, University of Iowa College of Medicine
- **Wednesday, November 20**
Can Quality Initiatives Save Employers Money and Give Patients Better Outcomes?
Maulik S. Joshi, Dr.P.H., vice president of the Institute for Health Care Improvement, Boston.

The forums are sponsored by St. Mary's Medical Center and Spectrum Health and are presented by the Grand Valley State University Division of Continuing Education and the Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center for Health Professions.

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Partnership will target youth, parents about alcohol dangers

GVSU, WGVU, community groups earn project grant

Three years ago, a task force survey revealed that 70 percent of K-12 youth in Kent and Ottawa counties said they drink alcohol. Yet, 85 percent of parents surveyed at the same time said they believe their child does not drink.

To raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking, the Alcohol Education, Research, and Training (ALERT) Labs at Grand Valley State University formed a partnership with WGVU Public Broadcasting and two community groups: Attitudes Matter, an Ottawa County task force, and the Alano Club of Kent County. Under the name "Positive Influences," the partners will target students and parents in the Allendale and Spring Lake school districts.

Positive Influences was one of 36 nationwide projects funded under Sound Partners for Community Health, a competitive grant program that supports collaborations between public broadcasters and local organizations around critical health issues.

Steve Chappell, WGVU grant writer, said the \$22,500 grant allows for months of planning before implementation begins in January. Along with television and radio programming, Positive Influences will host community forums, participate in group recovery and educational meetings, and produce video and audiotapes for distribution in schools.

Nancy Harper, director of Grand Valley's ALERT Labs, said the goal behind the partnership is to change student and adult perceptions about the extent and nature of alcohol use. Harper said the group plans to use the same "social norms" approach that has been successful at increasing the number of GVSU students who decide to abstain from drinking, or limit drinking to one or two drinks per occasion.

"It's different from the failed attempts that tried to scare people sober," Harper said. An ALERT survey conducted last year found that the number of Grand Valley students who reported they binge drink (total of 12-15 drinks per week) decreased by 44 percent since 1999.

Shannon Cooper, from Attitudes Matter, said she hopes to translate those figures to K-12 students and their parents.

"We have to sell the message to parents that underage drinking is a problem and that parents can make a difference," she said. Attitudes Matter surveyed Ottawa County youth and their parents about alcohol perceptions in 1999.

Sound Partners is a Benton Foundation project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. A total of \$1.7 million was awarded to 29 public radio stations and seven public TV stations. WCMU Public Broadcasting in Mount Pleasant was the only other Michigan station to receive a grant. With Michigan Coordinated Community Child Care, WCMU will produce programs to raise awareness about early childhood obesity.

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'Actuality #8.' Print-quality photo can be downloaded from the online release at gvsu.edu/news.

War and its impact explored at GVSU Art Gallery

The 'metal mouthpieces' depict veterans' memories/emotional responses

The Grand Valley State University Art Gallery begins the school year with an examination of a subject that is at once familiar and foreign to most Americans: the phenomenon of war.

On exhibit now through September 27 is *Engaging Memory: Contemporary Interpretations of War*, artist Renee Zettle-Sterling's exploration of war and its impact on individuals.

Zettle-Sterling interviewed war veterans as a starting point for the exhibition. Her resulting three-dimensional metal mouthpieces -- so named not only because they give voice to veteran's experiences, but because they are actually designed to be held in the mouth -- form the basis of the exhibit. The 12 bronze, copper, brass and silver mouthpieces, which she calls "actualities," represent veterans' responses when asked to talk about their war experiences, said Zettle-Sterling.

"The mouthpieces either act as corks to stop the flow of memory, or they function as repositories and even a catalyst for memory," she said.

One, "Actuality #8," shows welded toy soldiers pouring from a faucet in a tangled, sometimes dismembered heap. In another, soldiers' letters and pictures are arranged on an acetate pinwheel. Doilies share space with grenades in the displays. Above all, said Sterling-Zettle, whose father and grandfather are veterans, her intent was to present an honest portrayal of war and its impact on individuals.

"The 'actualities' are really about the realities of war -- being lonesome, being homesick -- things that are down to earth and universal about war", she said. "I started this two years ago to memorialize these ordinary guys who are caught in extraordinary situations. I think what they do is amazing."

Engaging Memory also includes letters written by military personnel and mounted on plexiglass -- heart-wrenching to read as many of the young soldiers never made it home -- photographs, and an audio display of some of Zettle-Sterling's interviews with veterans.

The exhibition is explained more thoroughly in an essay by Kim Theriault, assistant professor of art and design at GVSU, printed on the back of posters available at the gallery. Theriault said she has more than a professional interest in her colleague's artwork: included in the exhibit is the last letter Theriault's father, Samuel Theriault, a sergeant serving in the Vietnam War, sent home to her mother before he was killed in action. Theriault will give a lecture at the Art Gallery on Sept. 25.

Accompanying the exhibit are lectures on the subject of war. All begin at 7 p.m. at the Art Gallery:
Sept. 11: "Traumatic Pasts: War, Psychological Wounds and the 20th Century," by Dr. Jason Crouthamel.
Sept. 18: "The Good War: The Cultural Memory and Moral Meaning of World War II," Dr. Paul Murphy.
Sept. 25: "Re-Membering Vietnam: War, Trauma, and the Phenomenon of the Wall," by Dr. Kim Theriault.

The GVSU Art Gallery is located in the Performing Arts Center, Allendale. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursdays. Call (616) 895-2564 for more information.

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GVSU announces auditions for 'Little Women'

Grand Valley State University announces auditions for its fall production of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," directed by guest artist Jeralyn Pinsky.

Auditions for the roles of Aunt March, John Brook, and Mr. March will take place:

Friday, September 13
6-9 p.m.
Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center
Allendale Campus

Saturday, September 14
2-5 p.m.
Room 1506, Performing Arts Center

Callbacks will take place in the afternoon on September 15.

Auditions will consist of cold readings. Performance dates for "Little Women" are November 15-17, 21, and 22.

For more information, please call Paul Collins, 895-2561.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: GVSU to commemorate 9/11

Grand Valley State University is holding a series of events to commemorate the tragedy of Sept. 11. The events are open to the public and news media.

• **8:46 am: Remembrance tolling of the bells**

Cook Carillon, Allendale Campus
Beckering Carillon, Pew Grand Rapids Campus
No speaking program is planned.

• **Noon: Remembrance Musical Selections - Reflection time**

Beckering Carillon, Pew Grand Rapids Campus
No speaking program is planned.

• **12:15 p.m.: Memorial Dedication**

VanSteeland Arboretum, Allendale Campus

The campus community will come together to dedicate a memorial area in the VanSteeland Arboretum to honor the innocent people who lost their lives and for those who gave their lives trying to help others.

• **9:30 p.m.: Candlelight Vigil**

Cook Carillon Plaza, Allendale Campus

The campus community will come together in remembrance of September 11, 2001. Grand Valley President Mark A. Murray and others will address the campus community. Special musical performances including the Cook Carillon and bagpipes will support the tribute.

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Harold Decker. Download this photo from the online release at www.gvsu.edu/news.

American Red Cross official to speak at non-profit governance conference

Harold Decker will address board accountability on Sept. 20

Grand Rapids, Mich.--Harold Decker, general counsel and corporate secretary of the American Red Cross, will give the keynote address at an upcoming conference at Grand Valley State University geared toward helping nonprofit boards function more effectively.

The conference, "Governing Nonprofits For Success," takes place 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on September 20 at the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. Registration is open to interested individuals (details at end).

"Harold Decker is unique in his ability to speak to the challenges which nonprofits face today in governing their organization," says Donna VanIwaarden, director of the Dorothy Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, a co-sponsor of the conference.

Decker will speak on the topic, "The New Era of Board Accountability." His remarks will address how the aftermath of Enron and other corporate board scandals has resulted in renewed focus on the organizational effectiveness of nonprofits, their boards, and CEOs.

A graduate of Kalamazoo College, Decker is a member of the state bars of Michigan, the District of Columbia, and California. Prior to his position at the American Red Cross, Decker was associate general counsel and vice president at the Fortune 500 company Pharmacia Corporation.

Targeted especially for nonprofit CEOs and board members, the half-day conference will offer professionally facilitated discussions concerning new approaches to board effectiveness and executive relationships, discussion of the latest governance challenges, and the sharing of stories by nonprofit leaders.

Conference participants may choose from four powerful breakout sessions on board self-assessment, board accountability, the latest trends in CEO compensation, and successful board meeting planning. The luncheon program will be devoted to sharing best practices in governance.

Win Irwin, president and CEO of Irwin Seating Co., will also provide a keynote address. Irwin has been an active board member with many nonprofits including Wordforce Development and the Public Museum of Grand Rapids. He will speak on the topic of building an effective partnership between nonprofit CEOs and their boards.

The luncheon program will feature Martha Golensky, D.S.W., associate professor in Grand Valley's School of Social Work, presenting her survey research on best practices in board governance. Golensky will also lead a panel of nonprofit leaders who will share their stories.

The conference is sponsored by Grand Valley's Dorothy Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership and the School of Social Work. Registration is available by calling the Johnson Center at (616) 336-7585 or visiting www.gvsu.edu/philanthropy. Cost is \$40 (\$75 for two from the same organization). Students may attend at half-price.

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Helping businesses 'Access Asia'

Van Andel Global Trade Center holds program to help build Asian business relationships

Grand Valley State University's Van Andel Global Trade Center is holding a program aimed at helping area businesses break into Asian markets.

"Access Asia: A Step-By-Step Approach with the Experts" is a program focusing on in-depth on international business relationships with China, Japan, South Korea, and Thailand.

All of the speakers have decades of experience doing business in Asia. These in-country experts provide the most current and up-to-date information concerning those markets.

Topics include finance, risk management, banking relations, contract validity, insurance, and general business environment. The program includes several keynote speakers and panel programs, as well as a reception. Participants are also able to set up thirty minute, one-on-one meetings with many of the speakers during specified times.

- **Date:** Sept. 25-26
- **Time:** Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon.
- **Location:** Eberhard Center on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus
- **Fee:** \$200/\$125 for members

For more information, call (616) 771-6811 or e-mail kluzp@gvsu.edu. Online registration and more information is available online at www.vagtc.org.

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Grand Valley nursing school to host conference on nurses' health

Nurses perform a delicate balancing act: taking care of patients and taking care of themselves. The issues surrounding mental and physical health will be explored during a daylong conference hosted by Grand Valley State University's Kirkhof School of Nursing and five area hospitals.

"Nurses' Health: Taking Care of Ourselves" will be held from 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. on Monday, September 23, in the Kirkhof Center at GVSU's Allendale Campus. Topics covered during the seminar include osteoporosis, menopause, exercise, nutrition and supplements, and stress management.

Continuing education credits will be offered to participants. Cost to attend is \$95, or \$75 for employees of Grand Valley, Holland Community Hospital, Mercy General Health Partners, Metropolitan Hospital, Saint Mary's Medical Center, or Spectrum Health.

For more information, call Karen Dunlap, KSON coordinator of continuing nursing education, at 616-336-7168.

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**Highest qualified freshmen class brings
Grand Valley enrollment over 20,000**

Grand Valley's incoming freshmen class carries the highest grade point average and standardized test scores of any class admitted to the university.

The first-time freshmen have an average GPA of 3.41 and an average ACT score of 23.4. Director of Admissions Jodi Chycinski said academically this is the best-qualified class ever admitted to Grand Valley.

Enrollment figures released by university officials show a slight rise for the 2002-03 academic year. There are 20,407 students enrolled at Grand Valley for the 2002 fall semester, which represents an increase of 3.3 percent over last year, or 645 students.

The number of first-time freshmen decreased by 118 students from last year, from 3,097 to 2,979. Better retention and more community college transfers pushed total enrollment up even as the size of the entering freshman class declined.

Grand Valley's student body is also more geographically and ethnically diverse. Students of color comprise 10.7 percent of this year's total, with Hispanic students up by 11.2 percent, African-Americans by 1.6 percent, Asians by 5.7 percent and Native Americans by 6.9 percent. The enrollment of Michigan resident students from areas outside of west Michigan increased by 4.4 percent, while enrollment of students from other states and countries increased by 5.7 percent. Non-Michigan residents now constitute 3.7 percent of all students at Grand Valley, a new record.

The smaller freshmen class size reflects statements made by President Mark A. Murray during his inaugural address in November to slow Grand Valley's growth rate, yet retain its academic quality.

"Grand Valley had another significant increase in applications for admission," Vice Provost Bob Fletcher said. "This trend is the result of growing recognition of the quality of the faculty and academic programs Grand Valley offers."

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Poetry reading featured on GVSU Grand Rapids Campus

Karl Elder will read from his works in 'September 11: America's Writers Respond'

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--Accomplished poets Anita Skeen and Karl Elder will read from their works in "An Evening of Poetry," held Thursday, September 19, at the Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. The event begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.

Skeen, a professor of English at Michigan State University, has recently had her poetry collection, "The Resurrection of the Animals," published by the MSU Press. Elder, a Fessler professor of writing at Lakeland (Wis.) College, is author of five collections of poetry and recipient of a Pushcart Prize.

Elder's poems and essays are included in the collection, "Best American Poetry" (2000), and in the recent compilation, "September 11: America's Writers Respond" (2002). He plans to include writings from the Sept. 11 book in his reading at Grand Valley.

The poets' books will be available for purchase at the event. A book signing and reception will follow the readings. "An Evening of Poetry" is sponsored by the GVSU Writing Department.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: GVSU and U-M to sign agreement

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray and University of Michigan College of Pharmacy Dean George Kenyon will sign an historic agreement in a ceremony on Monday, September 23. The agreement establishes a new collaboration between the two universities.

Details of the event follow:

- **When: 1:00 p.m. Monday, September 23, 2002**
- **Where: 308 Padnos Hall of Science, Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus**

The event is open to media coverage. Statements and terms of the joint-degree agreement will be available at the event. A release will be faxed to media outlets as well.

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Prominent Middle East expert to speak on U.S.-Arab relations

James Zogby, founder and president of the Arab American Institute (AAI), will speak on "The Crisis in U.S. and Arab Relations" on Thursday, September 26. The lecture begins at 1 p.m. in the Pere Marquette Room of the Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus. It is free and open to the public.

The AAI is a Washington, D.C.-based organization which has served as the political and policy research arm of the Arab American community since 1985. For the past three decades, Zogby has been involved in a full range of Arab American issues, including co-founding and leading the Palestine Human Rights Campaign in the late 1970s, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and Save Lebanon, Inc., a private relief organization for Palestinian and Lebanese victims of war.

Since 1993, following the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord in Washington, D.C., Zogby has also led the activities of Builders for Peace, a private-sector committee promoting U.S. business investment in the West Bank and Gaza. Read more about him at www.aaiusa.org/zogby/zogby_home.htm.

Zogby's appearance on September 26 is sponsored by Grand Valley's Arab Culture Club and Middle East Studies program.

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Shylock (Brian Webb Russell, AEA) prepares to take his pound of flesh from Antonio (Greg Redford) in 'The Merchant of Venice.' Download this photo at gvsu.edu/news.

Shakespeare Festival begins Sept. 27 with 'The Merchant of Venice'

The annual festival is on the '150 Great Places to See a Shakespeare Play' list

Grand Valley State University's popular Shakespeare Festival begins on Sept. 27 with this year's mainstage production, "The Merchant of Venice." Considered one of the Bard's most controversial and often-produced plays, "Merchant" mixes comedy with drama to tackle such timely themes as romance, greed, religious and racial intolerance, mercy, and social justice. Set in a Renaissance Venice that has been likened to our modern Wall Street, the play unfolds as Antonio ventures to increase his wealth, Bassanio tries to win fair Portia's hand, and Shylock attempts to gain a pound of flesh. All characters eventually land in court to find out whether justice or mercy will prevail.

The play will have eight public performances September 27-October 6 (details below) that feature student and professional cast and crew members. Directing the show is Karen Libman, associate professor of theatre at Grand Valley.

"150 Great Places to See Shakespeare"

Grand Valley's Shakespeare Festival, now in its ninth season, is listed in "150 Great Places to See a Shakespeare Play," which is featured in "The Shakespeare Book of Lists" (2001) by Michael LoMonico. The author hails the festival as "a Renaissance sampler of films, plays, concerts, lectures, fairs, and other events" that "celebrate the glory of William Shakespeare and the period in which he lived."

Costumes in "The Merchant of Venice" will certainly prove this statement true: the period clothes are rented from the Stratford Shakespeare Festival and the Guthrie Theatre.

[For more information, please contact Karen Libman, GVSU associate theatre professor and director of "The Merchant of Venice," at (616) 895-3510.]

Festival Highlights

"The Merchant of Venice"

September 27, 28, and October 2, 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m.

September 28, 29 and October 6 at 2 p.m.

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$10-\$5. For tickets or information, call the box office at (616) 895-2300.

Boarshead Feast

Sunday, September 29, 5 p.m. Tickets: \$50; students \$30 (Ticket price includes a 2 p.m. performance of "The Merchant of Venice")

Alumni House and Visitors Center, Allendale Campus.

Tickets must be purchased by September 23. Call (616) 895-2300 for reservations.

"My Life with Shakespeare: An Actor's Reflection" featuring Louis Zorich

September 30, 4 p.m., free admission

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.

Louis Zorich has appeared in a wide variety of Shakespeare roles in his long career. Zorich has also appeared in films and more than 300 television shows, and co-founded the Whole Theatre in Montclair, NJ, with his wife and fellow actor Olympia Dukakis.

Symposium: "'Do I Not Bleed?' The Meaning of 'Merchant' in Today's World"

October 2, 4 p.m., free admission

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus.

Though first staged in 1598, many themes in "The Merchant of Venice" are relevant in 2002. A panel of local community and religious leaders will discuss contemporary messages in Shakespeare's most controversial play. Audience question-and-answer session included.

"Lovestruck" - 3 p.m. October 4; 2 p.m. October 12, free admission

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center

Special campus presentation of a collage of Shakespeare scenes ordinarily performed in area schools.

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Renaissance Festival

Sat., Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun., Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., free admission

Cook Carillon Tower, Allendale Campus

Period food, music, theater, juggling, children's games, mock sword fighting, minstrels, medieval merchants, and much more. Popular family festival takes place rain or shine.

For tickets or more information on any Shakespeare Festival events, call (616) 895-2300 or visit online at www.gvsu.edu/shakes.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: GVSU honors family businesses

Second annual Family Owned Business Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor Rogers and Behler-Young

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Two family-owned businesses that have made significant impact on the Michigan economy will be the second inductees into the Family Owned Business Hall of Fame at Grand Valley State University on Monday, September 23.

The inductees, **Rogers Department Store and Behler-Young**, are honored for their industry leadership, philanthropy, and contributions to Michigan's economic diversity.

Details of the event are:

- **What:** Seidman School of Business' Family Owned Business Institute Hall of Fame induction ceremony
- **Who:** Honorees are Rogers Department Store and Behler-Young
- **When:** Monday, September 23, with the awards ceremony beginning at 8:20 p.m.
- **Where:** Loosemore Auditorium, GVSU's Richard M. DeVos Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.
- **Media considerations:** The awards ceremony at 8:20 p.m. is open to the news media.

The purpose of the Family Owned Business Hall of Fame is to recognize notable family-owned businesses for their significant impact and contributions to the region. The companies were selected by a committee of five GVSU executives and were judged on the following criteria:

- Exemplary leadership through their continued family ownership for more than 45 years of operation as a family business that is still privately held or privately controlled
- At least one generational change of corporate family leadership
- Significant economic impact in the region as measured by the most recent year's sales (or related instruments) in dollars; active community and philanthropic involvement
- Industry leadership and contribution to the economic diversity of the region

Last year's honorees were Alticor, Bissell, D&W Food Centers, Inc., Gordon Food Service, Inc., Haworth Inc., Howard Miller Co., Irwin Seating Co., Lorin Industries, Inc, Monarch Hydraulics, Inc., Meijer, Louis Padnos Iron and Metal Co., and Steelcase Inc.

The event's sponsor is Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, P.L.C. Family-owned businesses of all sizes seek and receive legal counsel regularly from Miller, Johnson. The firm's attorneys routinely advise these businesses on tax, estate and succession planning, asset protection, debt and equity financing, employee benefits, employment matters, acquisitions and divestitures, and other matters that present particular challenges to a family-owned business. The firm consists of 95 lawyers, of which 80 are in Grand Rapids and 15 are in Kalamazoo.

The Family Owned Business Institute at GVSU's Seidman School of Business was created in partnership with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce with the belief that family businesses are the cornerstone of a community's prosperity and a vital ingredient in its quality of life. For more information visit www.fobi.gvsu.edu.

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GVSU grad gets high marks

Grandville native Kyle Crockett scores highest in the state on CPA exam

A recent Grand Valley State University graduate scored the highest marks in Michigan on the 2002 CPA exam. Recently released results of the May 2002 Uniform CPA Examination showed Grandville resident Kyle D. Crockett as the highest scorer in Michigan.

In recognition of his achievement, Crockett was given the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) William A. Paton Award at its Regional Advisory Council meeting in September.

The MACPA William A. Paton Award recognizes first-time candidates who pass all four sections of the CPA Exam with the highest grade in Michigan. Established in 1961, the Award recognizes the contributions of the late University of Michigan Accounting Professor Emeritus William A. Paton to the accounting profession.

Crockett received his bachelor's degree in accounting at Grand Valley in 2002. Crockett has accepted a position in Detroit with the accounting firm of KPMG LLP, where he will work as a staff accountant beginning in January.

MEDIA NOTE: Crockett will be recognized by Grand Valley's Board of Trustees at its meeting at 11 a.m. on September 20. The meeting is in Room 215 in the Kirkhof Center on GVSU's Allendale Campus.

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U.S. poet laureates to read and discuss poetry at GVSU

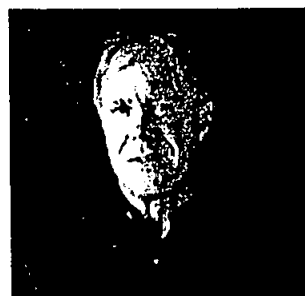
Poetry Night, Oct. 18, is open to the public free of charge



Billy Collins

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--The poet laureate of the United States and two other nationally celebrated poets will come together on October 18 for an unforgettable evening of poetry and discussion at Grand Valley State University's DeVos Center in downtown Grand Rapids. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Grand Valley's Poetry Night, described as "A Literary Evening of Poetry and Conversation," features U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, former Poet Laureate (1995-97) Robert Hass, and poet, essayist and children's author Naomi Shihab Nye. The event is held in the Loosmore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, located on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 West Fulton St.



Robert Hass

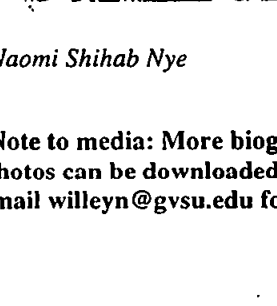
Readings begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 18, followed at 7:45 p.m. by a conversation with the poets facilitated by GVSU Poet-in-Residence Patricia Clark, and a reception and book signing at 8:30 p.m. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the poets. For more information, contact Dr. Clark at (616) 895-3199.

The Poetry Night is open to the public; however, seating is limited and no reservations are taken. An early arrival is advised for those planning to attend.

Billy Collins: the United States Poet Laureate from 2001-03. Collins is the author of six collections of poetry, including *Questions About Angels*, *The Art of Drowning*, and *Picnic, Lightning*. In September 2001, Random House published his collection of poems, *Sailing Alone Around the Room: New & Selected Poems*. He is a professor of English at Lehman College of the City University of New York.



Robert Hass: a former U.S. Poet Laureate from 1995-97, Hass is the author of several books of poetry including *Field Guide*, *Praise*, *Human Wishes*, and *Sun Under Wood*, as well as a book of essays on poetry, *Twentieth Century Pleasures*. Recently, Hass was chosen as Educator of the Year by the North American Association on Environmental Education.



Naomi Shihab Nye

Naomi Shihab Nye: a poet, essayist, author of children's literature, and songwriter, Nye is the author of *Fuel* (poems), *Habibi* (a novel for young readers), *Lullaby Raft* (a picture book), and *Never in a Hurry* (a collection of essays), as well as five additional collections of poems. The recipient of many awards including four Pushcart Prizes, Nye has participated in two PBS documentaries, *The Language of Life* with Bill Moyers and *The United States of Poetry*. Nye, whose father is Palestinian, has also edited six anthologies of poetry for children, including *The Space Between Our Footsteps: Poems and Paintings from the Middle East*.

[Note to media: More biographical information is available by email or fax. Interviews with the poets can be arranged. Photos can be downloaded from the online release at gvsu.edu/news, or emailed if requested. Call (616) 895-2228 or email willeyn@gvsu.edu for more information.]

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Van Cliburn Piano Competition gold medalist to perform on October 22

After featuring the silver medalists of the Eleventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in concerts during the previous two semesters, Grand Valley State University will now present one of the prestigious competition's top winners: gold medalist Stanislav Ioudenitch.

Ioudenitch, a native of Uzbekistan, will perform on Tuesday, October 22 at the Louis Armstrong Theatre on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus. The solo concert begins at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a reception with the pianist.

Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling (616) 895-3484. Seats are limited.

The Van Cliburn Competition, held every four years in Fort Worth, Texas, attracts the world's best young pianists, with finalists awarded significant cash prizes and international concert tours. In an historic first, the Eleventh Van Cliburn, held in 2001, awarded two gold and two silver medals.

Besides winning top honors at the Van Cliburn Competition, Ioudenitch, then 29, was also the recipient of the Steven De Groote Memorial Award for Best Performance of Chamber Music. The pianist has won top prizes in other international competitions, including the 1991 Busoni and the 1994 Kapell Competitions, and was first prize winner at the 1998 Palm Beach Invitational and the 2000 New Orleans International Competitions.

Ioudenitch's distinctive piano style has been hailed by music critics throughout the nation. The *Dallas Morning News* observed: "A musician of aristocratic elegance and imagination, he makes everything fresh, finding revelatory facets and emotional dimensions without imposing anything foreign."

The Oregonian said: "[Ioudenitch is] unquestionably the finest of the finalists, a musician whose well-honed technique is matched by his probing intelligence. His performance was spellbinding."

The Eleventh Van Cliburn Competition's second gold medalist, Olga Kern of Russia, will be featured at Grand Valley in September 2003 (TBA). Already featured were silver medalists Antonio Pompa-Baldi of Italy, on Oct. 30, 2001, and Maxim Philippov of Russia, on Feb. 12, 2002.

GVSU's Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Medalist Concert Series is sponsored by Robert and Judith Hooker.

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Sources:

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Hollywood comes to Holland on Oct. 5 with visit by producer

Latin Americans in Hollywood movies is subject of documentary, discussion

HOLLAND, Mich.--*The Bronze Screen*, an entertaining and informative documentary film about the contributions of Latinos to 100 years of Hollywood film, has its Midwest premiere at Grand Valley State University's Meijer Campus in Holland on Saturday, October 5, at 3 p.m.

The 90-minute screening will be followed by a discussion led by producer Alberto Dominguez and a panel of specialists including Toni Perrine of Grand Valley and Lorna Jarvis of Hope College. Audience questions will also be taken. A reception follows at 5:30 p.m.

The event marks Grand Valley's first collaboration with the Holland-based Tulipanes Latino Art and Film Festival, now in its second year. The event is free and open to students and the general public.

Born in Mexico, Dominguez has extensive experience in the California-based film industry. He has produced films for the BBC and cable television; one of his television series, *Café California*, was nominated for an Emmy. A lively speaker, he has many stories to tell about Hollywood and the challenges faced in completing *The Bronze Screen*.

A fast-paced and comprehensive film, *The Bronze Screen* mixes dramatic images of films from the early to late 20th century to document the remarkable participation of Latin Americans in Hollywood films. Scenes from films such as *Ben Hur*, *King Kong*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *La Bamba*, and *Selena* are brought together in a way that reveals the highs and lows of Latino representations in mainstream American movies. Where once Latinos were depicted as "greasers," the film argues, they now count among Hollywood's rich and famous.

The documentary includes a number of interviews with notable actors like Edward James Olmos and scholars such as Chon Noriega who comment on the discrimination and stereotyping Latinos experienced and struggled to overcome in the Hollywood studio system.

Ultimately, the film awes the viewer with the variety and richness of Latino filmmaking over the past century.

The GVSU Meijer Campus is located at 515 S. Waverly Rd. in Holland.

[Call 895-2228 or email willeyn@gvsu.edu to have the photograph of producer Alberto Dominguez and/or some movie shots emailed to you.]

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GVSU Shakespeare Festival begins Sept. 27 with 'The Merchant of Venice'

The annual festival is on the '150 Great Places to See a Shakespeare Play' list

Grand Valley State University's popular Shakespeare Festival begins on Sept. 27 with this year's mainstage production, "**The Merchant of Venice.**" Considered one of the Bard's most controversial and often-produced plays, "Merchant" mixes comedy with drama to tackle such timely themes as romance, greed, religious and racial intolerance, mercy, and social justice. Set in a Renaissance Venice that has been likened to our modern Wall Street, the play unfolds as Antonio ventures to increase his wealth, Bassanio tries to win fair Portia's hand, and Shylock attempts to gain a pound of flesh. All characters eventually land in court to find out whether justice or mercy will prevail. The play will have eight showings September 27–October 6 (details below).

The production features student, community and guest cast and crew members. Equity actor Brian Webb Russell, last seen in Grand Valley's 2000 production of "The Comedy of Errors," will return to the festival to assume the role of Shylock. Other guest artists include Rob Murphy, a theatre professor at University of Michigan and an accomplished lighting and set designer with nearly 100 professional design credits.

"150 Great Places to See Shakespeare"

Grand Valley's Shakespeare Festival, now in its ninth season, is listed in "150 Great Places to See a Shakespeare Play," which is featured in "The Shakespeare Book of Lists" (2001) by Michael LoMonico. The author hails the festival as "a Renaissance sampler of films, plays, concerts, lectures, fairs, and other events" that "celebrate the glory of William Shakespeare and the period in which he lived."

Costumes in "The Merchant of Venice" will certainly prove this statement true: the period clothes are rented from the Stratford Shakespeare Festival and the Guthrie Theatre.

This year's festival offerings are listed on the following page. For more information, please contact Karen Libman, GVSU associate theatre professor and director of "The Merchant of Venice." Libman is available for interview at (616) 895-3510.

[Reporters: photographs and programs available

Publicity photographs for "Merchant of Venice" will be available Monday, Sept. 16. Contact Nancy (numbers at top) to have a print-quality photograph emailed to you, or to obtain a Shakespeare Festival program containing information on each event.]

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“The Merchant of Venice”

September 27, 28, and October 2, 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m.

September 28, 29 and October 6 at 2 p.m.

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$10-\$5. For tickets or information, call the box office at (616) 895-2300.

(Mid-week matinees are also available for groups. Call the box office at 895-2300 to arrange.)

Boarshead Feast

Sunday, September 29 • 5 p.m. • Tickets: \$50; students \$30 (Ticket price includes a 2 p.m. performance of “The Merchant of Venice.”)

Alumni House and Visitors Center, Allendale Campus.

Tickets must be purchased by September 20. Call (616) 895-2300 for reservations.

Hearty Renaissance-era food and robust wines will be consumed by actors, audience members, and costumed guests at this dinner-theater event. The Grand Valley Madrigal Singers provide entertainment.

“My Life with Shakespeare: An Actor’s Reflection” featuring Louis Zorich

September 30 • 4 p.m. • Open to the public free of charge

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.

Louis Zorich has appeared in a wide variety of Shakespeare roles in his long career. Zorich has also appeared in films and more than 300 television shows, and co-founded the Whole Theatre in Montclair, NJ, with his wife and fellow actor Olympia Dukakis.

Symposium: “Do I Not Bleed? The Meaning of ‘Merchant’ in Today’s World”

October 2 • 4 p.m. • Free admission

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus.

Though first staged in 1598, many themes in “The Merchant of Venice” are relevant in 2002. A panel of local community and religious leaders will discuss contemporary messages in Shakespeare’s most controversial play. Audience question-and-answer session included.

Panelists are:

Kathy Gohr, Jewish music ministry in Grand Rapids;

Barbara Smith, drama ministry leader, Muskegon;

Pastor Richard Rhem, Christ Community Church, Spring Lake;

John DeBoer, GVSU Campus Ministry at GVSU and a Muskegon native;

Frederick Stella, president of the Interfaith Dialogue Association of Grand Rapids.

Moderator: Mike Woods, director of the GVSU offices of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs

“Lovestruck” • 3 p.m. October 4 and 2 p.m. October 12 • Free admission

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center

Special campus presentation of a collage of Shakespeare scenes ordinarily performed in area schools.

Renaissance Festival

October 12 and 13 • 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday • Free admission

Cook Carillon Tower, Allendale Campus

Period food, music, theater, juggling, children’s games, mock sword fighting, minstrels, medieval merchants, and much more. Popular family festival takes place rain or shine.

For tickets or more information on any Shakespeare Festival events, call (616) 895-2300 or visit online at www.gvsu.edu/shakes.



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GVSU Renaissance Festival returns

Annual event brings a taste of history to Grand Valley's Allendale Campus

The legendary days of jousting knights and chivalry come to life in Allendale during the popular, family-oriented Renaissance Festival.

The outdoor event, which is held rain or shine, is intended to provide fun for the whole family. The festival features more than 25 merchants selling period wares such as clothing, weapons, and jewelry. It also features live entertainment from jugglers, belly dancers, bagpipers, and minstrels. There are padded weapons fights, along with fencing and live steel demonstrations.

Event Details

- **What:** Grand Valley State University Renaissance Festival
- **When:** October 12-13, 2002
- **Times:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

While the two-day event is featured as part of the GVSU Shakespeare Festival (which runs Sept. 27-Oct. 6), it is actually a student-run event held in conjunction with the festival. The Faire is the big annual event planned by a group of medieval-era enthusiasts informally known as GV Ren. More information on GV Ren and the Renaissance Faire can be found at www2.gvsu.edu/~gvren.

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Sources:

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Workshop speaker will address men's role in rape prevention

Seminar sponsored by GVSU, Kent County Health Department

A coordinator from the national organization Men Can Stop Rape will train seminar participants at Grand Valley State University how to teach men to help prevent sexual assaults against women.

"From Bystander to Peacemaker: Engaging Young Men in Preventing Sexual Violence," is a seminar designed for educators, students, and other professionals who work with youth. GVSU's Counseling and Career Development Center and the Kent County Health Department are sponsoring the seminar, which runs from 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, in the Alumni House and Visitor Center on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus.

David Sloane Rider, coordinator of national programs at Men Can Stop Rape, will be the facilitator. Based in Washington, D.C., MCSR helps empower male youth and the institutions that serve them to work as allies with women in preventing rape and other forms of men's violence. **Media Note: The seminar is open to media coverage, Rider will be available after 5 p.m. for one-on-one interviews.**

Rider provides consulting and training to universities, states and community organizations. He also coordinates MCSR's Strength Campaign, a program that aims to prevent rape and other forms of dating violence among D.C. youth.

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Discovering Space Exploration

Grand Valley and IMAX event filled with activities, education and fun.

Grand Valley State University's Regional Math and Science Center presents a day-long fun and educational celebration of space exploration with *Super Science Saturday at the IMAX: Celebrating Space Exploration*.

The event is **October 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Celebration Cinema/IMAX, corner of Knapp and East Beltline, Grand Rapids.**

Super Science Saturday at the IMAX: Celebrating Space Exploration is a day of science fun for children, teachers and parents. Scheduled events will include:

- Free hands-on science activities and demonstrations related to traveling, living and working in space. Activities will include launching 2-liter bottle rockets, pop rockets and building ring-wing gliders.
- The amazing IMAX feature film "Space Station 3-D" at the reduced group rate of \$5 per person
- Special invited guests: a NASA astronaut and aerospace education specialist
- Classic science fiction films for a nominal admission fee

Special guests giving presentations include:

- Jim Fitzgerald, NASA education specialist, Glenn Research Center
- Gerard "Jerry" Pahl, education director, Kalamazoo Air Zoo
- Gary Tomlinson, Chaffee Planetarium, Public Museum of Grand Rapids
- Stewart Bailey, Executive Director, Michigan Space & Science Center, Jackson, Mich.

The event is sponsored by Grand Valley State University, GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center and IMAX. For more information, contact Karen Meyers, Regional Math and Science Center, at (616) 895-2267 or visit www.gvsu.edu/rmsc.

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National authors, illustrators highlight fifth annual literacy conference

Presentations by an Arab-American poet and two noted authors and literary researchers from Kent State University will highlight the fifth annual Celebrate Literacy Conference at Grand Valley State University.

The conference, scheduled for October 18-19 in the Kirkhof Center at GVSU's Allendale Campus, is an opportunity for educators to help promote literacy in their own classrooms by interacting with top children's authors and illustrators. Session topics include storytelling, working with struggling readers, poetry, and standards based teaching.

Nancy Padak and Timothy Rasinski will discuss "best practices" during their keynote address, scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, October 18. The Kent State professors have teamed to write numerous books, including "From Phonics to Fluency" and "Effective Reading Strategies: Teaching Children Who Find Reading Difficult."

Naomi Shihab Nye will read from her poetry collection at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. Nye, an internationally recognized Arab-American poet, has written several children's and adolescent books and edited many multi-cultural poetry anthologies.

An author's reception and book signing, scheduled for 4 p.m., will wrap up Friday's events.

Saturday's activities include presentations by Cyd Moore, illustrator of more than 20 children's books, and Gary Schmidt, professor at Calvin College. Schmidt's most recent book, "Straw into Gold," appears on the Center for Children's Book's 2001 Blue Ribbons list.

Conference participants will have opportunities to win free registration for next year's event, and a classroom visit by Michigan illustrator Tom Woodruff. Early registration ends on October 12; cost to attend is \$85 for both days, \$45 for Friday, or \$50 for Saturday. Student fees are \$25 for both days, \$15 for Friday, \$20 for Saturday. More information is available on-line at www.gvsu.edu/soe/Reading, or by calling Liz Storey at 616-771-6650.

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GVSU offers Accounting Workshops for Small Business Owners

Grand Valley State University's Division of Continuing education is offering a pair of accounting workshops for small business owners. The schedule is below.

To register, call (616) 336-7180 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Most major credit cards are accepted. To register by check, mail to: Grand Valley State University, Division of Continuing Education, 401 West Fulton 289C DEV Grand Rapids, MI 49504

- **QuickBooks Pro 2002 Training -- October 18**

This intro course provides hands-on training to enable small business owners to launch your company's accounting system; produce financial statements, payroll, payments; reconcile bank accounts; and set up and use sales tax and reports.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$59.00

Location: DeVos Center, Room 215

- **Payroll Taxes -- October 22**

A basic how-to on preparing payroll taxes manually, including explanations on registering for payroll taxes, filling out the necessary forms, and withholding and filing guidelines.

Time: 8:30 a.m to 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$49.00

Location: DeVos Center, Room 213E

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**MEDIA ADVISORY FOR COVERAGE OF
LEVIN-RACZKOWSKI DEBATE ON OCTOBER 6, 2002**

The major party candidates for the United States Senate from Michigan will hold their only televised joint appearance of the campaign on Sunday, October 6, in Grand Rapids.

U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-Detroit) and State Representative Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills) will take questions from a studio audience of undecided voters in a program to be broadcast by WGUV-TV Grand Rapids, the public television station of Grand Valley State University. The Michigan Public Television network will also carry the program statewide at 8:00 p.m. in all markets. *

Print and broadcast media desiring to cover the program as a news event are asked to be in place at WGUV-TV not later than 4:30 p.m. The program will be videotaped at 5:00 p.m. and last for one hour. Pool audio, video and digital images for print will be provided. WGUV-TV studios are located at 301 W. Fulton St., corner of Front St. in downtown Grand Rapids. **

Media that plan to cover the event are asked to advise WGUV in advance. Notification can be made by phone to Ken Kolbe of WGUV at 616.771.6725 or by e-mail to kolbek@gvsu.edu

* Michigan's public television stations are: WGUV-TV Grand Rapids, WTVS-TV Detroit, WKAR-TV East Lansing, WFUM-TV Flint, WDCQ-TV Saginaw/Bay City, WCMU-TV Mount Pleasant and WNMU-TV Marquette. Exact channel numbers on broadcast and cable are available from each station.

** Directions to WGUV: From US-131, exit at Pearl Street, proceed east one block to Front Street, turn right and proceed to parking lot at studios. From I-196, exit at Ottawa Ave., proceed south to Pearl St., turn right, proceed to Front St., turn left and proceed to parking lot at studios.



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GVSU seeks businesses for e-commerce program

Graduate students help area companies do business online

In the business world, the practice of e-commerce -- defined as buying and selling over digital media -- continues to grow. Online sales are predicted to top \$110 billion in 2003, up from less than \$10 billion in 1998, with more than 40 million households shopping online, according to Forrester Research.

Companies wanting to improve their e-commerce practices look to the Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University, which has an e-commerce certification in marketing program for graduate-level students.

The program focuses on how to plan an e-commerce marketing strategy, how to implement the strategy, how to interface with buyers and sellers online, how to develop a Web site, and how to conduct research on the Internet.

Students work in teams of three to five people with area companies to analyze, develop and implement e-commerce marketing activities within that company.

The companies participating in the program will receive an Internet strategy report, an e-commerce action plan, an e-tail/retail plan and a custom-designed Web site, presented to the company by the end of the term.

Paul Lane, chair of the Marketing Department, said the program has been popular with graduate students for a number of reasons.

"They get to work in the real world, on real Web sites in real time. They work with cross-disciplinary faculty, and they develop professional relationships," Lane said. "Students last year came from as near as across the Grand River and as far away as China and Indonesia. They see it as a unique program to develop the skills necessary to be a team leader in e-commerce. They are enhancing their career potential with an e-commerce certificate."

One success

The retail division of Wolverine World Wide, Inc. was a client of the Grand Valley e-commerce program for two years in a row. The students were assigned one of the company's Web sites (www.upfootgear.com) to study, make recommendations, and ultimately re-design.

The students did research on the technological environment and consumer trends, as well as a competitive analysis. After surveying the site's customer base and conducting a Web site usability analysis, the students wrote a new marketing plan.

With all of that in place, the students gave the firm a redesign proposal for the Web site.

"This project was very valuable to us. It was the first attempt to survey our Web consumer. We implemented several ideas gained from the survey immediately to make our site more user-friendly. We added a search function, images for every color offered, and began including shipping costs on the homepage. We continue to carry out their suggestions as budget allows," said Bobbi Lindeman, vice president and general merchandise manager of Hush Puppies Retail.

"Grand Valley has given us the necessary information to maintain sales growth that exceeds our expectations. This project has been one of the several rewarding experiences gained through the relationship between WWW and Grand Valley," said Lindeman.

Graduate students and businesses interested in participating in the e-commerce program at Grand Valley should contact Paul Lane at (616) 336-7470 or lanepa@gvsu.edu.

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Discussing hormone replacement therapy

Grand Valley forum looks at the safety of the popular treatment of menopause symptoms

For years, women have turned to hormone replacement therapy to combat symptoms of menopause like hot flashes and night sweats. But recent studies suggest that the risks associated with the therapy might outweigh the benefits.

These developments continue to make news. Last week, a panel of the North American Menopause Society released a new set of recommendations aimed at helping women review their individual risk factors before making a decision whether to use hormone replacement therapy.

Grand Valley State University holds a forum Wednesday to help untangle the current thinking on the subject.

"Hormone Replacement Therapy: What's Next for Living with Menopause?" will be presented by Ann L. Steiner, M.D., who is a clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and a certified menopause practitioner.

The forum is at noon, Wednesday, October 9 Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. The forums are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call (800) 690-0314.

MEDIA NOTE: Telephone interviews with Dr. Steiner can be arranged by calling Brian J. Bowe in Grand Valley's News and Information Services office at (616) 895-2221.

The forum is part of a series of discussions at Grand Valley aimed at helping people discover what the experts are saying about today's health care issues.

The Autumn Health Forums are a series of discussions that focus attention on health care topics of interest to both the general public and health care professionals. The forums are intended to provide an informative, interesting and sometimes provocative way to explore some of the leading health care issues of the day.

Future forums include:

- Wednesday, October 16
How Can the Public be Assured that the Doctors We Train are Competent and Compassionate?
 Richard F. LeBlond, M.D., professor of clinical internal medicine, University of Iowa College of Medicine
- Wednesday, November 20
Can Quality Initiatives Save Employers Money and Give Patients Better Outcomes?
 Maulik S. Joshi, Dr.P.H., vice president of the Institute for Health Care Improvement, Boston.

The forums are sponsored by St. Mary's Medical Center and Spectrum Health and are presented by the Grand Valley State University Division of Continuing Education and the Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center for Health Professions.

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Religious terrorism expert visits Grand Valley

Jonathan White is available for interviews today

Jonathan White, a leading expert on religious terrorism who is now engaged in anti-terrorism efforts for the U.S. government, is in West Michigan and available for interviews.

White is available to talk briefly to media about his recent counter-terrorism activities after 3 p.m. today on Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus. Please call Nancy Willey at the number above for location.

White is currently on leave from his former position of dean of social sciences at Grand Valley. After the September 11 terrorist attacks, his expertise on religious terrorism led him to become a consultant to the U.S. Justice Department, and in spring he joined the department full-time. He was assigned to the Bureau of Justice Assistance's anti-terrorism training program, partnering with the FBI to standardize state and local counter-terrorism preparation.

White, the author of several books on terrorism, was featured extensively by media following Sept. 11, 2001.

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Dance luminaries featured in gala dance event at GVSU



The GVSU Dance Ensemble will perform with featured dancers on Oct. 26. Pictured are dance majors Ella Dunn and Josh Zoerhof. Download color photo from the online release at gvsu.edu/news.

Principal dancers from the American Ballet Theatre and Broadway's *The Lion King* are a few of the dance luminaries Grand Valley will welcome to its stage for a gala dance night on October 26.

"Dance Stars of the New Millennium" begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 26 in Grand Valley's Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$10 for all students. Reserve seats by calling the box office at (616) 895-2300.

Jefferson Baum, director of Grand Valley's dance program, describes the evening performances as a "very eclectic collection of dances, from modern to very classical ballet." Jazz and neo-classical ballet are also part of the program. The dancers are breathtaking performers, said Baum, and give the West Michigan audience an opportunity to see some of the nation's premier dancers.

The "Dance Stars" of the title are principal dancers from some of the leading ballet companies in the United States:

- Amanda McKerrow and John Gardner, American Ballet Theatre
- Lisa Catrett-Belrose, Peter Sparling Dance Company
- Christine Winkler and John Welker, Atlanta Ballet
- Ramon Flowers, Broadway's award-winning *The Lion King*.

The GVSU Dance Ensemble will also take the stage.

Grand Valley's dance program was formally begun less than two years ago by Baum, a Spring Lake native who left West Michigan at the age of 16 to become an internationally recognized dancer and choreographer. Before retiring from professional dance, Baum toured Europe, Russia and China as a featured dancer with premier ballet companies, and was a principal artist with the New York City and Metropolitan Opera ballets.

Baum now leads the activities of Grand Valley's growing dance program, housed in a new state-of-the-art dance facility in the Performing Arts Center. Baum is also credited with directing the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp dance program for 14 years.

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Dutch art showcased in two exhibitions at GVSU

Recent acquisitions may be the most in-depth collection of Dutch prints in the region

ALLENDALE & HOLLAND, Mich.—Through the generosity of donors, Grand Valley State University has recently acquired two major collections of contemporary Dutch artwork. Together, the collections number 800 prints that represent the best of graphic art produced in the Netherlands over the last half-century.

The artwork, now housed at Grand Valley's newly established Print and Drawing Cabinet when not being exhibited, is likely the most comprehensive collection of contemporary Dutch works on paper in the state, according to Henry Matthews, director of Galleries and Collections at GVSU.

Selections from both collections are now on display at two locations at GVSU:

"Cyril Lixenberg 4x10+"

Oct. 7-Nov. 1, GVSU Art Gallery, Allendale

"Cyril Lixenberg 4x10+" features prints — most of them large, colorful abstract designs — produced by Amsterdam-based graphic artist and sculptor Cyril Lixenberg over his 40-plus year career.

The internationally acclaimed artist recently donated his personal art collection to Grand Valley in memory of his wife, Saskia. That his work is together in one place, accessible to students and the general public, and exhibited in Michigan — Lixenberg's self-described "second home" — was his intention in donating the collection, the 70-year-old artist said.

Included in the exhibit are small models of Lixenberg's large-scale steel sculptures which are installed in parks and public buildings throughout the Netherlands and the United States. Lixenberg's sculptures can be seen at Grand Valley, Holland Community Hospital, and in Muskegon and Grand Haven. He has also exhibited his work and juried shows in Ann Arbor and throughout the state.

Several books written about the artist and his work are at the Art Gallery.

An opening reception for "Cyril Lixenberg 4x10+" takes place 5-7 p.m. on October 10 at the Art Gallery. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Call (616) 895-2564 for more information.

"The Dutch Collection of Prints"

Now through 2003, GVSU Meijer Campus in Holland

A selection of prints by contemporary Dutch artists marks the first exhibition held at Grand Valley's Meijer Campus in Holland. "Honoring the Brooks Family: The Dutch Collection of Prints" pays tribute to James and Donna Brooks, longtime Holland residents, who have made the exhibit possible.

"The Dutch Collection of Prints" opened September 30 and will be on display through fall 2003 at the Meijer Campus, 515 S. Waverly Rd. in Holland. Building hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The 30 prints on display are a sampling of a collection of 500 prints by contemporary Dutch artists recently acquired by Grand Valley. Works by the 200 artists represented in the collection can be found in major museums of contemporary art throughout the Netherlands and Europe, according to Matthews.

The collection was amassed by Amsterdam artist Cyril Lixenberg, who over the decades acquired works by Dutch contemporaries he admired — many times exchanging his own artwork for that of his colleagues and friends. His resulting collection is a showcase of the many styles, movements, and controversies that characterize Dutch works on paper over the last half-century.

That the prints are exhibited first in Holland is a tribute to James and Donna Brooks, whose financial gift to Grand Valley facilitated the purchase of the collection. More selections will be exhibited at Grand Valley's Art Gallery in Allendale in January, and in a collaborative exhibit at galleries throughout Holland in September 2003 (see schedule below).

Donna Brooks, former chair of the Grand Valley Board of Trustees, now serves as a trustee of the university until 2009. In 1991 she was honored with the Grand Valley Leadership Award. James and Donna Brooks also have established two scholarships for students at GVSU and serve in other leadership roles.

James, the retired owner of the former Beverage America, is now managing partner of Alpha Genesis, a medical and biotech education firm, and chairs the West Michigan Strategic Alliance, a group that works to promote the pooling of resources between Grand Rapids and Lakeshore communities. In 2001 he was inducted into the West Michigan Business Hall of Fame.

Print and Drawing Cabinet

Grand Valley's newly established Print and Drawing Cabinet is intended to be an ongoing resource for students, the general public, and for future exhibitions. The cabinet is housed in GVSU's Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids and is open for study or tours. Call Henry Matthews (number below) to arrange a tour.

Upcoming exhibits from the Dutch art collections

(in addition to the two mentioned above)

- **"The Dutch Collection of Contemporary Prints"**
featuring prints from a large variety of contemporary Dutch artists
January 6-February 7, 2003
GVSU Art Gallery, Allendale Campus
- Collaborative exhibitions at the Holland Museum, Holland Arts Council,
De Pree Art Gallery at Hope College, and GVSU's Holland Meijer Campus
September 5-19, 2003

For more information, please call the Art Gallery at (616) 331-2564.

[For print-quality photographs of artwork from the collections, call or email Nancy Willey at 895-2228 or willeyn@gvsu.edu]

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GVSU honors Ehlers

Congressman and scientist to be given honorary degree

U.S. Rep. Vernon J. Ehlers will be given an honorary degree by Grand Valley State University in a special convocation on **Friday, October 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus.**

Ehlers is being recognized for his work in science and government by Grand Valley's Science and Mathematics Division and Social Sciences Division.

Ehlers, of Grand Rapids, has the distinction of being the nation's first -- and only -- Ph.D. physicist in Congress. After many years of teaching serving as the physics department chair at Calvin College, he served in the state Legislature for more than 10 years. In 1993, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ehlers serves on the Science Committee, where he is the chairman of the subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards. He was selected in 1997-98 to rewrite the nation's science policy. He also introduced the National Science Education Acts, aimed at reforming the U.S. K-12 science, mathematics, engineering and technology education.

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Learning direct selling from the experts

Presentation by Alticor President Doug DeVos highlight of Direct Selling Days, Oct. 15-17

Marketing students at Grand Valley State University will get a lesson in direct marketing from the experts this week. Executives from direct selling companies across the country come to Grand Rapids this week as guest lecturers to share their insight and experience with students during Direct Selling Days, which runs October 15-17.

The Direct Selling Education Foundation is partnering with Grand Valley's Seidman School of Business to offer students the opportunity to better understand the direct selling industry. Discussion topics include marketing, sales management, market research and forecasting, personal selling, technology, and selling channels.

"Education is a keystone of our business. As a company, we educate our distributors about the products and the business. Our distributors educate customers about the products and potential business opportunities. As an industry, we need to educate students, faculty and the general public about the business of personal selling and the professional management it requires," said Alan Luce, president of Luce and Associates and one of the guest lecturers.

For students, this opportunity is also beneficial. "Guest lecturers offer a fresh perspective and add variety to the concepts and theory in class," said student Chris Johnson, vice president of the local chapter of the American Marketing Association.

MEDIA ALERT: Alticor President Doug DeVos will address a Seidman School of Business Alumni Association breakfast on Thursday, Oct. 17 in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus. The breakfast is open to media coverage. It begins at 7:30 a.m., with the presentation beginning at 8 a.m. For breakfast reservations, e-mail SSBalumn@gvsu.edu or call (616) 336-7100.

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Sources:

Seidman School of Business Marketing Chair Paul Lane, (616) 336-7470

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GVSU President Available for Proposal 4 Interview

**November 5 Ballot issue involving Tobacco Settlement Money
Will Affect Student Financial Aid for Thousands of Michigan College Students**

Grand Valley State University, along with every college and university in Michigan, has joined the opposition to Proposal 4. If passed, Proposal 4 would eliminate the source of funding for the Michigan Merit Award Program, a program that gives \$2,500 grants to Michigan high school students who earn high scores on the MEAP test.

Grand Valley State's President, Mark Murray draws on his experience as Treasurer of Michigan and State Budget Director in saying, "Proposal 4 would put a permanent and very complex funding plan into the Michigan Constitution that would lock funding into place for the organizations that put Proposal 4 on the ballot. There would be no opportunity for the legislature to reconsider the funding each year as is the case with every other state program."

President Murray is available for interviews on Proposal 4. Please call Mary Eilleen Lyon at 616 331 2221 or e-mail lyonme@gvsu.edu to schedule and interview with President Murray.

Additional and more detailed reasons for the university's opposition are available on the web at www.gvsu.edu/ballotquestion



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Astronaut visits Grand Rapids

NASA astronaut, Space Station film part of Grand Valley/IMAX event

NASA astronaut Lee M.E. Morin will be part of a day of space-based fun and education during an event sponsored by Grand Valley State University and the Celebration Cinema IMAX theater in Grand Rapids.

Grand Valley's Regional Math and Science Center presents a day-long celebration of space exploration with *Super Science Saturday at the IMAX: Celebrating Space Exploration*. The event is **October 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Celebration Cinema/IMAX, corner of Knapp and East Beltline, Grand Rapids**. The event is open to the public. Admission is free, although there is a charge for some events.

Morin was a member of the crew on the space shuttle Atlantis on a 10-day flight in April. It was the 13th shuttle mission to visit the International Space Station. During that mission, Morin performed two activities outside the station and was away from the station for more than 14 hours. He will give two hour-long presentations, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Other scheduled events include:

Free hands-on science demonstrations related to traveling, living and working in space. Activities include launching 2-liter bottle rockets, pop rockets and building ring-wing gliders.

The IMAX feature film "Space Station 3-D" at the reduced group rate of \$5 per person

Classic science fiction films for a nominal admission fee

Guest presentations from: Jim Fitzgerald, NASA education specialist, Glenn Research Center; Gerard "Jerry" Pahl, education director, Kalamazoo Air Zoo; Gary Tomlinson, Chaffee Planetarium, Public Museum of Grand Rapids; and Stewart Bailey, Executive Director, Michigan Space & Science Center, Jackson, Mich.

The event is sponsored by Grand Valley State University, GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center and IMAX. For more information, contact Karen Meyers, Regional Math and Science Center, at (616) 895-2267 or visit www.gvsu.edu/rmsc.

MEDIA NOTE: The event is open for news media coverage.

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 Attention: Arts
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'If Sculpture Could Talk': Artist Joseph Kinnebrew to present DeVos Art Lecture on Oct. 24

The renowned sculptor has pieces installed throughout the Grand Rapids area

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Grand Valley State University's third DeVos Art Lecture Series will feature Joseph Kinnebrew, an artist who has had a hand in shaping the look of Grand Rapids, from its award-winning fish ladder and downtown sculptures to street furniture, signs and logos.

Kinnebrew will present a lecture on Thursday, October 24, at the Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. The presentation begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a wine and cheese reception. A warm-up reception begins at 5 p.m. The event is open to the public free of charge. Call (616) 895-2564 for more information.

Kinnebrew's topic, "If Sculpture Could Talk," will focus on the symbolism and personal messages that an artist may imbed in his or her work. Rather than try to explain his artwork -- a "rather arrogant presumption" that causes viewers to abandon their own interpretations, he noted -- he will "present tools of interpretation using my own work as an example."

An internationally recognized painter and sculptor of metal and bronze, Kinnebrew's career is distinguished by such commissions as the Grand Rapids Fish Ladder and Sculpture (1974), the Howard Miller Clock Company headquarters in Zeeland, Interlochen Arts Academy, and a 70-foot-high aerial sculpture at the Detroit Hospital Health Care Institute. A former Grand Rapids-area resident, the renowned artist has works on display at GVSU, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, and throughout Grand Rapids.

Kinnebrew's artwork at Grand Valley includes "The Embrace," a 5-by-7-foot bronze sculpture located in the courtyard of the DeVos Center, and paintings and sculptures throughout the campuses.

Sculptures in Grand Rapids include "Aspiration of Inspiration (1999)," commissioned by Fountain Street Church as a gift to Grand Rapids Community College; "Kid Katwalk" in the Sixth Street Bridge Park; the bright green "Stroll" alongside the GRCC parking ramp; and the broken pyramid "Justice," which was erected next to the Hall of Justice.

In 1984, the Grand Rapids Fish Ladder was selected as one of the 50 Most Significant Structures in Michigan by the Michigan Society of Architects. Other Michigan honors include the Michigan Governor's Award and awards for design of Grand Rapids parking logo and signage, and transit shelters.

During the past two years, major Kinnebrew sculptures have been placed at museums, universities, and properties in Utah, Washington, Las Vegas, Nev., at his studio and sculpture garden in Seattle, Wash., and at Grand Valley State University.

Kinnebrew received his master's of fine art degree from Michigan State University in 1970. He lived in the Grand Rapids area for 20 years and now resides in Seattle, Wash.

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MEDIA TIPSHEET: GVSU experts available for comment on sniper attacks

As sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area dominate the news, Grand Valley State University professors are available to offer comments. Please note that the following professors have expertise on criminal justice or psychology angles of sniper activities in general, but are not authorities on specific aspects of recent attacks.

Anton Tolman

Assistant professor of psychology
(616) 895-3798

A forensic psychologist, Tolman's areas of research include criminal psychopathy, violence, and managing risk. He is an authority on serial killers and can speak about the fear factor populations face when encountering a serial killer.

Jim Bolger

Director of GVSU's Criminal Justice Training Center
(616) 331-7130

Bolger retired from the Michigan State Police after serving 27 years in law enforcement. The Criminal Justice Training Center offers enhanced training for law enforcement personnel.

Jeff Steffel

Visiting professor, School of Criminal Justice
(616) 331-7130

Steffel is a retired command officer with the Michigan State Police and was a member of the State Police Emergency Support Team.

Douglas McKenzie

Associate professor, School of Criminal Justice
(616) 331-7130

McKenzie is a behavioral scientist with expertise in deviant behavior.

Jonathan White

Executive director of the Homeland Defense Initiative

Formerly dean of social sciences at GVSU, White, an expert on terrorism, was assigned to a temporary post in the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He now works in partnership with the FBI to standardize counter-terrorism training in police departments across the nation. Call Nancy Willey at (616) 895-2228 to arrange an interview.

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History Conference focuses on culture and social change

Held Oct. 25-26, all events are open to the public

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- The 27th Annual Great Lakes History Conference, a daylong event sponsored by the GVSU History Department, will be held Saturday, October 26, at the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.

The theme of this year's conference, "Culture and Social Change," will be addressed in 24 panels on historical topics by more than 60 presenters. Richard Stites of Georgetown University will deliver the keynote address, "Slavery, Freedom, and the Arts: The Creative Serf in Tsarist Russia," after lunch.

Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and end with a reception at 5 p.m. Admission is \$18 for the general public. The annual conference draws more than 100 history buffs and experts from throughout the region. The History Conference coincides with the 7th Michigan Railroad History Conference, also held at the Eberhard Center.

This year's conference also features a special plenary session on "Iranian Cinema since the Revolution," on Friday, October 25, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. The program includes noted Iranian filmmaker Bahman Farmanara, whose film, "Smell of Camphor, Fragrance of Jasmine" (2000), will be screened at 9 p.m. Friday at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts. All Friday events are free and open to the public.

For a complete list of History Conference events and a registration form, see www.gvsu.edu/history/glhc.html. For more information contact Shelby Hughes at (616) 895-3298.

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History Conference coordinators:

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Daylong conference addresses early Jews and Christians

The conference on Oct. 31 is open to the public free of charge

HOLLAND, Mich. -- Jews and Christians in early history will be the subject of a one-day conference held at Hope College on Thursday, October 31. Conference events include panel discussions and two keynote lectures by a noted New Testament authority. All activities are open to the public free of charge.

The conference, "Before the Divide: Jews and Christians in the Early Centuries," is sponsored by Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, Grand Valley State University, Calvin College and Theological Seminary, and the West Shore Committee for Jewish/Christian Dialogue. Events begin at 9:30 a.m. and are held at Hope College in Holland.

Keynote speaker is Paula Fredriksen, professor of New Testament at Boston University. Fredriksen is author of "From Jesus to Christ: The Origins of the New Testament Images of Christ" (awarded the Yale University Press Governors' Award for Best Book), "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews: A Jewish Life and the Emergence of Christianity" (winner of the National Jewish Book Award), and the recent "Augustine and the Jews." She will speak at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The conference is free; however lunch is \$10 in advance. For a schedule, directions, and registration form, visit online at www.jewishchristiandialogue.org or call Barry Bandstra, (616) 395-7752.

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Sources:

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GVSU holds candidate forums

Series of Public Policy Institute forums allow candidates to face off in important regional races

While the Michigan gubernatorial contest is attracting considerable attention this year, there are several races and issues of interest in West Michigan this year. Grand Valley State University's Public Policy Institute is holding a series of candidate forums to help voters get familiar with the issues.

"Term limits are having a dramatic effect on the state Legislature this year," said Public Policy Institute Director William Byl. "The 29th District state Senate seat has no incumbent for the first time in over eight years, and there is a very competitive race between the Democratic and Republican candidates. The same is true for the 76th state House seat. And in the 75th state House race, the Democratic challenger is aggressively pursuing the Republican incumbent."

Additionally, Byl said, there is a proposed amendment to the Grand Rapids City Charter to change the duties of the mayor to a full time position. Those issues will be featured in the forums, which will be in Grand Rapids and Muskegon. The dates, locations, times and participants are:

October 23

Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids

- 7 p.m.: State House 75, Jerry Kooiman (R) and Peter Vander Meulen (D)
- 8 p.m.: State House 76, Mark Kubik (R) and Michael Sak (D)

October 24

Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids

- 7 p.m.: Grand Rapids City Charter Amendment
Grand Rapids Mayor John Logie, Ionia Mayor Dan Balice, and Dr. Richard Jelier from Grand Valley State University
- 8 p.m.: State Senate 29, Bill Hardiman (R) and Steve Pestka (D)

October 30

Lake Michigan Center, Muskegon

- 7 p.m.: State House 91, David Farhat (R), Nancy Frye (D)
- 8 p.m.: State Senate 34, Bob Schrauger (D) and Jerry Van Woerkom (R)

The forums are free and open to the public. They are also open to media coverage. To reserve a seat, call (800) 690-0314. For more information, visit www4.gvsu.edu/publicpolicy, call Grand Valley's Division of Continuing Education at (616) 336-7180 or e-mail ceinfo@gvsu.edu.

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MEDIA TIPSHEET: GVSU Middle East experts available

With the situation in the Middle East continuing to be volatile and the U.S. considering going to war with Iraq, Grand Valley State University has expert sources available to comment on a variety of facets of this story.

- **James Goode** is a professor of history and is the head of the Middle Eastern Studies program at Grand Valley. He has taught and written extensively about the region. He can be reached at (616) 895-3184.
- **Barbara Roos** is an associate professor of communications with expertise in Egypt, Yemen and Turkey. She has studied Middle Eastern media and First Amendment/free speech issues regarding TV content. She currently teaches a global communications course. Roos can be reached at (616) 895-3465.
- **Samir IsHak**, professor of management in the Seidman School of Business, is a native of Egypt and can speak on the economic and political situation in the region. IsHak is on sabbatical this semester. To arrange an interview, call News and Information Services at (616) 895-2221.
- **Mark Schaub** is an assistant professor of writing and assistant dean of international education. Before coming to Grand Valley, Schaub taught for almost seven years at the American University in Cairo, where he directed the writing program. His research interests and publications include Arabic and Islamic Rhetoric, International Business, and Intercultural Communication related to the Arab World. He can be reached at (616) 895-3603.

The following political science faculty have expertise in international relations and are well-versed in the United State's policies and actions regarding Iraq.

- John Constantelos, associate professor of political science, (616) 895-2869
- Polly Diven, associate professor of political science, (616) 895-3282
- YanZhong Huang, assistant professor of political science (616) 895-2866

For information on Grand Valley's Middle Eastern Studies program, visit www.gvsu.edu/mes.

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Center for Health Sciences Named for Cook and DeVos
Peter C. Cook and Richard M. DeVos Honored

Grand Valley State University has announced that in recognition of their generosity and leadership, the Center for Health Sciences in downtown Grand Rapids will bear the name of two of the project's major contributors, Peter C. Cook and Richard M. DeVos.

The two community leaders and benefactors gave a combined gift of \$10 million and served as honorary chairs of the Building for Life Campaign, which provided one-third of the funding for the \$57.1 million project. The 215,000-square-foot center at the corner of Michigan and Lafayette streets will house all of Grand Valley's health professions programs. 1,500 students in the School of Health Professions, the Kirkhof School of Nursing and Life Sciences will learn and conduct research in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences when it opens in the fall of 2003.

"My wife Pat and I never questioned the need for a facility like the Center," says Cook. "Healthcare is important and we need qualified, highly skilled professionals. The training that students will receive at the Center will be fantastic. Pat and I have been supporters of Grand Valley every since it was founded as the first state university in western Michigan. We are very pleased that Grand Valley is the institution providing this education. God has blessed us to be able to provide this support."

The DeVos family continues its support of education and health care. Rich says the Center combines both to the benefit of all. "Helen and I have supported education for many years. You can have the finest hospitals, the most technologically advanced equipment, the latest breakthroughs in medical research, but without those who provide the care and support, the system fails. Nearly all of us will depend on that system at some point in our lives, maybe many times. We thank God that we were blessed to be a blessing. Giving is part of our Christian heritage and we share this joy with the many others who gave to this building."

Each of the five floors of the Center will be named in recognition of other leading donors. Frederik and Lena Meijer, Leslie Tassell, Donna and James Brooks, Jay and Betty Van Andel, and Jack and Nancy Batts will be recognized for their support.

The state of Michigan committed \$37.1 million to the project, leaving \$20 million to be raised privately. Vice President of Development Maribeth Wardrop says, "Thanks to the leadership of Cook and DeVos, and the generosity of many, just \$325,000 remains to be raised to complete the project. The investment will yield an innovative program with an interdisciplinary, team approach that will distinguish the school and its graduates."

"This building will be a resource for all of us," said Karen Loth, Director of Campaigns and Special Giving. "We invite others in the community to support this project, and all gifts will be acknowledged on our donor wall of recognition."



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Save Dates: November 19 and 20

FBI, CIA: The Presidency and the Use of Intelligence
Former Director of both the CIA and the FBI heads panel discussion

It's better than the television show "The West Wing." Find out directly from a man who has been behind closed doors when presidents have made decisions that have affected the nation and the world.

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University is bringing Judge William H. Webster, former director of both the CIA and the FBI, to Grand Rapids. Judge Webster will share his unique perspective on domestic and international intelligence and the presidential decision making process.

Presentation by Judge William H. Webster
Former CIA and FBI Director
The President's Use of Intelligence and Information
Tuesday, November 19, 8:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State University, Pew Grand Rapids Campus
Loosemore Auditorium

Panel Discussion:
The President's Sharing of Intelligence and Information
Panelists include Judge Webster, U.S. Representative
Pete Hoekstra, House Intelligence Committee,
Colonel, Stephen Madden, director Michigan
State Police and Homeland Defense
Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 a.m.
Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium

Seating for the general public is limited. Call 616-895-2770 to reserve a seat.

Media: Judge Webster's schedule will allow limited opportunities for one-on-one interviews. Please call News and Information Services, 616-331-2221, with any requests. More details and updates to follow.



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Advisory: Photo opp Friday for GVSU dance event held Saturday

Principal dancers conduct master class with GVSU students in preparation for gala dance event

Principal dancers from the American Ballet Theatre and Broadway's *The Lion King* are a few of the dance luminaries Grand Valley will welcome to its stage for a gala dance night on October 26.

"Dance Stars of the New Millennium" begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 26 in Grand Valley's Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$10 for all students. Reserve seats by calling the box office at (616) 895-2300.

[PHOTO OPP FOR MEDIA: Two of the noted guest dancers -- Amanda McKerrow and John Gardner, husband-and-wife team from the American Ballet Theatre -- will conduct a master class Friday morning from 9-10:30 a.m. They will be working with dance students in the GVSU dance studio, located in the Performing Arts Center on the Allendale Campus. Media are welcome. Contact Jefferson Baum, 895-2548, or Nancy Willey, 895-2228, for more information.]

Jefferson Baum, director of Grand Valley's dance program, describes the evening performances as a "very eclectic collection of dances, from modern to very classical ballet." Jazz and neo-classical ballet are also part of the program. The dancers are breathtaking performers, said Baum, and give the West Michigan audience an opportunity to see some of the nation's premier dancers.

The "Dance Stars" of the title are principal dancers from some of the leading ballet companies in the United States:

- Amanda McKerrow and John Gardner, American Ballet Theatre
- Lisa Catrett-Belrose, Peter Sparling Dance Company
- Christine Winkler and John Welker, Atlanta Ballet
- Ramon Flowers, Broadway's award-winning *The Lion King*.

The GVSU Dance Ensemble will also take the stage. The evening's performances will last about 90 minutes, with a reception following.

Grand Valley's dance program was formally begun less than two years ago by Baum, a Spring Lake native who left West Michigan at the age of 16 to become an internationally recognized dancer and choreographer. Before retiring from professional dance, Baum toured Europe, Russia and China as a featured dancer with premier ballet companies, and was a principal artist with the New York City and Metropolitan Opera ballets.

Baum now leads the activities of Grand Valley's growing dance program, housed in a new state-of-the-art dance facility in the Performing Arts Center. Baum is also credited with directing the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp dance program for 14 years.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: GVSU groundbreaking in Muskegon

SmartZone project will help find commercial applications for alternative energy technologies

The dream of turning Muskegon into a nationwide resource for alternative energy development will come a step closer to reality as Grand Valley State University breaks ground on the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center.

The center will be a business incubator and education research center, as well as a major demonstration project of energy technologies. Workstage LLC — a joint venture of Steelcase Inc., Morgan Stanley Real Estate Funds and The Gayle Company — will build the 25,000-square-foot facility.

Details of the groundbreaking ceremony

- **TIME:** Monday, October 28 at 4 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** Adjacent to the Shoreline Inn and Suites at 750 Terrace Point Blvd., Muskegon.
- **EVENT DETAILS:** There will be a short speaking program, followed by a reception at the neighboring hotel.
- **MEDIA CONSIDERATIONS:** A mult-box will be available for broadcast media. A high-resolution rendering of the building is available electronically by calling Brian J. Bowe at (616) 895-2221. A detailed release will be available at the ceremony or from Grand Valley's online news center at gvnow.gvsu.edu.

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GVSU ELECTION EXPERTS available for top election coverage

November 5 is fast approaching. As you prepare reports on upcoming elections, the following Grand Valley experts are available for interviews and analysis on the many races and issues facing citizens at the polls.

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Director of the Public Policy Institute at GVSU
William Byl, director of Grand Valley's Public Policy Institute, served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1995-2000. While a member of the House, he served as assistant majority floor leader, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee and co-chair of the bipartisan urban caucus. Before he was elected to state government, Byl served as Kent County Commissioner from 1987-1994.
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Assistant professors of political science with expertise in American politics

These professors and program directors are experts in their field and can examine the local political scene. Possibilities:

- Arrange to attend a political science class studying campaigns and advertising.
- Conduct a pre-election interview.
- Set-up election day or day after analysis.

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Farmers from Nicaragua will discuss fair trade, economic challenges with business owners

Oct. 30 targeted to coffee vendors, wholesalers

Two organic farmers from Nicaragua will discuss coffee import strategies, agricultural co-ops, and fair trade with American business owners during a seminar sponsored by Grand Valley State University.

"Global Connections through Fair Trade: The Nicaragua Experience," will be held from **1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30**, at the University Club Room, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Many of the seminar guests are local coffee vendors and wholesalers, but the public is welcome.

The Nicaraguan guests, Porfirio Zepeda and Elim Blandon, are members of the UCA Miraflor Agricultural Co-Operative. They will discuss how the organization operates, including its emphasis on gender empowerment and organic food production. Alicia Lienberger, from the Equal Exchange in Madison, Wisconsin, will address fair trade and fair exchange concepts as well as the model for sale of UCA Miraflor organic coffee in West Michigan.

The seminar is sponsored by GVSU's Kirkhof School of Nursing, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Michigan Small Business Development Center. The KSON and MI-SBDC have worked closely with UCA Miraflor on health care and business issues. "This seminar is an example of linking the health of a community with its economic development," said Gayla Jewell, assistant professor of nursing and coordinator of the Nursing Center for Global Health.

"Farmers who are members of the co-op, for business purposes, have more power than individual farmers," said Dante Villarreal, from the MI-SBDC. Villarreal said the Nicaraguan farmers export their organic coffee to Europe and hope to build ties with more U.S. companies.

Jewell and Villarreal are organizing the visit. Jewell can be contacted at 616-336-7174 or jewellg@gvsu.edu; Villarreal is at 616-336-7372 or villarda@gvsu.edu.

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GVSU's Johnson philanthropy center awarded \$2.9 million grant

PHOTO OPP: President Mark A. Murray will formally accept the grant at the center's 10th anniversary celebration, Oct. 29

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--Grand Valley State University's Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership will celebrate its first decade with a significant new contribution from the foundation that helped it get started 10 years ago.

The Johnson Center's 10th anniversary celebration coincides with the presentation by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of a \$2.9 million grant for a new knowledge management initiative at the center.

The event will be held on Tuesday, October 29, in the Exhibition Hall of the DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. A reception begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a program at 6 p.m. The event is not open to the public; however, media are welcome to attend.

William C. Richardson, CEO of the Kellogg Foundation, will formalize the new grant with an oversized check presented to Grand Valley President Mark A. Murray. Special guests also include Dorothy A. Johnson.

The funding enables the Johnson Center to develop a new initiative to organize and disseminate information for the nonprofit sector. This new knowledge management initiative, directed by Distinguished Professor Joel J. Orosz, has already established the online Nonprofit Good Practice Guide (www.nonprofitbasics.org) and will be establishing a new grantmaking school to train foundation program directors across the country.

The Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership was established in 1992 with support from the Kellogg Foundation. Since then the center has worked with faculty members to develop curriculum in nonprofit studies, promote service-learning and volunteerism, and conduct research to benefit the nonprofit sector.

"We've accomplished a great deal in our first 10 years, thanks in large part to our partnerships with the Kellogg Foundation and the Grand Rapids Community Foundation," said Donna VanIwaarden, director of the Johnson Center. "This support has allowed us to move to the forefront of this new and tremendously important field of study."

In 1999 the center was named in honor of Dorothy A. Johnson, president emeritus of the Council of Michigan Foundations and current chair of the GVSU Board of Trustees. At that time, the center also received an outstanding philanthropic studies library along with an endowment for its upkeep from the Council of Michigan Foundations.

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New Web site for nonprofit managers launched

The Nonprofit Management Good Practice Web site can be seen at www.nonprofitbasics.org

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership of Grand Valley State University announces the **Nonprofit Good Practice Guide**, a free resource available on the Web at www.nonprofitbasics.org. Applicable to any nonprofit, the comprehensive guide is designed particularly for new nonprofit managers.

Funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the online guide is a learning tool that provides hands-on tips, articles and other resources. The nine topic areas lead nonprofit managers to information that can be quickly and directly applied to their organizations. Included are Preferred Practices and Pitfalls, or "dos and don't" of nonprofit management. Web Site Profiles and Links, consisting of the most helpful online information sources, are annotated for reference. Additionally, a comprehensive Glossary of key nonprofit terms and a search function allows finding information easily.

The Nonprofit Good Practice Guide currently provides information on Fundraising & Financial Sustainability, Governance, and Staff Development & Organizational Capacity. More topics will be added each month including Accountability & Evaluation, Volunteer Management, Communications & Marketing, Operations Management & Leadership, Advocacy, and Technology.

The Nonprofit Good Practice Guide is a project of The Philanthropic and Nonprofit Knowledge Management (PNKM) Initiative, directed by Dr. Joel J. Orosz, distinguished professor of philanthropic studies at Grand Valley State University.

The PNKM Initiative offers nonprofits the opportunity to improve the efficiency of management, community service learning, and collaboration between granters and grantees for the success of nonprofit organizations as a whole. It also contains a focus on raising awareness of the need for funder effectiveness, especially through education for grantmakers.

"The Philanthropic and Nonprofit Knowledge Management (PNKM) Initiative seeks to capture, organize, disseminate, and promote the use of good practices in the nonprofit sector," says Orosz. "Knowledge Management results in the selective and effective use of information, capturing of key lessons, avoiding the re-invention of the wheel, and ultimately, an organization using preferred practices is operating as usefully and efficiently as it can, and serving its clients in the best available way."

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Ferris wins in GLIAC tennis

The Grand Rapids Press

The Ferris State women's tennis team breezed into the finals of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament. The second-seeded Bulldogs won two matches: Friday in Midland, defeating Michigan Tech 5-0 in the first round, then third-seeded Grand Valley State University 6-1 in the semifinals. Ferris will face Northern Michigan for the championship today. GVSU advanced to face the Bulldogs by edging Wayne State 5-4. Alison Koopsen and Kim VanSprange provided the Lakers with decisive points with wins in singles and doubles. Against Ferris, GVSU managed only a Koopsen-VanSprange 8-4 win at No. 3 doubles over Elena Blackman and Tessa Miller. The Bulldogs took four singles matches to clinch the outcome.



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AREA COLLEGES

NORTHWOOD vs. GRAND VALLEY

□ KICKOFF: 7 p.m. at Lubbers Stadium.
□ COACHES: Grand Valley's Brian Kelly, 96-34-2 in 12th season. Northwood's Pat Riepma, 9th season, 48-50-2. □ RECORDS: Grand Valley 6-0 overall, 5-0 in the GLIAC. Northwood 4-3, 4-2.

□ PLAYERS TO

WATCH: Grand Valley

→ RB Brent Lesniak rushed for a team-high 123 yards on 26 carries and scored a touchdown in the Lakers' 23-18 victory last week over Saginaw Valley. WR Terrance Banks was

named the GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week after returning three kickoffs for 109 yards. He also caught nine passes for 106 yards. LB Orlando Williams was named the GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week after recording 17 tackles, 14 solo, 5.5 of them for lost yardage and 3.5 quarterback sacks.

Northwood → QB Jason Martin completed 7 of 13 passes last week for 141 yards and two touchdowns in the Timberwolves' 41-34 win over Hillsdale College. RB Chad Coons rushed for 91 yards on 14 carries and caught five passes for 76 yards. He scored two rushing touchdowns and one receiving. WR Yared Yearby caught one pass for 54 yards and a touchdown.

□ FAST FACT: The two teams didn't play last season with the game canceled after the events of Sept. 11, but Northwood has won the last two meetings.

□ SERIES: Grand Valley leads, 17-7-1.

□ RADIO: WMFN-AM (640); also on GVSU website lakersports.gvsu.edu. □ TICKETS: \$8-6. \$5 lawn. Students free with ID. Limited reserve and bleacher tickets remain.



MARSHALL AT CMU

□ KICKOFF: Today at 1 p.m. at Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,199), Mount Pleasant.
□ RECORDS: Central Michigan 3-4 overall, 1-2 in the MAC. Marshall 5-1, 3-0.
□ COACHES: Mike DeBord, 8-20 in third season at CMU. Bob Pruitt, 74-12 in seventh season at Marshall.

□ PLAYERS TO WATCH: CMU → LB Jovan Clarke had 12 tackles in last week's 49-0 loss at Northern Illinois, including one of CMU's six quarterback sacks. RB Robbie Mixon was held to a season-low 31 yards rushing on 14 attempts. Marshall → QB Byron Leftwich needs 51 passing yards today to become the 20th player in Division I history to reach 10,000 passing yards. MAC East Player of the Week Curtis Head had six punts averaging 43.2 yards; placed all five kickoffs inside the 2-yard line including two touchbacks, added a 25-yard field goal and was 3-of-3 on PATs.

□ FAST FACT: After winning their first three games this season, the Chippewas have dropped four straight.

□ SERIES: Marshall leads 3-2, both CMU victories coming in the 1970s when the Thundering Herd was not a MAC member.

□ RADIO: WSCG-FM (106.3).

□ TICKETS: \$16 reserved and general admission, \$8 youth and senior citizens general admission.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS AT WMU

□ KICKOFF: Today at 1 p.m. at Waldo Stadium, Kalamazoo.

□ RECORDS: Western Michigan 2-5 overall, 1-2 in the MAC. Northern Illinois 5-3, 4-0.

□ COACHES: Gary Darnell, 38-26 in sixth season at WMU, 41-30 in seventh season overall. Joe Novak, 25-49 in seventh season at NIU.

□ PLAYERS TO

WATCH: WMU → RB

Philip Reed posted

his second 100-yard

game of the season in

last week's 48-45

overtime loss to

Bowling Green,

totaling 140 yards and

4 TDs. DE Jason

Babin had two sacks

in the BG game, pushing his league-leading

total to 10 sacks. Northern Illinois → TB

Michael Turner is the nation's top rusher with

1,259 yards. SS Akil Grant has 100 tackles.

□ FAST FACT: The 45 points WMU scored

last week were the most points ever scored in

a Bronco loss, after having gone 86-0 over 97

seasons when scoring 40 or more in a game.

□ SERIES: WMU leads, 20-7-0.

□ RADIO: WTKG-AM (1230).

□ TICKETS: \$22 sidelines, \$20 end zone.



SAGINAW VALLEY vs. FERRIS ST

□ KICKOFF: 1:30 p.m. at Top Taggart Field.

□ COACHES: Ferris State's Jeff Pierce, 52-32-0 in eighth season; Saginaw Valley's

rey, fourth season, 30-12-0.

□ SERIES: Ferris State 3-3 overall, 2-3 in

GLIAC. Saginaw Valley 6-1, 5-1.

□ PLAYERS TO WATCH: Ferris State → QB

Tom Marsen

completed 20 of 36

passes for 148 yards

in the Bulldogs' 19-13

win over Mercyhurst

last week. RB Derek

Fudge paced Ferris

State in rushing with

65 yards on 21 carries

and scored a TD. WR

Brandis Bowle

caught 7 passes for 54 yards. Saginaw Valley

→ QB Matt LaFleur completed 24 of 37

passes for 302 yards in the loss to Grand

Valley. QB Mark Radlinski completed all four

of his passes for 51 yards.

□ FAST FACT: The Cardinals, who dropped

from 3rd to 9th in the NCAA Division II ranking,

have won the last two meetings with Ferris.

□ SERIES: Ferris State leads, 14-12-1.

□ RADIO: WBRN-AM (1460).

□ TICKETS: \$5 adults, \$3 K-through-12.



JOLIET CC vs. GRCC

□ KICKOFF: 1:30 p.m. at Houseman Field.

□ COACHES: GRCC's Fred Julian (17th

season, 134-48-1). Joliet CC's Bob McDougal,

23rd season.

□ RECORDS: GRCC 6-1 overall, 5-1 in the

N4C; Joliet CC 8-0,

6-0.

□ PLAYERS TO

WATCH: GRCC → RB

Cody Pratt rushed for

78 yards on 18 carries

last week and scored

two touchdowns in the

Raiders' 44-12 victory

over the College of

DuPage. RB Gerron

Gye had 73 yards on 13 attempts and also

scored two touchdowns. DB James Johnson

leads GRCC with three interceptions.

□ FAST FACT: Joliet CC is ranked No. 3 in

country this week. GRCC is 16th.

□ RADIO: WFAN-AM (640).

□ TICKETS: \$3, students free with ID.





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Hoekstra discusses Afghanistan mission

Congressman will speak to Grand Valley foreign policy class Wednesday

U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland, is speaking to Grand Valley State University students in a U.S. foreign policy class about his recent fact-finding mission to Afghanistan.

The class, which has 35 students, is open to the entire campus community. News media are also encouraged to attend and cover the talk. **The class will be in the Pere Marquette Room 204 of the Kirhof Center on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus on Wednesday, October 30 from 3-4 p.m.**

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Native American musician to lead Nov. 7 workshop for young students

Event precedes annual Veteran's Day Dance and Feast

About 50 Grand Rapids area middle and high school students will learn about Native American history and music during a workshop conducted by Joseph FireCrow, a Grammy nominated flutist and vocalist.

The workshop is scheduled from **noon-2 p.m. on Thursday, November 7**, in the Kirkhof Center at Grand Valley State University.

FireCrow was born in Montana and raised on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. An accomplished wooden flutist, FireCrow's fourth album, "Cheyenne Nation," received a nomination for "Best Native American Music Album" category at the 2001 Grammy Awards.

"The wooden flute is a tradition that is passed on from one generation to the next," FireCrow said. "Through Northern Cheyenne stories, ceremonies, and songs, our culture is maintained. The flute is kept in the same manner. The legend of how the flute came to the people, the songs that are called wolf-songs, and the construction of the flute, are all kept strong and vibrant."

Eduardo Sanchez, assistant director of Grand Valley's Multicultural Affairs, said FireCrow will address cultural perspectives on Native American traditions during the workshop. He will also likely demonstrate how to make a flute.

The flutist will later appear with his band in a free performance, open to the public, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on November 7 in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

FireCrow's appearances at Grand Valley precede the annual Anishnaabek Dance and Feast, planned for **Saturday, November 9, from noon-6 p.m.**, in GVSU's Fieldhouse. FireCrow plans to attend the event that honors all American veterans. The event is open to the public and free. The feast will be at 4 p.m., the colorful grand entries -- featuring participating tribes and flags from all U.S. military branches -- at 1 and 6 p.m.

Along with the Multicultural Affairs Office, the week's events are sponsored by the Native American Student Association, Office of Student Life, and King-Chavez-Parks Initiative.

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GVSU presents "Little Women" — a treat for all ages

The show runs November 15-22

Grand Valley State University is bringing a heartwarming American classic to its stage just in time for the holiday season. Beginning on November 15, the Theatre program presents Mary Louise Alcott's "Little Women," a treat for the entire family.

Showtimes:

- November 15, 16, 21, and 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- November 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.

Performances run about 90 minutes and are held in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, in Allendale.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 college students, and \$2.50 for K-12 students. Group rates are available. Reserve seats by calling the box office at (616) 331-2300.

The much-loved, Civil War-era tale begins on a memorable Christmas when Marmee leaves to visit her sick husband and Jo sells her beautiful hair to help finance the trip. The story continues as the four sisters — Jo, Meg, Amy, and Beth — struggle to find their places in the world while learning about themselves, true love, and the meaning of family.

The stage adaptation of Mary Louise Alcott's famous book was written by playwright Scott Davidson. The production is staged by guest director Jeralyn Pinsky, of Grand Rapids.

Cast members and their hometowns:

Jo..... Rachel Roos of Grand Haven
Meg Suzanne Block, Fenton
Beth..... Morgan Smith, Southfield
Amy Sheila Turner, Livonia
Hannah Mary Menard, Macomb
Marmee..... Jan Geary, St. Louis
Aunt March Kathleen Hanley, Midland
Mr. March..... Scott Rosendall, Grand Rapids
Mrs. Gardener MacKenzie Wilson, Traverse City
Sallie Gardener..... Carolyn Ratkowski, Milwaukee, Wis.
Theodore [Laurie] Lawrence: Justin Fornier, Macomb
Belle Moffet..... Nicole Cimoch, Rockford
Annie Moffet..... Briana Erickson, Elk Rapids
John Brooke..... Scott Lange, Saginaw

[Photographs will be available November 7. Call Nancy at 895-2228 to have one emailed to you.]

November 6, 2002

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'Freezer Jesus' premiered at Studio 28 on Nov. 14

The film was produced by students in GVSU's Summer Film Project

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.--Grand Valley State University presents the world premiere of "The Freezer Jesus," produced this summer as part of the School of Communications' annual Summer Film Project.

"The Freezer Jesus" will make its public debut at **8 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, at Studio 28**, 1350 28th St. SW in Wyoming. **The screening is open to the public. Admission is \$5.** Doors open at 7:15 p.m. For more information call (616) 895-3668.

Grand Valley students produced the film with a little help from notable Hollywood cinematographer Jack Anderson, who was invited to work with film and video students for six weeks this summer as they gained firsthand knowledge of the movie industry. "Freezer Jesus" was shot in June on farms near Allendale using local actors. Students then edited the film in the following weeks. GVSU film and video professor John Harper Philbin directed the production.

The film script was selected anonymously following an international screenplay competition. That it was submitted by prominent novelist John Dufresne, who teaches creative writing at Florida International University, was a pleasant surprise, said Philbin. Dufresne's script is adapted from a story in his 1991 short story collection, "The Way That Water Enters Stone."

"The Freezer Jesus" intertwines the stories of two neighboring farmers: Jesse (Craig Powers), 60ish, whose wild 30-something son Russell (Steven Anderson) returns home seriously ill after many years away, and Arlis (Bob Keeler), 70ish, who sees the image of Jesus on his porch freezer and subsequently has pilgrims flocking to his farm. The drama combines supernatural overtones with a portrayal of plain, everyday people.

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Prominent expert on Arabic literature to speak at GVSU

Suzanne Stetkevych, professor of Arabic literature, will speak on Nov. 14

Suzanne Stetkevych, one of today's most prominent critics of Arabic poetry, will speak at Grand Valley State University on November 14.

Stetkevych's lecture takes place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room (2nd floor), Allendale Campus. Her talk, "A Stroll in Al-Ma`arri's Garden: Poetry and Irony in the Islamic Paradise," will discuss the description of poets in the 11th-century Arabic prose work, *The Epistle of Forgiveness*.

Stetkevych will then present a poetry reading at 3 p.m. in the Alumni House and Visitor Center. She will read from selected poets in Arabic, with English translations. Both events are open to the public free of charge.

Stetkevych is a professor of Arabic Literature and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Indiana University, Bloomington. Currently editor of the *Journal of Arabic Literature*, she has researched and written extensively on Arabic literature and poetry. She holds a degree in art history from Wellesley College and a doctorate in classical Arabic literature from The University of Chicago.

Stetkevych's appearance at Grand Valley is sponsored by the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, the Middle East Studies Program, and the Classics Department. Call 895-3634 for more information.

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Character education in classroom is focus of daylong conference

A seasoned educator and motivational speaker will discuss how to implement character education in the classroom during a conference sponsored by Grand Valley State University.

Jim Kern, author of "Build the Fort Today" and "Connecting with Kids: Heart to Heart," is the keynote speaker for the third annual Character Education Conference, planned from **8 a.m.-4 p.m. on November 21** in the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St.

During the day, Kern and other education and business experts will highlight strategies and tools to implement character education in K-12 or college classrooms. The conference is targeted for educators, social workers, counselors and others who work with students.

Kern earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in counseling from Winona State University in Minnesota, and a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Wyoming. He has taught classes with students of every age group, from kindergarten to senior citizens.

Joining GVSU's School of Education in sponsoring the Character Education Conference are Comerica Bank, Character Unlimited, and Kent and Muskegon intermediate school districts.

Professionals who wish to register for the conference can call Amy Moore, GVSU Community Outreach assistant director of administration, at 616-771-6650, or moorea@gvsu.edu.

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**Webster – A Life Defined by Public Service
Former Head of CIA and FBI and
Head of new accounting oversight board to join panel discussion on the use of
domestic and international intelligence**

Not many people know the inner workings of the White House. Judge William H. Webster does. The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University is bringing Webster to Grand Rapids **November 19 and 20**. The former head of the FBI and the CIA will give a presentation November 19 on the "President's Use of Domestic and International Intelligence." He will draw on his experience as he takes the audience through the presidential decision making process and the use of domestic and international intelligence.

On November 20, Webster will join a distinguished panel to discuss and analyze the use of intelligence in the post 9/11 era. **Jonathan White, the executive director of the Homeland Defense Initiative at Grand Valley and currently on special assignment with the U.S. Dept. of Justice** will act as moderator. Others on the panel include, **U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra, member of the House Intelligence Committee; Director of the Michigan State Police and Michigan's Homeland Security efforts, Col. Stephen Madden; and former FBI Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Mr. Dale Watson.**

Judge Webster was recently named by the Security Exchange Commission to head a new agency regulating the accounting profession. *The New York Times* reported on October 25, 2002, "Whenever high-ranking officials have gathered recently to pick someone with an unsullied reputation for a sullied situation, William H. Webster has always been at the top of the list." The appointment has not been without controversy, and we will continue to watch events unfold in Washington as we prepare to welcome Webster's perspective to Grand Valley's study of the presidency.

**Presentation by Judge William H. Webster
The President's use of Domestic and International Intelligence
Tuesday, November 19, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State University – Pew Grand Rapids Campus
Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center**

**Panel Discussion and Analysis:
The President's Sharing of Intelligence and Information
Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Gerald R. Ford Museum**

Seating for the general public is limited. Call 616-331-2770 to reserve a seat.

Media: Mich. State Police Lt. Col. Jim Bolger, ret., interim director of Grand Valley's Criminal Justice Dept. or Dr. Patricia Oldt, acting director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies are available for pre-event interviews. Please call 616-331-2221 with any requests.



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Grand Valley Muslims observe Ramadan

Group holds event aimed at educating people about Islam

Members of Grand Valley's newly formed Muslim Students Association will join the rest of the world's Muslims in the dawn-to-sunset fast for the month of Ramadan. And on November 13, the group holds an event at Grand Valley aimed at helping non-Muslims understand the practice, and Islam in general.

The association holds an event Wednesday, November 13 from 4:30-6 p.m. in the Thornapple Room of the Kirkhof Center on the Allendale Campus. News media are invited to attend.

At the event, the group's members will break their fast for the day. Then they will address questions about fasting, Ramadan, and Islam in general.

Ahmed Eissa is a computer science major from Egypt and president of the association, which formed last month. He said the group provides a much-needed resource for Grand Valley's Muslims.

"There wasn't anything for Muslims on campus," said Eissa. "Many of the students don't know anything about Ramadan or fasting."

The month-long fast of Ramadan began on November 6. Ramadan is the month on the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food, drink and other physical pleasures from break of dawn to sunset. It marks the month when the Muslim holy book, the Quran, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

The fast is observed to learn discipline, self-restraint and generosity. Fasting -- along with the declaration of faith, daily prayers, charity, and pilgrimage to Mecca -- is one of the "five pillars" of Islam. Because Ramadan is a lunar month, it begins about eleven days earlier each year. The end of Ramadan will be marked by communal prayers called "Eid ul-Fitr," or Feast of the Fast-Breaking, on December 6, 2002.

The event is sponsored by the Muslim Students Association, GVSU's Middle Eastern Studies program and Student Life.

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James Goode, history professor and head of Grand Valley's Middle Eastern Studies program, (616) 331-3184

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Focus on Human Rights

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights visits Grand Rapids

Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, is the keynote speaker on **November 18** at the World Affairs Council's 53rd Anniversary Dinner.

Robinson has been closely involved with human rights issues as a lawyer, as the President of Ireland and as the United Nations High Commissioner. She believes in broadening the concept of human rights issues by providing more attention to social, cultural and economic rights.

Grand Valley State University is underwriting the event.

"We are pleased to join the World Affairs Council in hosting Mary Robinson. She has a record of speaking plainly and directly on international human rights issues. Such issues are always timely. Her talk promises to provoke thought and discussion among those attending," said Grand Valley President Mark Murray.

Most human rights advocates concentrate on abuses by unfriendly governments. But Robinson takes a democratic approach on human rights abuses and criticizes all offenders including the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia, Russian human rights violations in Chechnya, and American executions and the war on Afghanistan.

These criticisms have not helped her remain in the favorites list of influential nations. This may be one reason being cited for her early departure from the UN.

But Robinson counters by saying, "I came in to do a job, not to try to keep a job."

The event is Monday, November 18 in the Ambassador Ballroom, Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids. The dinner is open to the public and information can be obtained by calling the World Affairs Council offices at (616) 776-1721.

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Awards ceremony highlights business revitalization efforts

GVSU will be recognized for Native American park at Nov. 14 ceremony

Investment and community spirit in Grand Rapids' neighborhoods will be celebrated at the 13th annual Neighborhood Business Awards, scheduled for Thursday, November 14, at Grand Valley State University's DeVos Center.

The ceremony will begin at **6:30 p.m. in Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St.**, with Grand Rapids Mayor John Logie and city commission members presenting awards. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m.

During the ceremony, GVSU will be recognized for acknowledging local Native American contributions. The university created and dedicated Ba-wa-ting Park, near the Fulton Street parking lot, to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians last year after artifacts from the tribe were uncovered during the S-Curve Archaeological Project.

The awards ceremony is sponsored by the Neighborhood Business Alliance. Awards will be presented for best facade, best exterior renovation, best new construction, best reuse of building, among other categories.

"The Neighborhood Business Alliance recognizes that the renovation of one building benefits the entire business district," said Sharon Evoy, executive director of the Neighborhood Business Specialists Program. "The awards are an opportunity for our businesses to come together to celebrate the accomplishments of the neighborhood business districts."

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Sharon Evoy, executive director of the NBSP, 616-771-0314

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School districts receive grants to improve autism education

Statewide program at GVSU enters second year of funding

School districts in mid-Michigan and on the state's east side received grants to improve autism education from the Statewide Autism Resources and Training Project (START) at Grand Valley State University.

Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District and the Oceana ISD, located in central Michigan, and Sanilac and St. Clair intermediate school districts, serving school districts in Michigan's thumb area, were named Intensive Training Sites. Under that designation, teams of experts, coordinated by START, will visit sites throughout the year to train teachers, counselors, school psychologists, and others who work with students with autism.

Educational experts have identified about 5,000 Michigan students with autism.

Clare-Gladwin, Oceana, and Sanilac/St. Clair join five other intensive training sites named last year, the first year of grant funding through START. The five renewal training sites are Barry ISD, Hastings; Flint Community Schools, Flint; Grand Rapids Public Schools/Kent ISD; Roscommon ISD, Roscommon; seven Upper Peninsula ISDs, Marquette.

Amy Matthews, assistant psychology professor and START principal investigator, said the new sites were selected from eight applications. She said Clare-Gladwin has a strong adult autism program but currently has no staff members who are certified to teach autistic-impaired (AI) students. Sanilac/St. Clair employs one AI teacher consultant but listed more than 100 students in their service area diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder on their application. Training for staff members in Oceana will begin in January.

Maureen Ziegler, recently hired as an autism training and intervention specialist for GVSU's Autism Education Center, will work closely with the intensive training sites. Ziegler has a master's degree in special education and an educational specialist degree from Eastern Michigan University.

The START Program at GVSU was established in 2001 with a \$1.25 million grant from the Michigan Department of Education to serve students with autism by supporting their schools and parents.

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HOLIDAY TIPSHEET

Grand Valley sources for holiday stories

Grand Valley State University, in Allendale Michigan, has experts available for commentary on holiday stories. Here are some examples:

- Employee wellness programs, nutrition for the holidays, fitness during the winter months, contact Brenda Reeves, director of Health, Recreation and Wellness at Grand Valley State University, (616) 331-3158.
- Phyllis Gendler, dean of Grand Valley State University's Kirkhof School of Nursing, can speak about nursing shortage, gerontology, and major health care issues, (616) 336-7185
- For tips on keeping healthy while shoveling snow and other community health/flu season issues, contact Pat Schafer in Grand Valley State University's Kirkhof School of Nursing, (616) 336-7166,
- For commentary on the economic outlook for next year, contact Hari Singh, chairman of economics in Grand Valley State University's Seidman School of Business, (616) 336-7420
- For interviews on e-commerce, Christmas marketing, changes in markets and what's happening now, and the application of business to non-profits, organizations of faith and social programs, contact Paul Lane, chairman of marketing at Grand Valley State University's Seidman School of Business, (616) 336-7470
- Philosophy of recreation and leisure, contact Susan Sunden, professor of recreational therapy at Grand Valley State University, (616) 331-3509
- For interviews on depression and anxiety that often accompanies the holidays, contact Grand Valley State University psychology professor Anton Tolman at (616) 331-3798

For assistance with other topics, contact News and Information Services at (616) 331-2221.

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Herbs, acupuncture: Chinese medicine meets western medicine

Media opportunity: Delegation will tour VAI, Mary Free Bed, Wege Institute planned

A visit this week by several Chinese medical practitioners to Grand Valley State University will mark the start of a formal exchange agreement between the university and a hospital in Beijing.

Doctors and professors from the China-Japan Friendship Hospital will be in Grand Rapids on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23. Along with a tour of campus and visit with GVSU health professions faculty members, the Chinese delegation will tour Van Andel Institute, Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, and the Wege Institute.

Jane Toot, director of GVSU's School of Health Professions, organized the trip after two visits to the Friendship Hospital. The 1,300-bed facility integrates traditional Chinese medicine (herbs, acupuncture) with modern western medicine.

"The Chinese health system is oriented more toward preventative medicine, with the use of herbs, while still valuing western medicine: radiation, surgery," Toot said. "The Chinese are very open to integration."

Following this visit, a group of GVSU upper-level students who are preparing for the health professions program will travel to Beijing for three weeks in June to study traditional Chinese practices and the country's health system.

The delegation will visit Grand Rapids medical facilities according to the schedule below. Media members are welcome to cover the tour stops, call Jane Toot at 616-895-3605 for details.

Friday, November 22

- 2:15-3:30 p.m., the Van Andel Institute
- 3:45-5 p.m., Mary Free Bed Hospital

Saturday, November 23

- 10-11:15 a.m., Wege Institute.

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MEDIA TIPSHEET

The aftermath of a police shooting— GVSU Criminal Justice professors available to offer insights on effect on officers

Police officers are trained to respond quickly and decisively in emergency situations. But being responsible for shooting and killing a dangerous suspect, even in self defense, can have unexpected and traumatic effects on an officer and his or her family.

The GVSU School of Criminal Justice professors named below have spent a total of more than 50 years as Michigan State Police officers before joining Grand Valley's faculty. They are available to talk about recent shootings from an officer's point of view, including the training officers receive in anticipation of such an event and the steps that follow.

The professors can be reached at the School of Criminal Justice, at **(616) 336-7130**.

Frank Hughes, associate professor of criminal justice, previously served in the Michigan State Police for 25 years. He retired as post commander in Mt. Pleasant.

Jeff Steffel, visiting professor, is a retired command officer with the Michigan State Police and was a member of the State Police Emergency Support Team.

Jim Bolger, director of GVSU's Criminal Justice Center, retired from the Michigan State Police after serving 27 years in law enforcement.

GVSU Criminal Justice offices are located in the DeVos Center on GVSU's Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.

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General Dynamics establishes GVSU scholarship

Generous gift will help fund tuition for engineering students

General Dynamics Land Systems has established a scholarship fund at Grand Valley State University for engineering students.

This scholarship was initiated and endowed by General Dynamics Land Systems, headquartered in Sterling Heights, Mich., which designs and builds armored vehicles and subsystems for the U.S. Army, the U.S. Marine Corps, and international customers.

"General Dynamics is proud to establish a formal relationship with Grand Valley State University by funding an endowment to assist students pursuing an engineering degree," said Karl G. Oskoian, manager, Communications and Public Relations, General Dynamics Land Systems. "We look forward to helping many Grand Valley students in the coming years and to working with the university, especially the outstanding Padnos School of Engineering."

This gift continues the Padnos School of Engineering's commitment to strong partnerships with industry.

"This generous gift from General Dynamics is yet another sign of the close relationship between the Padnos School of Engineering and the industrial community," said Paul Plotkowski, director of the Padnos School of Engineering. "Each year, the General Dynamics Scholarship will allow a student to begin studies in engineering who otherwise may not have been able to pursue this dream. "

The General Dynamics Land Systems Engineering Scholarship will benefit at least one student per year. It will be given to full-time pre-engineering or engineering students in Grand Valley's Padnos School of Engineering. Recipients must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, and first priority will be given to scholarship candidates who have financial need.

General Dynamics Land Systems was formed in 1982 when General Dynamics Corp. acquired Chrysler Corporation's defense operations. Land Systems has approximately 5,000 employees in ten states and recorded revenue of \$1.2 billion in 2001.

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Paul Plotkowski, (616) 771-6750

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**Law Classes Offered in Grand Rapids
Joint effort of GVSU, MSU and MSU-DCL**

Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University and MSU-DCL College of Law have entered into a unique collaboration that will bring law courses to western Michigan.

The three institutions announced today that law courses will be offered at the DeVos Center on the Pew Campus of Grand Valley beginning in January of 2003. The courses in downtown Grand Rapids will be the next step in an on-going relationship among the three schools. Previous agreements created a successful dual law/business degree program (JD/MBA), and an accelerated program for Grand Valley's Seidman School of Business students entering law school.

Grand Valley's President Mark Murray says the decision to offer law courses at the DeVos Center underscores the university's commitment to build academic programs that meet the needs of the people of West Michigan and the Grand Rapids' Bar Association's commitment to quality legal education. "Grand Valley has a responsibility to serve the educational needs of our community by providing high quality law programming and supporting the Bar Association's mission of high competence and civility in the practice of law," Murray said. The institutions have been consulting with the Grand Rapids Bar Association since 1999.

MSU President Peter McPherson said collaborative efforts like this are essential in this time of economic constraints. "Leaders in higher education have an obligation to meet the needs of our students by providing quality programs that maximize our resources and foster an integrated approach to learning. The successful affiliation between Michigan State and MSU-DCL College of Law demonstrates the potential such initiatives have in expanding educational opportunities in our state."

The three schools and the Grand Rapids Bar are creating the Legal Education Institute of West Michigan, a consortium that will be devoted to bringing legal education to the

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west side of the state. Grand Rapids Bar Association President the Honorable Patrick Bowler said, "We are excited about the law classes to be offered at Grand Valley's DeVos Center and about the Bar Association's collaboration in a program that will enhance the legal profession and provide services to our members."

President of the Law College, Clifton E. Haley, emphasized all classes will comply with the American Bar Association's accreditation standards. "We will work diligently with the guidance of the ABA to meet the needs of law students in West Michigan. Students enrolled in courses in Grand Rapids will receive the same high-quality instruction as provided by the Law College in East Lansing. We will continually consult with members of the practicing bar and the judiciary to ensure that these courses reflect the best training for aspiring lawyers."

Representatives of the three institutions will form an academic planning committee. That committee will identify which courses will be offered immediately and outline a plan for future course offerings. These courses will attract JD students, members of the practicing bar, dual degree students and corporate executives looking for law related education.

Potential students should contact Dr. Christine Hammond at MSU-DCL College of Law, at 517-432-6804, for more information.



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GVSU Commencement held Saturday at Van Andel Arena



Remengesau.
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Nearly 700 students, including 90 master's degree candidates, will receive their degrees in graduation ceremonies this **Saturday, December 7**. The ceremony will begin at **10 a.m. at the Van Andel Arena** (note change in venue from previous December commencements).

[FOR MEDIA: Skybox 101B has been reserved for media. The box offers a mult box and an elevated, unobstructed view of the podium and platform.]

Keynote Speaker

Keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., president of the republic of Palau and an alumnus of Grand Valley.



Twins Sophia, left, and Senovia Guevara will graduate together.

Remengesau was inaugurated in 2001 as president of his native Palau, which consists of 200 islands -- nine of which are inhabited with a total population of 18,500 -- in the North Pacific Ocean, southeast of the Philippines.

Remengesau graduated from Grand Valley with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1979. In 1984, at age 28, he became the youngest senator elected to Palau's National Congress. In 1992 he was elected vice president of the republic -- again, the youngest person to hold that office -- and led efforts that resulted in the country's official membership in the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group. Remengesau's election nine years later to the office of president served as a mark of his vitality and his promise to the people of Palau to "preserve the best, and improve the rest."

Distinguished Alumnae Honored

This year's Distinguished Alumni Awards will be awarded to Mary L. Kramer, '79, vice president of Crain Communications and the first woman elected as an officer of the historical Detroit Athletic Club (and its president in 2003), and Nancee L. Miller, '68, Grand Valley's first full-time director of Alumni Relations until her retirement earlier this year. Miller is credited with leading the \$2.5 million fund-raising effort to build the Alumni House and Visitor Center and with serving as a voice for more than 47,000 GVSU alumni.

Outstanding Educator Award

Grand Valley will bestow its annual Outstanding Educator Award on biology Professor John Shontz, Ph.D., lauded for sharing his love for biology with students through real-life examples in the classroom. Shontz joined Grand Valley's faculty in 1974 and was cited by his former students as a mentor and an educator who challenged them to learn beyond the realm of their own experiences.

Commencement Story Angles

• Husband and wife receive their MBAs together

Michael and Amy Langeland will walk together in Saturday's ceremony to receive their MBA degrees from GVSU's Seidman School of Business.

The Zeeland couple began working towards their master's degrees in 1998, taking advantage of graduate-level courses offered

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at Grand Valley's new Meijer Campus in Holland. Since then they've taken most of their classes together. Working on the same degree has its perks, said Amy, 30.

"If one of us had to miss class for work, the other person could attend class," she said. And besides, "when you both need to study, it's easier to give up your Friday and Saturday nights."

Having a baby two years ago complicated their school and work schedules, but they continued to take classes together and collaborate on projects, said Amy. Their MBAs are significant not only for career advancement, but for personal edification, she pointed out.

The Langelands met while undergrads at Calvin College. They married in 1994, have one daughter (Erin), and expect their second child in March.

Zeeland native Michael Langeland, 31, works in the family funeral home business: Nortier-Verlee-Langeland Funeral Chapel in Holland and Hamilton, and Yntema Funeral Home in Zeeland. Amy works part-time in the financial office at Johnson Controls in Holland.

Amy and Michael Langeland can be reached for interview at (616) 748-1239.

• **Twin sisters receive their degrees together**

Senovia and Sophia Guevara share much more than the same birth date. The 22-year-old twins from Fennville live together on GVSU's Allendale Campus, attend many of the same classes, work at the same place (GVSU's Zumberge Library), and they will graduate from Grand Valley together.

Both sisters majored in political science and are considering law school in the future. As in many other facets of their life, Senovia and Sophia will walk together to receive their bachelor's degrees in political science on Saturday.

Senovia and Sophia Guevara are graduates of Fennville High School. *They can be reached at Grand Valley at (616) 331-1363.*

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Tommy Remengesau available for media interviews on Friday

The president of Palau is the keynote speaker at GVSU's Commencement



Tommy Remengesau.

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 release at www.gvsu.edu/news.*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.-- Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., the keynote speaker at Grand Valley State University's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, will be available to meet with the media on Friday.

President Remengesau will be available for interviews at **9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 6, in the Gordon Gallery of the DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.**

Please contact Mary Eilleen Lyon at (616) 895-2221 to arrange an interview. The Gordon Gallery is located near the Loosemore Auditorium on the southeast side of the DeVos Center.

Remengesau, a native of the island republic of Palau, graduated from Grand Valley in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. After pursuing master's classes in public administration at Michigan State University, Remengesau returned to Palau and in 1984, at age 28, became the youngest senator elected to Palau's National Congress. There he served as chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means and was instrumental in helping to erase Palau's budget deficit and create financial stability.

After serving two terms as senator, Remengesau was elected vice president in 1992 -- again, the youngest person ever to hold that office. As vice president, he oversaw Palau's Y2K initiatives and led efforts that resulted in the country's official membership in the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group.

Remengesau's election to the office of president in 2001 served as a mark of his vitality and his promise to the people of Palau to "preserve the best, and improve the rest."

Prior to becoming head of state, Remengesau served his native country in many other capacities, including as chairman of Palau's Sports Commission. During his tenure, Palau successfully became a member of the International Olympic Committee. Remengesau's passion for sports was evident during his presidential inauguration: it took place on a baseball diamond.

Palau is at the western end of the Caroline Archipelago in the Western Pacific and it is comprised of 200 islands, of which only nine are inhabited. The nearest landmasses are Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, and Guam. Palau's total landmass is 170 square miles and the population is 18,500. It has been a sovereign nation since 1994 and consists of 16 states.

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Could Grand Valley student be next 'Millionaire?'

*Episode of game show with graduating senior will air in
 February*

He might be a millionaire but he's not telling — at least not yet.

Justin Pettibone, a Grand Valley State University graduating senior, was a contestant on the syndicated TV game show "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" He appeared on a college episode scheduled for broadcast during the first week of February. In Grand Rapids, 'Millionaire' (with host Meredith Vieira) is aired at 4:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Television

weekdays on WOOD-TV Channel 8.

Like other contestants, Pettibone was sworn to secrecy and cannot reveal how much, if any, money he won. He will say that his immediate plans include joining 700 other Grand Valley graduates at the December 7 commencement ceremony at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. A liberal studies major, Pettibone will spend next semester studying in Spain.

The show Pettibone appeared on was taped in late September. He tried out for 'Millionaire' after being prompted by his sister who lives in Chicago, where auditions were held in the summer.

"I went to the audition, and there were thousands of people lined up," he said. "They took in 500 people at a time. We sat in chairs and took a 30-question test." Producers then interviewed the contestants who had passed the pop culture and history test.

Pettibone met with producers and said, "I figured I would never hear from them." But a few weeks later, he was flying to New York City for the taping.

"It was very fun, but kind of stressful," he said.

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GVSU, MSU and MSU-DCL in Place with Law Courses Officials say duplication is unnecessary, costly

Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University and MSU-DCL College of Law announced a unique collaboration in November. That agreement will result in a law course being offered on Grand Valley's Pew Campus in downtown Grand Rapids next month and the development of a law curriculum in the near future.

On the heels of that agreement is the announcement by Western Michigan University and Cooley Law School to duplicate the law program in Grand Rapids and the collaboration between the three schools that has been underway since 1999.

Grand Valley's Vice President of University Relations Matt McLogan said, "We think the WMU/Cooley program is unnecessary and at this time of state budget difficulties, unwarranted."

The November announcement by GVSU, MSU and MSU-DCL College of Law also outlined the creation of the Legal Education Institute of West Michigan with the Grand Rapids Bar Association. The institute will be a consortium devoted to bringing legal education to the west side of the state. Grand Valley's Steelcase Library on the Pew Campus houses the city's most complete law library, a joint undertaking of Grand Valley and the Grand Rapids Bar.

Grand Valley's University Counsel Tom Butcher said, "I've been working as the point person on this project for five years. Our goal has been to bring a quality law program to West Michigan in collaboration with the Grand Rapids Bar Association. We believe MSU-DCL College of Law promotes the highest standards in the practice of law and is a good fit for West Michigan."

Dr. Christine Hammond of MSU-DCL College of Law said, "Concerning a law school, the American Bar Association requires significant faculty involvement and program development, careful enrollment planning and extensive coordination with the home campus. The approval process with the ABA takes at least nine months to a year."

Grand Valley, Michigan State and MSU-DCL College of Law have strongly affirmed their intention to work with the accreditation standards of the ABA."



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TIP SHEET: GVSU activities lead up to the big game

Fans, marching band, and players prepare for Saturday's Championship Game in Alabama

POSTER AND BANNER PAINTING

When: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where: Kirkhof Center atrium, Allendale Campus

What: Students are painting slogans and words of encouragement on posters, which will go to Alabama and be handed out to fans in the Lakers stands. A large banner ("Finish what we started!") will also be laid out for students to sign. This is exam week and book-buy-back week, so many students are on campus and ready to celebrate.

LAKERS SEND-OFF RALLY

When: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Where: Stadium Drive – first right off of Campus Drive when entering campus from Lake Michigan Dr.

What: The football team will board the bus at 7 p.m. at Lot A off of Stadium Drive. The bus will leave at 7:15 p.m., to the cheering of students and other fans who plan to line Stadium Drive for an exuberant send-off complete with flashlights, signs, and noisemakers. The Lakers are then off to the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, where they'll board a private plane to Florence, Ala.

GVSU MARCHING BAND

When: Thursday, 10 p.m. departure; performances at Friday evening parade, Saturday game

Where: Buses leave from the Performing Arts Center, Allendale.

What: The GVSU Marching Band departs for Florence. The 140-member band will play in the Florence Holiday Parade, along with the Valdosta State and University of Alabama marching bands. Parade in downtown Florence begins at 7 p.m. Friday. The Marching Band then performs at halftime in Saturday's Championship Game.

FAN BUS DEPARTURE

When: Friday morning, 7 a.m.

Where: GVSU's Pew Grand Rapids Campus – bus will depart from the Watson Lot, located on the south side of Fulton Street behind Secchia Hall.

What: The chartered bus will depart for Alabama. The 55-seat bus is filled with parents, faculty and staff, and fans from the community.

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January 2003 Events at GVSU

ART

January 6–February

“The Dutch Collection of Contemporary Prints: A Gift of the Brooks Family”

This exhibition celebrates a gift of the Brooks family to GVSU of more than 500 contemporary prints. The artwork, collected by prominent Dutch artist Cyril Lixenberg, represents the best of graphic art produced in the Netherlands over the past 50 years. Featured is a sampling of the museum-quality collection. GVSU Art Gallery. Hours: M-F 10-5; TH 10-7. (616) 331-2564

(Selections from the Dutch Collection are also on exhibit through 2003 at GVSU's Meijer Campus in Holland, 515 S. Waverly Rd.)

MUSIC

Number to publish for more information on any of the following events: (616) 331-3484.
All events are free of charge unless noted otherwise.

1/16 Thursday

Arts at Noon Series. **Quink**, the vocal ensemble from the Netherlands, returns with its inimitable vocal tradition of madrigals, folk songs and special favorites. 12 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center.

1/22 Wednesday

Arts at Noon Series. **5 Guys Named Moe** returns to GVSU with an eclectic mix of swing ranging from old vocal standards to jazz instrumentals, western swing and free-wheeling be-bop. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

1/27 Monday

Harpichord Dedication. The concert will celebrate the dedication of the Music Department's new harpsichord built by Douglas Maple, and will feature GVSU faculty members **Gregory Crowell, Robert Byrens, Helen Marlais, Eric Tanner, Judith Kempf, and Kurt Ellenberger.** 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center.

THEATER

Saturday, January 25

A Clown Cabaret and Cherney Pie. Guest artist Amy Tetzlaff from California's Dell'Arte School of Mime & Comedy showcases her work and that of GVSU acting students in an evening of physical comedy that will delight the entire family. An alumna of Grand Valley's theatre program, Tetzlaff has been touring the United States with her one-woman show. This semester she is working as artist-in-residence with Grand Valley students to create this unique performance. \$5 admission. 7:30 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. (616) 331-2300

OTHER EVENTS

Storytelling performance celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr., Week

January 21

Storyteller Awele Makeba will present her acclaimed one-woman show, "Rage is Not a 1-Day Thing!," a multi-disciplinary performance utilizing theater, oral history, and music to explore the teenagers and women who sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. See more at www.awele.com. Free. 7 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, GVSU Allendale Campus. (616) 331-2748

January 30

The West Michigan Women's Studies Council presents **Dr. Heidi Hartmann**, director of the Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Women's Policy Research and chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations Task Force on Women and Social Security, will present "Women's Economics Under the Bush Agenda." Free. 7 p.m. Wealthy Theatre, Grand Rapids. (616) 331-2748

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Carillon concert presented on Christmas Eve



*GVSU Carillonneur Julianne
 Vanden Wyngaard*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.-- Songs of the season will fill the night air on Christmas Eve as Grand Valley State University's carillonneur presents a special holiday concert in downtown Grand Rapids.

Vanden Wyngaard, university carillonneur, will perform hymns and well-known holiday tunes on the Beckering Family Carillon beginning at 9:30 p.m. on December 24. The 151-foot-tall carillon tower is located on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus, off west Fulton Street, so the bells will be heard ringing throughout the downtown area. The concert is expected to last for 45 minutes.

Vanden Wyngaard will also present the holiday concert at her regular Sunday performance on the Beckering Family Carillon, at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, December 22.

The Beckering Family Carillon, dedicated in 2000, contains 48 bells – the largest of which weighs more than two tons – which the carillonneur plays from a large wooden keyboard in the tower chamber, accessed by climbing 112 steps.

Julianne Vanden Wyngaard is available for interview or tower tours: (616) 331-2581 (o) or 531-2258 (h).

To have the above photo emailed to you (print-quality tif), call Nancy at 331-2228.

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Most Grand Valley telephone numbers change prefixes

Anyone calling Grand Valley State University now needs to begin using a new phone number.

Most university telephone numbers have changed prefixes to 331, including the main switchboard number at 616-331-5000.

The last four digits of telephone numbers for students, faculty and staff remain the same. The change, effective December 16, was necessary because the old telephone exchanges (including 895, 771, 486, and 336) had run out of available new numbers.

Exceptions are phone numbers associated with the Meadows Golf Club, Children's Center, Muskegon Center for Higher Education, Traverse City office, and Physician Assistant Studies, and GVSU Family Health Center on Sheldon Street in southeast Grand Rapids. Those phone numbers remain the same.

Beginning May 1, 2003, callers dialing Grand Valley's old prefixes will hear a recording telling them to hang up and redial using 331. That recording will be available until next December.

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Sources:

Janet Felker, Telecommunications telephone business manager, 616-331-2148

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How to make a good toast this holiday season

*"Here's to continued good health and happiness in 2003 for all of you and those you love!"
(Everyone clinks glasses and drinks.)*

That's an example of a one-size-fits-all New Year's toast, but the best toasts are those that are tailored more to the intended audience, says longtime Toastmaster member Lee Lebbin. Toasts should also be somewhat brief and, to avoid rambling and somewhat inarticulate (and ultimately embarrassing) speeches, well thought-out in advance.

Lebbin, library director at GVSU, became a member of Toastmasters in 1994 and has past served as governor of Toastmasters International's District 62 (includes the state of Michigan except for the Detroit area). He is now secretary/treasurer of Grand Valley's two Toastmasters clubs, and is president of the McNair Toastmasters club for students.

Lebbin has lots of advice for would-be toast-makers: The No. 1 no-no is a toast that belittles a person or group. The No. 2 gaffe is an extemporaneous effort that is long and rambling.

"Always prepare," said Lebbin. People who make spur-of-the-moment toasts often later regret their impulse, "particularly if they're at a New Year's Eve party and have had a little of the bubbly," Lebbin pointed out.

A good New Year's Eve toast would be one that offers a sense of hope. "It should be positive and upbeat," said Lebbin. "It shouldn't be maudlin about the past year."

Lebbin, who has guided many Toastmaster members in public speaking, is available for interview and to provide more tips for giving good toasts.

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Dutch art exhibit opens in January at GVSU

Recent acquisitions may be the most in-depth collection of Dutch prints in the region

ALLENDALE, Mich.—An exhibition of Dutch prints that represent the best of graphic art produced in the Netherlands over the past half-century will open January 6, 2003, at Grand Valley State University.

About 30 pieces will be on display **January 6 through February 7** at the Grand Valley Art Gallery, located in the Performing Arts Center on the Allendale Campus. Titled "The Dutch Collection of Contemporary Prints," the exhibition provides a sampling of a collection of 500 prints by contemporary Dutch artists recently donated to GVSU through a gift from Holland, Mich., residents James and Donna Brooks.

The collection, which includes 200 artists whose works can be found in art museums throughout Europe, is likely the most comprehensive collection of contemporary Dutch works on paper in the state, according to Henry Matthews, director of Galleries and Collections at GVSU.

This significant collection was amassed by Amsterdam sculptor and graphic artist Cyril Lixenberg, who over the decades acquired works by contemporaries he admired, many times exchanging his own artwork for that of his colleagues. The result is a showcase of the many styles, movements, and controversies that characterize Dutch works on paper over the last half-century. Artists include such high-profile names as Barbara Hepworth, Victor Vasarely, Karel Appel, and many others.

An additional collection of 300 prints by Lixenberg himself, representing his 40-year-career, was also donated to Grand Valley, bringing the university's recent acquisitions of contemporary Dutch art to 800 prints. When not being exhibited, the artwork is housed at Grand Valley's newly established Print and Drawing Cabinet, open to students and community members for research and tours.

Dutch art on exhibit at GVSU

“The Dutch Collection of Contemporary Prints”

Jan. 6-Feb. 7, 2003

GVSU Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus

Hours: M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; TH 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

(616) 331-2564

Reception: January 23, 5-7 p.m., Art Gallery.

“Honoring the Brooks Family: The Dutch Collection of Prints”

On exhibit now through 2003

GVSU Meijer Campus in Holland, 515 S. Waverly Rd.

Call (616) 394-4848 for building hours.

The Holland Campus' first exhibit pays tribute to James and Donna Brooks, longtime Holland residents, whose gift enabled Grand Valley to acquire the collection.

Upcoming: Sept. 5-19, 2003

Collaborative exhibitions at the Holland Museum, Holland Arts Council, De Pree Art Gallery at Hope College, and GVSU's Holland Meijer Campus.

Grand Valley's Print & Drawing Cabinet

The new Print & Drawing Cabinet is housed in GVSU's Eberhard Center, downtown Grand Rapids, and is open to students, faculty, and members of the community for research or tours. Call Henry Matthews (number below) to arrange a tour.

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Sources:

- *Henry Matthews, director of Galleries and Collections at GVSU, (616) 331-3196*
- *GVSU Art Gallery, (616) 331-2564*
- *James Brooks, (616) 820-2211*
- *For print-quality photographs of artwork from the collections, call or email Nancy Willey at (616) 331-2228 or willey@gvsu.edu.*