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FORUM

Monday, October 27, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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'Roots' actress narrates Grand Valley documentary

Emmy Award-winning actress Cicely Tyson will narrate the Grand Valley documentary, "Up From the Bottoms: African American Migration to Muskegon, Michigan."

Tyson's credits include "Roots," "The Rosa Parks Story," "Fried Green Tomatoes," and countless other movies and TV shows. Tyson is particularly known for her loyalty to only portraying strong, positive images of black women. She earned two Emmys for her 1974 portrayal of a 110-year-old former slave in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman."

Tyson was on campus October 22 for the project and to meet with students.

The Grand Valley-sponsored documentary is being produced and directed by brothers Jim and Rod Schaub of Clear Vision Films. Jim is a faculty member in the School of Communications and Rod is a music educator at Mona Shores Schools in Muskegon.

"We couldn't be happier to have Ms. Tyson involved in this important project," said Jim Schaub. "It is truly a tribute to the lives and struggles of these people that Ms. Tyson

agreed to lend her voice to this effort."

The film explores the struggles of people from the South who came to Muskegon for industrial jobs during World War II. They settled mostly in two areas, Muskegon Heights and a low-lying area north of downtown Muskegon, sometimes referred to as "the Bottoms."

"We've heard amazing stories about the challenges they faced moving into this new area,



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Cicely Tyson narrates a documentary about African Americans who moved to Muskegon for jobs during World War II.

far away from their homes in the South," said Schaub.

The documentary film is part of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. It will feature the history of a group of people who helped shaped that community and its culture, and also explore the racial climate of the times.

In addition to capturing and preserving this important segment of history, the film serves as a tremendous learning tool. Grand Valley students have helped to collect oral histories from people, now in their 80s, who settled in Muskegon. Interviews, historical footage and possible reenactments will be included in the documentary. When finished, the film will be premiered in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. REMC/MiStreamnet, a division of the Discovery Channel, will distribute the finished documentary to schools throughout Michigan.

Filmmakers have received grants and funding from Grand Valley, Michigan Humanities Council, Community Foundation for Muskegon and Alcoa Howmet.

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Lubbers receives NCAA award

President Emeritus Arend D. Lubbers received the Division II Conference Commissioners' Association Award of Merit during a banquet October 15 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Award of Merit is the highest honor presented by the association and is reserved for people who have made the most exceptional contributions to the entire NCAA Division II membership and its student-athletes.

From 1998-2001, Lubbers was a member of the NCAA Division II Presidents Commission, which later became the Presidents Council. He served as chair of the Presidents Council for one year, and also served on the NCAA Executive Committee, Division II Administrative Committee, Division II Strategic Planning Project Team and the Division II Budget and Finance Committee.

Association president Mike Marcil, commissioner of the Sunshine State

Conference, said Division II will always be grateful for Lubbers' tremendous contributions during those critical years when the NCAA was restructuring.

"President Lubbers was not only able to successfully address all of the immediate challenges of federation, but he also had the vision and leadership to develop programs that have resulted in the long-term success of Division II," Marcil said.



At left, GLIAC Commissioner Tom Brown presents President Emeritus Arend D. Lubbers and Nancy Lubbers with the Division II Conference Commissioners' Association Award.

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“His efforts truly have had a profound positive impact on the lives of countless Division II student-athletes and will continue to do so for many years to come.”

Lubbers was nominated for the award by Tom Brown, commissioner of the GLIAC.

Career Services offers mini-grants

Career Services is offering Internship Mini-Grants to help departments create, expand or enhance internships or practicums.

Past grant recipients have used funding to compensate faculty members for time spent developing internship programs or materials, or creating internship reference materials.

Applications for the mini-grants are due October 31. The proposal and contact information can be sent to Career Services, 206 Student Services Building. Proposals will be reviewed by Career Services and department deans; notification and disbursement will be in January. Questions can be directed to Rachel Becklin at x13468 or becklira@gvsu.edu.

Faculty presentations sought for February conference

Presentations by faculty members are sought for the 13th Annual Service Learning and Civic Engagement Conference, which will be held February 12-13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

The conference is sponsored by the Michigan Campus Compact and the Michigan Community Service Commission. Committee members are seeking proposals from practitioners of service, service learning and civic engagement who want to share their knowledge with peers from the Midwest.

Deadline to submit proposals is October 31. Contact Valerie Jones, Office of Student Life, at jonesval@gvsu.edu for more information. Details about the conference are online at www.micampuscompact.org/institute.asp.

Consultant visits PAS program

Wallace Boeve, program director and associate professor of physician assistant studies, led a tour October 22 for Franklin Medio, a medical educator and consultant from South Carolina who gives innovative faculty development workshops at teaching hospitals and universities.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

At right, Wallace Boeve, program director for PAS, talks with Franklin Medio in a simulation lab at the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences.

Boeve said the PAS department brought Medio to campus to discuss best practices of integrating teaching and patient care, and methods to improve lectures. His visit included a tour of the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences.

NASA grant supports life science commercialization

A \$150,000 grant from NASA to Grand Valley will accelerate the West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative’s work in helping commercialize life science innovations from idea to marketplace.

The Initiative’s life sciences commercialization enterprise — established

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GRAND VALLEY

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Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Political Science faculty members **Erika King**, **Roger Moiles** and **Whitt Kilburn** were interviewed by the *Grand Rapids Press*, *WGVU-AM* and *Detroit News*, respectively, for stories about the final presidential debate. See more on the News and Information Services election center Web site, www.gvsu.edu/electioncenter.

Sketches

Martha Moore, senior accountant, has completed courses to earn a grants management certificate from Management Concepts, Inc.

“To Live & Die in Dixie,” the 2007 Summer Film Project produced by **John Harper Philbin** and the School of Communications, was named Best Thriller Feature at the Illinois International Film Festival.

Peter Letzmann, adjunct professor of public and nonprofit administration, gave a presentation, “Conflicts of Interest and Other Ethic Considerations,” at the 110th Annual Convention of the Michigan Municipal League at Mackinac Island.

Maureen Ryan, assistant professor of nursing, gave a presentation, “Designing Web-Based Nursing Courses Using the Seven Principles of Good Teaching Practice,” at the Global Alliance of Nursing Education and Scholarship conference in Toronto, Ontario.

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, wrote an article, “Teaching Social Studies Through Storytelling: The Enduring Spirit of the Arctic,” published in *Social Education*.

John Koches, associate research scientist at the Annis Water Resources Institute, gave a presentation, “The Study of Watersheds and Their Relationship to Sustainability,” at Leadership Muskegon.

Craig Benjamin, assistant professor of history, gave a presentation, “Blues for the Motor City: Jazz Giants of Michigan,” at the Historical Society of Michigan annual conference; and a presentation, “The First World System? The Silk Roads and the Origins of Globalization,” at the Michigan History Teachers Association annual conference in Lansing.

Roy Cole, professor of geography and planning, gave a presentation, “Changing Regionalization of Africa, 1953-2007,” at the 93rd annual meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education in Dearborn.

Azizur R. Molla, assistant professor of anthropology, wrote a book, *Water, Sewage, and Disease in Bangladesh: A Medical Anthropology*, published by Edwin Mellen Press. He will organize and chair a session, “Environment and Health — An Anthropological Discourse,” at the American Anthropological Association Meeting in San Francisco, California.

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What's Ahead

Campus departments plan 'Peace Day'

Several campus departments are working with the Fetzer Institute's Campaign for Love and Forgiveness to sponsor a day of Peace, Love and Forgiveness on Monday, October 27.

Representatives will staff tables near the Cook Carillon Tower from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to distribute buttons, snacks and tickets to the 4 p.m. screening of "The Power of Forgiveness." The film will be shown in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.

Sponsors are WGUV, Counseling and Career Development Center, and the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Staff member will discuss work, home balance

Marlene Kowalski-Braun, director of the Women's Center, will lead a discussion on balancing home and family demands with work demands.

"The Balancing Act" is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, October 28, in the Kirkhof Center, room 1142. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches.

The discussion is part of the Women Connecting series, sponsored by the Women's Center, Health and Wellness, and Work Life Connections. Call x12748 for more information.

Poets will conclude Fall Arts Celebration events

Two Pulitzer Prize-winning poets — one Mississippi-born, the other a native of Northern Ireland — will be featured at Grand Valley as the final Fall Arts Celebration 2008 event.



Natasha Trethewey

Poetry Night, "An Evening of Poetry and Conversation with Natasha Trethewey and Paul Muldoon," will be on Wednesday, October 29, at 7 p.m., in the Eberhard Center. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.



Paul Muldoon

"Both of these writers are overwhelmingly concerned with the recovery or preservation of a person's life or the past," said Patricia Clark, Grand Valley's Poet-in-Residence and event coordinator. "They each make use of memory, history and language to understand, underscore, mourn and also celebrate."

Trethewey is a distinguished chair in poetry at Emory University. Her first collection of poetry, *Domestic Work* (2000), was selected as the winner of the inaugural Cave Canem Poetry Prize

for the best, first book by an African American poet. It won both the 2001 Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Book Prize and the 2001 Lillian Smith Award for Poetry.

The title of Trethewey's *Native Guard* (winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize in poetry) is named after one of the first black regiments marshaled into service during the Civil War. Her work explores the complex memory of the American South while also giving voice to universal themes of yearning and hope.

Born in County Armagh in Northern Ireland, Muldoon is currently a distinguished professor of humanities at Princeton University and professor of poetry at the University of Oxford. In May, Muldoon was given an honorary doctorate in humane letters by the American University of Paris and was inducted as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He was recently appointed poetry editor of the *New Yorker*.

His work includes *Moy Sand and Gravel* (winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in poetry) and *Horse Latitudes* (2006), his 10th collection of poetry. Critics have called Muldoon the most significant English-language poet born since World War II, a master of the quantum leap of linguistic intelligence. They also describe his work as wicked, stylish and fun.

For more information, contact Clark in the Department of Writing at x13199 or visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts.

Training scheduled for Schools of Hope

Two training sessions are scheduled this week for faculty and staff members interested in volunteering for Schools of Hope, a Heart of West Michigan United Way program.

Grand Valley has partnered with Grand Rapids Public Schools to help increase literacy rates among public school students. Volunteers will be matched with children from 15 participating elementary schools.

Training will be held on Thursday, October 30, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 1104; and Friday, October 31, at the same time in the DeVos Center, room 499C. Lunch will be served.

Register for either session by sending an e-mail to Sue Sloop, Work Life consultant, at sloops@gvsu.edu, or calling x12215.

Allies and Advocates training set

An Allies and Advocates training session is scheduled for Friday, October 31, from 1-4 p.m. in the Laker Village South Community Center.

The organization is comprised of faculty and staff members who are trained to offer support and resources to members of the campus community who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

Interested participants can register online at www.gvsu.edu/seminar, and click on "Human Resources." Registration is limited to 30 people.

Health and Wellness offers exercise classes

The Health and Wellness department will offer two group exercise classes for faculty and staff members.

CardioSculpt, which provides cardio and strength training, will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-7:30 a.m., in the Fieldhouse, room B160. It will run November 4-December 18. Yoga will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, noon-1 p.m., in the Fieldhouse and DeVos Center, room 225E. It began October 20 and will run through December 17.

Cost to attend CardioSculpt is \$20; yoga is \$35. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/seminar. Participants must also complete a waiver form and return it with payment to Lake Michigan Hall, room 140. Questions can be directed to x12215.

KCON to host conference

Speakers at a conference sponsored by the Kirkhof College of Nursing will discuss best practices related to communication and how to assist diverse cultures as they cope with death.

"Cultural Approaches to Death and Dying: Celebrating Life When the End Can Be Seen" is scheduled for Monday, November 3, in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences. The conference is limited to the campus community and will run from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Hager Auditorium. Students, faculty and staff members are invited to attend at no charge.

Sheila Rettig, CEO and president of Interpreter Network, is the keynote speaker at 11:30 a.m. A registered nurse, Rettig works with local Bosnian and Somali communities on health issues that affect women and children. She had served as project director for the Michigan/Bosnian Preventative Initiative and was a grants administrator for Metro Health Inc.

Rettig will team with Paul Reitemeier, chair of Grand Valley's Human Research Review Committee and associate professor of philosophy, for the afternoon session that will involve audience participation as they discuss ethical case studies.

Jeanne Arnold, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, will provide the welcome at 11:15 a.m., following poster presentations by students in the course, "An Introduction to End of Life Care."

No registration is required for the conference. Continuing education credits will be given for nursing professionals. Social work professionals who wish to earn continuing education contact hours can do so with a \$15 fee, payable at the conference.

For more information about the conference, call the Kirkhof College of Nursing at x15781.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

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

Through Oct. 31

Gallery Hours: "Separation as Together: Soonjung Hong and Eunmee Lee, Korean Ceramists at GVSU." Art Gallery, PAC.

Mon., Oct. 27

11 a.m.: Board of Trustees meeting. 2204 KC. Call x12180 for more information.

Noon: Work Life Connections Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 2242 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

4 p.m.: Day of Peace, Love and Forgiveness film screening. 2204 KC. Call x13266 for more information.

7 p.m.: Hauenstein Center hosts "Election '08 Impact on Michigan," a panel discussion. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12770 for more information.

Tues., Oct. 28

Noon: Women's Center Brown Bag Lunch. "Balancing Act," by Marlene Kowalski-Braun. 1142 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Wed., Oct. 29

Noon: Graduate Studies hosts Fall Flora on Graduate Education. 205D DEV. Call x17105

for more information.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. KC 2259. Call x18655 for more information.

6 p.m.: International Faculty and Friends meeting. Zeytin Restaurant, 400 Ada Drive, Ada. Call x12828 for more information.

7 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration. Poetry Night. EC. Call x13199 for more information.

Thurs., Oct. 30

11:30 a.m.: Schools of Hope volunteer training. 1104 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Graduate Studies hosts Fall Flora on Graduate Education. 2270 KC. Call x17105 for more information.

Noon: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Call x17337 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts film series "UnNatural Causes." 2201 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Fri., Oct. 31

11:30 a.m.: Schools of Hope volunteer training. 499C DEV.

1 p.m.: Allies and Advocates training. Laker Village South. Call x12215 for information.

3:30 p.m.: Philosophy Colloquium Series. "Moderate and Immoderate Candor: Michel Foucault's Parrhesia without Sophrosyne," by David Vessey. 110 MAK. Call x12114 for

more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Sexual Perversity in Chicago." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sat., Nov. 1

1 p.m.: Bard to Go Performance and Shakespeare Festival Awards Ceremony and Reception. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13668 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Sexual Perversity in Chicago." LAT, PAC.

Sun., Nov. 2

2 p.m.: Theater Production. "Sexual Perversity in Chicago." LAT, PAC.

Sports

Fri., Oct. 31

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

7 p.m.: Swimming and Diving hosts Calvin College.

Sat., Nov. 1

1 p.m.: Women's Soccer hosts Ferris State University.

4 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Lake Superior State University.

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in 2004 as the Biotech Commercialization Project — has been renamed Idea Cycle. Idea Cycle will continue to provide the infrastructure to mine, assess and protect novel life science ideas of health care providers and educators in West Michigan. The grant creates a funding pool for the highest priority projects. Member organizations in Idea Cycle, who will apply for funding through a proposal, will provide matching dollars to any funding pool dollars received.

The grant will increase Idea Cycle's market research and project management abilities, said Executive Director Linda Chamberlain.

"Over the first three years, we've really been able to drive idea assessment and capture of intellectual property. But as Idea Cycle matures, we realize that we need to increase our emphasis on project management and seed funding," Chamberlain said.

Idea Cycle partners include some of the top regional health care providers, educators, and researchers including Spectrum Health, Saint Mary's Healthcare, Grand Valley, the Van Andel Institute, Michigan Medical PC, Calvin College, and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital.

"Idea Cycle applies the traditional corporate product development and commercialization process to the new and emerging ideas of the life sciences industry," Chamberlain added. "With the support of Grand Valley and NASA, the Initiative is now able to greatly accelerate the development of Idea Cycle and form a community proprietary product pipeline to further tap into the innovative life science ideas in West Michigan."

Idea Cycle partner organizations have reviewed more than 300 ideas, and successfully managed 36 through stages of product development. Twenty-one patents have been applied for, and six have been licensed.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

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College of Education faculty members **Mary Bair** and **David Bair** gave a presentation, "The Implementation of State-Mandated Math and Science Graduation Requirements: A Case Study of One High School," at the British Educational Research Association annual meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Erin Babson, operations manager for Pew Campus and Regional Centers, is a board member for the Association of Physical Plant Administrators, and helped create a certification program for facilities managers.

Julie Guevara, assessment and accreditation officer and professor of social work, was appointed by the National Council on Social Work Education to the Global Commission and Chair of the CSWE Council on External Relations.