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FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Gift leads to expansion of Gordon Gallery

Grand Valley is planning a double celebration inspired by the works of Mathias J. Alten (1871-1938), who painted more than 2,500 works of art, and was once referred to as the dean of Michigan painters.

A rededication of the George and Barbara Gordon Gallery, which doubled in size thanks to a gift from George and Barbara, will be paired with the annual DeVos Art Lecture. Both events spotlight the wonders of Alten, whose work is featured in the Gordon Gallery.

On Wednesday, November 12, DeVos Lecture Series Honorary Chair Marcia Knapp Haas and Grand Valley's Director of Galleries and Collections Henry Matthews will host a reception at 5 p.m., the lecture at 5:30, and the 6:30 ribbon-cutting and rededication of the Gordon Gallery. All events are free and open to the public in the DeVos Center.

The DeVos Art Lecture will feature Jane Connell, director of collections and exhibitions

and senior curator of the Muskegon Museum of Art. She will present "The Wonder that is Mathias Alten: Ambition, Attraction, Achievement."

"One of the main thrusts of my talk will be to discuss what it is about Mathias Alten that has so captured the hearts and minds of Grand Rapidsians over the years," said Connell. "His name is virtually a household word, and his works continue to be avidly collected today."

Alten became a celebrated American regional artist and the great figurehead of Grand Rapids' cultural identity. Displayed in the Gordon Gallery are 43 of Alten's paintings, including 10 new gifts.

"Mathias Alten is our region's connection to the Impressionist movement, which swept the world in the early 20th century," said George Gordon, an oil and gas industry leader and member of the Grand Valley University



File photo

Left to right are Barbara and George Gordon, Matt Gatzweiler and Dianne Boozer, grandchildren of Mathias Alten.

Foundation's Advisory Cabinet. "Barbara and I are grateful that our gift will make his works more directly accessible to the public and to university students and faculty. To me, this expansion turned a room with paintings hung on the wall into a true gallery, and it brings out the best of Alten's craft and color."

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Watching election returns



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Students watch election night presidential returns in the Kirkhof Center on November 4. Earlier that day, the Student Senate provided bus transportation for about 500 voters who had registered in Allendale.

Officer receives award from Ottawa County organization

Grand Valley Public Safety Officer Gwen DeGraff was recognized by an Ottawa County organization for her work in helping to prevent dating violence and sexual assault.

In late October, the Lakeshore Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault presented DeGraff with its Agency Professional Award during an awards ceremony in Fennville. Grand Valley's Women's Center nominated DeGraff for the award, recognizing her efforts as a community policing officer and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) instructor. Jo Ann Wassenaar, associate director of the Women's Center, said DeGraff's commitment to educating students and advocating for victims "has garnered respect from community members and co-workers."



Gwen DeGraff

DeGraff, who joined the Public Safety department in 2004, said she was

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thrilled to receive the award. “It’s nice to work for an organization that recognizes the value of partnerships with other campus departments, like the Women’s Center, and community organizations,” she said.

Graduate student earns scholarship

When international student Anita Joshi had to write an essay as part of a scholarship application, she drew on the strength of her mother who lives in Nepal.

“She was only able to go through the fourth grade, then she had to give up school,” said Joshi, a graduate student majoring in public and nonprofit administration. “She worked so hard for her children.”



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Anita Joshi, left, talks with Marcia Haas in the DeVos Center about receiving the International Peace Scholarship.

Joshi’s essay and application were successful. She received an International Peace Scholarship, awarded by P.E.O. International to women from other countries for graduate studies in the U.S. and Canada.

In early November, Joshi met with members of the Grand Rapids chapter of P.E.O. International. Members include Marcia Haas, who has a long family connection to the organization — her grandmother was one of the founders who helped establish the scholarship in 1949.

“During the war years, a lot of women made donations to help the Red

Cross or United Nations,” Haas said. “Women made a difference. For my grandmother and the others, they recognized the importance that education is fundamental to world peace and understanding.”

Since 1949, more than \$22 million in scholarships has been awarded. The award stipulates that recipients return to their home countries, which is exactly what Joshi intends when she graduates in April. She will bring an impressive background with her; she had worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Indian embassy in Washington, D.C.

Haas enlisted help from the Padnos International Center to spread word about the scholarship to international students. “It makes me so happy to be able to award a scholarship to someone at Grand Valley,” Haas said.

Former consultant named director of Intercultural Training

A former Spectrum Health consultant who is well-versed in organizational dynamics will join the Division of Inclusion and Equity as the university’s director of Intercultural Training.



Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth

Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth will begin her job at Grand Valley on November 11. Most recently she worked as an organizational development consultant for Spectrum’s human resources department. Her duties included leading career development services, managing mentorship programs and strategic plans, and conducting evaluations that measure the return on investment of leadership initiatives.

Sherwood Bosworth graduated from Grand Valley in 1997 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and then earned two master’s degrees (social

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Patricia Bravender Librarian

Patricia Bravender’s love for books has been a constant throughout her life, as evidenced by her collection of children’s series books and dust jacket art from the 1930s and 1940s. Recently she donated 75 children’s series books from her collection to the Mardigian Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for a children’s series exhibition.

Thanks to Bravender, the exhibition, “Timeless Treasure Children’s Series from the Juvenile Historic and Quigley Collection,” now features books from the following series: Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Bobbsey Twins, Happy Hollisters, Boxcar Children, Kay Tracey, Cherry Ames, Penny Parker and Judy Bolton. Additionally Bravender loaned various books with dust jacket art covers and a vintage Nancy Drew game.

“There has been a renewed interest in children’s series books in recent years and I was happy to donate them to the library where they would be made available to students of the genre and prospective teachers,” she said.

Though Bravender’s job at Grand Valley doesn’t surround her with children’s books, it allows her to work in another knowledgeable subject of hers, the legal field.

Bravender is the legal studies and criminal justice librarian at the Steelcase Library. As a former parale-

gal with a master’s degree in library and information science, Bravender is able to assist students and faculty members in the Legal Studies and Criminal Justice departments with their reference needs. She also selects books to purchase and provides bibliographic instruction to numerous classes.



Patricia Bravender

Prior to working at Grand Valley, Bravender worked as a paralegal at various law offices, including an intellectual property law firm. While she enjoyed working in law, her love for conducting research led her to pursue a position at the Grand Rapids Public Library, where she worked and served on the Board of Library Commissioners for six years. She began working at Grand Valley in a full-time capacity in May.

“Working in a library is always so interesting; every day it’s something new. You have the opportunity to learn about different ideas and subjects,” she said.

Outside of her work, Bravender enjoys her own research projects and is currently working on a project on American needlework. Aside from her research, Bravender enjoys traveling and visiting her daughter, who works as a reporter in Washington, D.C., and her son, who is a software engineer in Korea.

What's Ahead

Wolverine Worldwide CEO to give lecture

Blake Krueger, CEO and president of Wolverine Worldwide Inc., will deliver a breakfast lecture, "Global Leadership Through Innovation," sponsored by the Seidman College of Business.

Krueger will deliver the Peter F. Secchia Breakfast Lecture on Tuesday, November 11, in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center. The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., and the presentation starts at 8. Krueger has spent the last 12 years in executive-level positions at Wolverine Worldwide, an international marketer of footwear, apparel, and accessories.

The breakfast is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Contact x17100 or busalumn@gvsu.edu for more information or to register.

Film series on health care injustices continues

A film series that explores racial and socioeconomic inequities in health care continues each Thursday through December 11 in the Kirkhof Center.

"UnNatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" is a seven-part documentary produced by California Newsreel. Three campus departments are sponsoring the series and discussions that started October 23.

Part four, "Bad Sugar," will begin at noon on Thursday, November 13, in room 2201. Part five will be shown on November 20 in room 1142.

Questions about the film or discussion can be directed to the Health and Wellness department at x12215. For more information about the film, visit www.unnaturalcauses.org.

Scholars will assess Bush presidency

Presidential scholars from all over the country will gather in Grand Rapids for their first assessment of the George W. Bush presidency.

The two-day event is sponsored by Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.

The event kicks off with a keynote address by Rufus Fears on Thursday, November 13, at 7 p.m., in Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center. Fears is a professor of Classics at the University of Oklahoma. He is the author of four books and has published more than 100 articles and reviews on ancient history, the history of liberty and the lessons of history for today's time.

Panel discussions will take place Friday, November 14, in Loosemore Auditorium. They will be preceded with a keynote address at 8 a.m. by John Burke, author of *Becoming President: The Bush Transition 2000-2003*, and *Presidential Transitions: From Politics to Practice*, which focuses on the Carter, Reagan, Bush Sr., and Clinton transitions and early presidencies.

The lectures and discussions are free and open to the public. Register to attend online at www.gvsu.edu/hauenstein and click on "Events," or call x12770.



Members of the New Music Ensemble will perform Sunday in the PAC.

New Music Ensemble to perform at PAC

The New Music Ensemble at Grand Valley has performed in New York at the Bang On a Can marathon, and at the College Music Society national conference in Atlanta. In April members of the ensemble will perform at Carnegie Hall with the Kronos Quartet and others in a

25th anniversary performance of Terry Riley's work "In C."

Local audiences can hear the ensemble perform during an evening of classic contemporary music on Sunday, November 16, at 8 p.m. in the Large Dance Studio in the Performing Arts Center. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public.

In honor of what would have been the 100th birthday of French composer Olivier Messiaen, three of his works will be performed: "Oiseaux Exotiques"; a prelude for solo piano; and a movement from his "Quartet for the End of Time." The latter will also be choreographed by Shawn Bible, a new Grand Valley dance faculty member.

In addition, the world premiere of J. Anthony Allen's composition "Pierrot Variations" will be performed. This work, a remix for chamber ensemble and electronics of Arnold Schoenberg's seminal work "Pierrot Lunaire," was commissioned by the New Music Ensemble and the GVSU Alumni Association in honor of Allen receiving the 2008 GVSU Young Alumnus Award.

Rounding out the program will be contemporary arrangements of classic works by Radiohead, Velvet Underground, Steppenwolf, and James Blunt.

For more information, contact Bill Ryan at x13087 or visit www.newmusicensemble.org.

Provost to host town hall meetings

Provost Gayle R. Davis will host two Academic Affairs town hall meetings on the Allendale and Pew Grand Rapids campuses.

Discussion will center on the state of academic affairs at Grand Valley and higher education in Michigan, Davis said.

Meetings are set for Wednesday, November 19, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Eberhard Center; and November 24, 4 p.m., in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

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work and public administration) from Grand Valley. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in social work from Michigan State University.

In her new role, Sherwood Bosworth will provide leadership in developing intercultural programs for faculty and staff members, as well as programs for students. "I'm very excited about the opportunities for enriching the process of learning through the inclusion of intercultural knowledge," she said.

Jeanne Arnold, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, said: "Dee Ann is a passionate champion for inclusion. It's great to be fully staffed just as we're launching our first university-wide Inclusion Implementation Plan."

Prior to working for Spectrum Health, Sherwood Bosworth developed and implemented an Equal Business Opportunity program for the City of Grand Rapids.

WISE women hold panel

Four Grand Valley alumnae shared stories with students about life as women scientists after graduation.

The presentation by Shannon Biros, Leah Tarrant, Erin Brennan and Shannon Murphy was held October 28 in the Koeze-Weed Living Center, the housing community for Women in Science and Engineering. Biros is a faculty member in the chemistry department.



Photo courtesy of Laurie Witucki

From left, Shannon Biros, Leah Tarrant, Erin Brennan and Shannon Murphy hold WISE T-shirts after an event in the Koeze-Weed Living Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., Nov. 10

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Health and Wellness Hold it for the Holidays weigh-in. 140 LMH. Call x12215 for more information.

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Health and Wellness Hold it for the Holidays weigh-in. 499C DEV, 136 CHS. Call x12215 for more information.

Tues., Nov. 11

7:30 a.m.: Peter F. Secchia Lecture. "Global Leadership Through Innovation," by Blake Krueger. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x17100 for more information.

10 a.m.: Pew Campus Blood Drive. DEV and CHS. Call x17220 for more information.

Noon: Women's Commission Meeting. 2242 KC. Call x15437 for more information.

1:30 p.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series. "Lifestyle Productivity," by Michael Walenta. 2266 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

8 p.m.: Perugino String Quartet. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Wed., Nov. 12

Noon: Arts at Noon Series. Gregory Crowell, organ. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Noon: Women's Center hosts Her Story by Sue

Sloop. 2266 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

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

5:30 p.m.: DeVos Art Lecture. "The Wonder That is Mathias Alten: Ambition, Attraction, Achievement," by Jane Connell. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12563 for more information.

Thurs., Nov. 13

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.

1 p.m.: Middle East Studies Lecture. "Why Do They Hate Us? U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East," by David E. Long. 2204 KC. Call x18110 for more information.

6 p.m.: Latin American Studies Lecture. "9/11 to Postville: A New Detour in the War on Terror," by Erik Camayd-Freixas. 2204 KC. Call x18110 for more information.

Fri., Nov. 14

3:30 p.m.: Philosophy Colloquium Series. "Neo-Pragmatist Theories of Meaning," by Ronald Loeffler. 110 MAK. Call x12114 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Performance. "Vinegar Tom."

LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sat., Nov. 15

9 a.m. and 5 p.m.: Double Reed Day Concerts. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC and CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Performance. "Vinegar Tom." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

Sun., Nov. 16

1 and 3 p.m.: Biology Department hosts "Birds of Prey," to benefit Peregrine Project. 103 LTT. Call x13097 for information.

2 p.m.: Theater Performance. "Vinegar Tom." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

8 p.m.: New Music Ensemble Concert. 1600 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sports

Fri., Nov. 14

5 p.m.: Swimming and Diving host Michigan State University at Jenison High School.

Sat., Nov. 15

1 p.m.: Women's Basketball hosts St. Joseph College.

3 p.m.: Men's Basketball hosts Davenport University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Kevin den Dulk, associate professor of political science, was interviewed by the *Holland Sentinel* for a story about young people and voting.

Roger Moiles, instructor of political science, and **Gleaves Whitney**, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, were interviewed by WGUV-AM for election night coverage.

Sketches

Dan Balfour, professor of public and nonprofit administration, co-wrote an article, "Expiating Evil, Reflections on the Difficulties of Cultural, Organizational and Individual Reparation," published in *Public Administration*.

Valerie Peterson, associate professor of communications, gave a presentation, "Against Interdisciplinarity," at the annual conference of the Organization for the Study of

Communication, Language, and Gender in Nashville, Tennessee. She also wrote an article, "The Harlot Meets the General," published in *ETC: A Review of General Semantics*.

Ed Wong-Ligda, professor of art and design, is exhibiting his work in the Paul Collins Gallery at the McKay Tower, Monroe Center, through December 5. An opening reception is planned for November 12, from 6-8 p.m.

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, gave a presentation, "Building Bridges Using Education and Performance: The Canadian Arctic," at the 16th Inuit Studies Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

David Lehker, assistant director of field education for the School of Social Work, coordinated the 30th anniversary Pathways to Permanence Conference held at the DeVos Center.

Jonathan White, professor of interdisciplinary studies and executive director of the

Homeland Defense Initiative, gave a presentation, "Religion, Culture, and Future Conflict," at the National Homicide Investigators Seminar in Kansas City.

Scott Stabler, assistant professor of history, gave a presentation, "The Spoils System Goes West from Washington: President Grant's Use of the Church to Run Reservations," at the Western History Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Erik Nordman, assistant professor of biology, and a student gave a presentation, "Evaluation of Local Parks Using the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum," to the Zeeland Charter Township Board of Trustees.

Sheldon Kopperl, professor of biomedical sciences, chaired a session, "Undergraduate Research at Teaching Universities," at the Midwest Jewish Studies Association annual meeting in Chicago.