

FACES IN EDUCATION

FACULTY PROFILE

Name: David Bair, Ed.D.

Age: 37

Current Teaching Field: Educational Diversity; Multicultural Education

Research or Special Interests: Equal educational opportunities; historical development of education for blacks in the U.S.; gender equity in education

Favorite Saying: "You cannot teach a child you fear" — Jawanza Kunfuju

Hobbies or Interests: Reading; watching "Star Trek;" and enjoying the next generation with my wife Mary and daughter Annamarie



David Bair



Glenda Eikenberry

STAFF PROFILE

Name: Glenda Eikenberry

Age: 47

Current Position: Certification Coordinator

What Experience Has Taught Me: The more education you receive, the more you realize how much you don't know.

Reason(s) I Went Into Education: The positive

atmosphere and being around people who like to achieve.

Favorite Saying: "If it's not broke, don't fix it."

ALUMNA PROFILE

Name: Ollie Browley

Current Position: ATEP Coordinator, Grand Rapids Public Schools

Research or Special Interests: Helping others who are less fortunate

What Experience Has Taught Me: Do not be impatient in seeking solutions to problems. Analyze and scrutinize situations carefully, weigh the pros and cons and select the best solution

Person I Most Respect: The late congresswoman Barbara Jordan. When faced with adversity, she did not give up.



Ollie Browley



Carrie O'Connor

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Carrie O'Connor

Age: 25

Current Position: Graduate Teacher Certification candidate; graduate assistant School of Education

Reason(s) I Went Into Education: The smile on

the faces of children when they accomplish their goals

Favorite Saying: "Some people take more care to hide their wisdom than their folly." Jonathan Swift

Hobbies or Interests: Sports, traveling, hiking, backpacking, camping, biking and dancing

Lecture Series Tackles Technology Debate

Does additional technology need to be infused into the classroom, or are educators beginning to invest too much time and resources on scientific thought processes and computers and not enough on the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic?

That broad-based question is one that will be addressed by four nationally renowned speakers at the Fall Lecture Series sponsored by the School of Education. The first of the four-part series is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8, at GVSU's Eberhard Center in downtown Grand Rapids beginning at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The speakers will meet with small groups of educators from West Michigan school districts the Friday morning following their presentations.

Following is a list of dates and presenters:

Thursday, Oct. 8:

Jan Hawkins is vice president of the Center on Children and Technology in New York City. Founded in 1981, the center investigates roles that technology can play in improving the circumstances of teaching and learning. Hawkins' research has included national and international studies of the integration of technology into formal and informal settings involving children and adults, as well as those involved in professional education. Hawkins emphasizes the social and organizational aspects of designing and using technology for learning and communication in general.



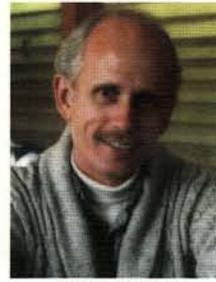
Jan Hawkins

Thursday, Oct. 15:

Roger Schank is director of the Institute for the Learning Sciences at Northwestern University. He is a strong critic of the educational system, claiming that students are uninterested in what is being taught and the way it is being taught.



Roger Schank



Stephen Talbott

published by McGraw-Hill this year.

Thursday, Oct. 29: Stephen L. Talbott has worked full-time with computers since 1980 and for the past several years has been a senior editor at O'Reilly & Associates, a leading publisher of technical books about computers. In 1995, Talbott's book "The Future Does Not Compute: Transcending the Machines in Our Midst," provoked the first controversial reassessment of computer networking technology following the public's initial rush to the Internet. Ironically, his newsletter, NETFUTURE, is an online publication. It can be accessed at <http://www.oreilly.com/stevet/netfuture/>.

Thursday, Nov. 5:

Clifford Stoll is the author of "Silicon Snake Oil," a book that questions the social implications of computers and their impact on the future. Stoll, who is much in demand as a speaker and consultant around the country, criticizes computers for "having lots of data, but very little information...(with) lots of big people getting rich and small people believing they missed the revolution of the century."



Clifford Stoll

Steering committee members for the Fall Lecture Series include Cheryl Siegel, Barbara Richardson, Mary Buckmaster, Laurene Veeneman, Joseph Fisher, Amy Moore, Barbara Reinken, Loretta Koenecki, Dawn Wichman, Dean Robert Hagerty and Dean Cal Stockman.

School of Education and English Dept. Sponsor Celebrate Literacy Conference

The School of Education and English Department at Grand Valley State University are hosting a Celebrate Literacy Conference, scheduled for Oct. 2-3 on the Allendale campus.

Friday's sessions at the Kirkhof Center focus on literacy around the world. A panel of experts — including Jenny VanGorder from Sydney, Australia, Jeffrey Wilhelm of the University of Maine, Michael W. Smith of Rutgers University and Kerrie MacArthur of Conroe, Texas — will make presentations,

followed by focus group discussions.

Saturday's events at Henry and Padnos Halls feature a children's literature focus with poet Crystal Bowman, author/illustrator Nancy Clouse and author Tim Smith, along with several area teachers.

The conference fee of \$50 covers all sessions and lunch both days. Single-session rates also are available. Contact instructor Liz Storey at the School of Education (616) 895-2091 to inquire about registration openings.