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GRAND VALLEY FORUM

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Grand Valley State College

INCREASE IN GVSC'S STATE APPROPRIATION TO FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Operation of Grand Valley State's downtown Grand Rapids Center for Economic Expansion and Job Creation by fall of this year is assured, say college officials, thanks to a \$16,749,900 state appropriation approved by the legislature last week.

President Lubbers said that the college's 1984-85 appropriation, up 12.5 percent from last year's \$14,883,500 in state funds, includes \$251,800 which the college had requested for the center.

Lubbers noted that the increased appropriation is almost exactly in line with the amount requested by the college. Earlier this year he had indicated that a lower state appropriation would weaken the

college's ability to adequately fund its new four-year engineering science degree program, its technology degree program in downtown Grand Rapids to be offered jointly with Ferris State, its nursing school, and other major programs.

In May, however, the Board of Control approved a recommendation of college officials to freeze tuition in hopes that the then uncertain state appropriation would prove to be adequate.

The funds for the Center for Economic Expansion and Job Creation will be used to develop the center's services to area business and industry including education, training, business research, and

consultation service. The center will work closely with a venture capital corporation to insure the success of business ventures.

Lubbers indicated that the increased funding assures GVSC students of continuing financial aid without damaging reductions and allows the college to acquire needed instructional equipment and materials to maintain its high quality of academic programs.

Lubbers said, "We are grateful to the legislature and the Governor for the good news of this increase. It will allow us to be as effective as we had hoped in maintaining our programs and services aimed at improving the economy of the west Michigan area."

ACROSS CAMPUS

COT Training and Development Committee Formed

A new COT Training and Development Committee, formed to improve training and development at Grand Valley, met for the first time on June 12. The committee is seeking to understand the needs of staff members and hopes to provide beneficial types of training and development services.

Six staff members, each representing a different unit, comprise the committee: Diana Breeman, Math/Computer Science; Casey Bosman, Computer Center; Jeanne Crowe, Budget and Accounting; Pat McComb, Housing; Donna Schlieve, Physical Plant; and Virginia VanderVeen, Academic Services. Debra Stormzand serves as a liaison between the Personnel Office and the committee.

Committee members are interested in the opinions of COT workers on training and development, as well as

their reactions to the formation of the committee. Monthly meetings are planned, with the next one scheduled for July 10.

Articles will be appearing regularly in the Forum reporting on the committee's activities.

Computer Access to Legislative Activity Available to GVSC Academic Community

Robert Lucas, director of media services, announces that faculty, administrators, and students can now access information on state government via computer terminals and telephone modems.

Senator Bill Sederburg (R-24th Dist.), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, has instituted a computerized legislative update service. Access to this service, POLITICAL FORUM, is available free of charge to anyone with a computer, communications software, and a 300/1200 baud modem.

Phoning 1-517-339-3783 puts the user on line and users must then give the FORUM basic information about the equipment they're using. FORUM is compatible with almost all computer systems and has information on line to assist the user in taking advantage of all its features which include the following:

1) Issues: updated information on major state government issues for the past four weeks; 2) Speakout: an opportunity to record comments on

state public policy issues for the senator and other system users; 3) Voting: an opportunity to cast a ballot on major state issues. (Votes are tabulated and results reported back to users); and 4) Messages: FORUM encourages users to leave messages, read messages left by others, and respond to those messages.

FORUM started as a part of COMPUNET Bulletin Board, a private service based in Haslett and is underwritten by one of Senator Sederburg's officeholder accounts from revenue generated by fund-raising activities. No tax dollars are used for this service.

For more information, interested individuals should contact Robert Lucas, Media Services, ext 3246.

Hot Dog Bar Opens

The new Hot Dog Bar in the lower level of Kirkhof Center opened on June 25 and will be serving from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer.

The bar features a variety of specialty dogs including the "Allendale Dog", the "Tijuana Dog", the "San Francisco Dog", and a variety of cold sandwiches, pop, popcorn, salads, and other items.

In addition to the Hot Dog Bar, alternate menu items are offered in the Deli and Commons Cafeteria. The Kirkhof Center Galley will reopen on Tuesday, September 4.

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Federal Government Funds Special Teacher Training Program

The GVSC Preprimary Impaired Training Project has been funded for \$64,000 by the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of minority teachers who are competent in teaching minority and low-income high-risk special education preschoolers and infants. As a project of the School of Education, GVSC will train 20 or more teachers each year for a period of three years, with total funding amounting to approximately \$200,000. The project is one of a limited number of training grants funded under the Handicapped Personnel preparation provisions. Faite R-P Mack, professor of education and school psychologist, will serve as project director. Participants will be awarded tuition stipends covering 75% of the expense of the 27

semester-hour graduate program leading to certification in Early Childhood Education with a Preprimary Impaired Concentration. Successful participants will be competent in diagnosing learning and developmental problems in preschool children, prescribing individual intervention programs, and applying instructional methodologies to meet their individual needs.

Trio Program Receives Federal Funds

Thomas Jackson, Director of Trio, announces that the program has received over \$300,000 in federal funds for the 1984-85 fiscal year.

GVSC is the only college in Michigan that offers all three special programs: Upward Bound, Special Services, and Talent Search. Each program is designed to provide assistance for students at Grand Valley who need remedial or

other special services.

Special Services assists students with problems concerning academic skills, motivation, and self-defeating behavior. There were 44 former Special Services program participants among Grand Valley's May 1984 graduates.

Upward Bound helps eligible high school students prepare for college. The program works with 50 students at one time in grades 9-12. This past May, 12 former Upward Bound students graduated from GVSC.

Talent Search a service which provides educational information to those interested in continuing their schooling, is located in downtown Grand Rapids. The program offers information on high school completion, college program, and technical/vocational training and has assisted nearly 700 people during the last year.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

Jim Clover, associate professor of art, was awarded second prize in the fifth Michigan Artists Competition held at the Art Center of Battle Creek, June 4-30. Clover had two pieces in the juried exhibition.

William J. Neal, professor of geology, is co-author of the recently published Living with Long Island's South Shore. The book is the fourth in a 12-volume series being published by Duke University Press, and written by Neal and Orrin H. Pilkey, Jr. The volume

classifies the barrier island south shore of Long Island and provides guidelines for building and buying at the shore.

Laura Gardner Salazar, associate professor of communications, has been notified that her article, "The Crusade Against Children in the Theatre, 1900-1920," will appear in the Children's Theatre Review (CTR) this August. CTR is a juried journal devoted to children's theatre and drama in its broadest applications.

Salazar served on the staff of the World Theatre Symposium sponsored by the International Association of Theatre for Children and Youth, held in New Orleans, June 16-19. She prepared reports on performance critiques which will be published in a special Symposium Bulletin.

Douglas Wabeke, baseball coach, was selected "Coach of the Year" by the Great Lakes Conference Baseball Coaches. His team won the title this season with 32 wins and 13 losses, topping the old GVSC record.

COMING EVENTS

Channel 35 and WOOD Radio to Simulcast "4th of July Gala" Pops Concert

The Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra's annual Fourth of July Gala pops concert will be made available to thousands throughout West Michigan as WGVC/Channel 35 and WOOD Radio present a live simulcast of "Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra: Americana Pops," Wednesday, July 4th, at 9 p.m.

All the sights and sounds of this yearly musical celebration of our nation's birthday, held in Grand Rapids' Bicentennial Park, will be televised on Channel 35 and broadcast in stereo on radio stations WOOD-AM (1300) and WOOD-FM (105.7).

Douglas Scripps, assistant conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the performance which features a variety of patriotic songs, plus compositions by Aaron Copland, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, George Gershwin, John Philip Sousa, and George M. Cohan. Featured soloists for the evening will include soprano Jean Herzberg and baritone Andreas Poulimenos. Selections to be performed range from Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" to a medley of songs written by the original "Yankee Doodle Dandy," George M. Cohan.

Immediately following the concert, at approximately 10:20 p.m., the telecast will feature the spectacular fireworks display that traditionally concludes the evening's entertainment.

Cooperating sponsors for this 1984 Fourth of July Gala are Lear Siegler Inc., Instrument Division and Rapistan Division; WOOD-AM/FM; the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra; the City of Grand Rapids; and WGVC-TV/Channel 35.

JOB OPENINGS

COT

Bookkeeper (Payroll Office), Accounting Department. \$5.87-\$7.17.

Secretary, part-time, Field House Management. \$5.49-\$6.67.

For details, call the Personnel Office, ext. 3215.