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# Forum

A Newsletter for the  
GRAND VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
Community

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## Researchers Study How Experience Affects Perception of Abuse

A study at Grand Valley suggests that college students' attitudes about what constitutes child abuse are affected by their own experiences as children.

"We focused on how victims of child abuse evaluate their own abusive history and what their attitudes are toward various types of physical discipline as adults," says Mary Bower Russa, assistant professor of Psychology and one of the researchers in the study. "Our data suggest that these factors may have implications for the person's risk to become a perpetrator."

Assistant Psychology Professor Allen Winebarger and John Knutson, of the University of Iowa, also participated in the research, as did 10 GVSU undergraduate students. The

researchers surveyed 430 introductory Psychology students, who completed a series of questionnaires about their own childhood history and their current attitudes toward a range of parental disciplinary practices.

Russa, Knutson, and Winebarger have written a paper on a portion of their study, called "Disciplinary History, Adult Disciplinary Attitudes, and Risk for Abusive Parenting."

While still analyzing the data, Russa and the other researchers say their study reinforces other studies, which indicate that about 75 percent of people who suffer physical maltreatment do not label their childhood experiences as abusive. The study also suggests that those who experienced harsh discipline, such as being struck with a hairbrush or belt, are more likely to accept such

forms of discipline and consider them appropriate.

"This suggests that to some extent we normalize our experiences, and to the extent that we normalize potentially injurious experiences from our childhood, we may be more likely to use those forms of discipline in our own parenting," Russa explains.

## Across Campus

### Grand Valley Receives Healthy Workplace Award

GVSU received the Rookie of the Year Health Workplace Award for the Campus Wellness Program from the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and the Michigan Fitness Foundation during a banquet in Lansing on September 27. Brenda Reeves, associate director of Health, Recreation and Wellness, accepted the award for Grand Valley.

Companies nominated for the health workplace award must demonstrate an outstanding commitment to the health of their employees by a work site health promo-



Brenda Reeves and graduate student Chris Kirby.

tion program within the previous calendar year.

The award presentation is part of a program to "Get Michigan Moving." It is reported by the Governor's Council, said

Reeves, that 3.6 million Michigan adults lead sedentary lifestyles, 30 percent of Michigan adults are significantly overweight, 39 percent of Michigan children have elevated cholesterol levels, and have four times the national average of severely high

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## GVSU Readies For Y2K

Unit by unit, GVSU has been preparing for any potential systems problems associated with the coming of January 1, 2000. After numerous evaluations plus an outside audit by Crowe Chizek, Grand Valley appears ready for Y2K, according to John Sundstrom, director of Information Technology. The university IBM mainframe and software was successfully tested by advancing the date beyond January 2000 without incident.

A more detailed article and a brochure will be sent to all employees this week. For regular Y2K updates and helpful information, you can also go to *GVNow* at [www.gvnow.gvsu.edu](http://www.gvnow.gvsu.edu), or *itweb.gvsu.edu* on the Web. The *Forum* will publish additional Y2K information in the coming weeks.



# FORUM

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web Site.

## Across Campus

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blood pressure and are heavier than the nation's norms.

"GVSU has made a tremendous effort to address the health and wellness issues of its employees by establishing the Campus Wellness Center," said Reeves. "There are three more levels of healthy workplace awards that I hope we can achieve by continuing to expand services and programs as well as increasing campus-wide participation."

"The Benefits Office is committed to working with Brenda and the Wellness Center in supporting and promoting health, preventative, and maintenance programs in conjunction with the mission of Campus Wellness," said Mary Warner, Benefits manager.

### Changes in Eberhard Center Parking Availability Report

- The 75 parking spaces granted to Grand Valley faculty and staff members in the Day's Inn ramp have been reduced to 50 spaces. Facilities personnel drew 50 names from the 150 full-time employees who work in the Eberhard Center and Riverfront Plaza, and have awarded the permits. Those persons will be required to have a Day's Inn permit hanging on their mirror, or they will be ticketed and/or towed.
- It is recommended that faculty and staff members traveling from Allendale to the downtown campus take Lake Michigan Drive in and use parking lots A, B, C, and D.
- Lot A: In October, the booth will be relocated to the north side of Lot A and the entrance will be moved to where the bus stop was. The former entrance will be completely closed to all traffic except construction vehicles and service vehicles delivering to the loading dock. By moving the booth, an additional eight to ten parking spaces in Lot A will be lost. The 10 transient faculty spots will be moved to the west wall. The eight reserved spots on the east side will remain. All other spaces will remain first come, first served for all faculty and staff members.
- Lot B: All of Lot B will be reserved for faculty and staff member parking. There are 74 spaces now, but after January 1,

when the S-curve construction begins, the spaces in the lot will be reduced to 27.

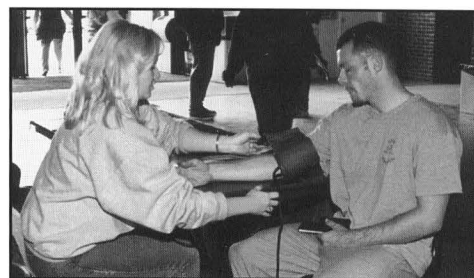
With the current road construction on the corner of Fulton and Front Streets, the only way to enter the lot is by traveling west on Fulton. There are construction barrels and road closure signs on the corner of Monroe and Fulton, but 9.5 members, students, visitors and conference attendees.

- Lot D: There will be 35 spaces reserved for faculty and staff members at the south end; the remainder of the lot will be for visitors and students.
- The Van Andel Museum ramp is also available for parking. The rates are: daily – 80¢ per hour, or \$2 after 5 p.m.; and monthly – \$70. Occasionally, the museum has special events and the ramp is reserved for their guests during that time.

"Because of these parking changes, we encourage everyone to try to schedule large meetings somewhere other than the Eberhard Center," said John Bowers, Eberhard Center director of operations. "All of these changes and issues are short term. By the fall of 2000, when the DeVos Center opens, conditions will improve."

### Students Check Pressure

The Grand Valley Physician Assistant Student Association sponsored a free blood pressure screening on October 6 in the



Kirkhof Center marking the 33rd anniversary of the graduation of the first physician assistants from Duke University. Today, more than 34,000 physician assistants are providing essential medical and surgical services.

The American Academy of Physician Assistants established National Physician Assistant Day in 1987 to honor all physician assistants for the quality care they provide to millions of Americans.

The GVSU Physician Assistant program began in 1995 with 24 students. Currently there are 89 students enrolled in various stages of training.

# Coming Events

## Celebrate the Bells Tuesday at Noon

The university community is invited to enjoy a live carillon recital tomorrow at 12 noon on the Allendale campus. "Celebrate the Bells" commemorates this fall's fifth anniversary of the installation and dedication of the Cook Carillon in 1994. The event also is aimed at raising awareness of the new 48-bell instrument, the Beckering Family Carillon, that's being installed at the Richard M. DeVos Center on the Grand Rapids campus.

University Carillonist Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, Associate Carillonist Barbara Kindschi, and student Jason Buckley, will each perform a program that includes music ranging from Beethoven to American folk songs, to the popular tune "Morning Has Broken." Refreshments will be provided.

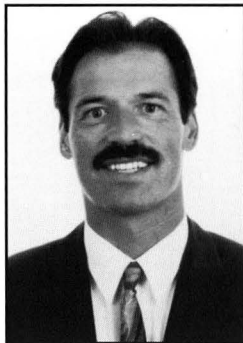


*University Carillonist Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, shown recently with one of the bells of the new Beckering Family Carillon, will be part of a special recital on the Cook Carillon, Tuesday at noon.*

## Convocation Honors Cabletron Founder

The Seidman School of Business will present Craig Benson, co-founder and board member of Cabletron Systems, for

an honorary degree on Tuesday, October 12, at 4 p.m., at the Eberhard Center. The university community is invited to attend the convocation and the reception following.



*Craig Benson*

Under Benson's leadership, Cabletron – one of the world's largest computer networking companies – has grown from a two-man operation in 1983 to a \$1.5 billion technology leader with 6,800 employees worldwide.

## Orchestra to Hold First Concert of Season

The GVSU Symphony Orchestra will perform its first concert of the season under conductor Hyunsai Lee on Wednesday, October 13, at 8 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre. The program will include "War March of the Priests," by Mendelssohn; "Exultate, Jubilate, KV 165," by Mozart; "Symphony No. 5 in C minor," by Beethoven. Soprano Jane Rodgers, a Music faculty member, will be the soloist for the Mozart piece. The concert is open to the public free of charge.

## Concert Adds a Dimension To Shakespeare Festival

As part of Grand Valley's Shakespeare Festival, the Early Music Ensemble will perform in the Cook-DeWitt Center at 12 noon on Thursday,



*The Early Music Ensemble*

October 14. The Ensemble, a group of six professional musicians devoted to the performance of music of the Elizabethan period, will present a program of Renaissance music on a wide variety of historical instruments.

The program, will include a wide range of musical styles, including dances, consort songs, rounds, and divisions. The group's instruments are reproductions of Renaissance instruments – recorders, violas da gamba, lute, harps, shawm, cornetto, and krummhorns.

## Choirs, Wind Ensemble Plan Concerts

A choral concert is planned for Sunday, October 17, at 3 p.m., in the Louis Armstrong Theatre featuring the University Singers, the Chamber Choir and the Madrigal Ensemble, conducted by Ellen Pool; the Festival Chorale, conducted by Shirley Lemon; and the Varsity Men, conducted by Charles Norris.

Later in the day, at 8 p.m., the GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, conducted by Barry Martin, will present a concert in the Louis Armstrong Theatre. Both events are open to the public free of charge.

## Plowden Documentary Airs October 18

GVSU and WGUV will present "David Plowden: Light, Shadow, and Form," a documentary on the life and work of internationally known photographer David Plowden on Monday, October 18, at 6 p.m.

WGUV Productions and Angela Dallman spent more than two years filming Plowden for the one-hour program, which will also be aired throughout the week.

# Calendar of Events

## General Events

Arts Hotline: (616) 895-ARTS

Gallery Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thurs. All activities on the Allendale Campus unless otherwise noted. Parking is free and unreserved after 5:30 p.m.

**Fri., Aug. 27-Fri., Oct. 15**

Gallery hours: Art exhibit, "The Fine Art of Contemporary Children's Book Illustration." Calder Gallery, PAC. Call x3196 for more information.

**Mon., Oct. 11**

7 p.m.: Richard Dawkins lecture "Unweaving the Rainbow." LAT, PAC. For more information call Donna Larson, x2261.

7 p.m.: School of Education Fall Lecture Series. Lecture presented by B. David Brooks, Chairman and President of the International Center for Ethics and Workforce Readiness. Gerald R. Ford Museum, downtown Grand Rapids.

**Tues., Oct. 12**

9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Direction Center workshop, "Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills for the Workplace." Cost \$75. The United Way Center, Grand Rapids. Call (616) 459-3773 to register.

12-2 p.m.: Writing in the Disciplines Workshop, "Writing to Learn." Platte River Room, KC. Call x3498 to register.

2:30-3:45 p.m.: Hispanic Heritage Month event. Guest speakers from CRISPAZ, a non-governmental Christian peace group. 209 ASH.

4 p.m.: Special convocation honoring Mr. Craig Benson, presented by the Seidman School of Business. EC. Reception to follow in the 2nd floor lobby area. RSVP by e-mailing the Dean of Students Office.

6-9 p.m.: Shakespeare Festival. Roman Polanski's version of Macbeth. Followed by reception and a faculty discussion of "Hollywood Shakespeare." Location to be announced.

**Wed., Oct. 13**

9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Flu Prevention Campaign. Campus Health Center, FH. Call x2215 to reserve your vaccine.

3-5 p.m.: Writing in the Disciplines Workshop, "Writing to Learn." Platte River Room, KC. Call x3498 to register.

8 p.m.: Department of Music Series. The Grand Valley State University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Hyunsai Lee. LAT, PAC.

**Thurs., Oct. 14**

12 noon: Arts at Noon Series. Shakespeare Festival. The Early Music Ensemble presents a program of Renaissance music performed on period instruments. CDC.

3-7 p.m.: Flu Prevention Campaign. Campus Health Center, FH. Call x2215 to reserve your vaccine.

4 p.m.: Career Planning & Counseling Center seminar, "How to Get There from Here – Planning for Graduate and Professional Education." 204 STU. RSVP by calling x3266.

**Fri., Oct. 15**

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.: Admissions Recruitment Student Visitation Day. FH.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Flu Prevention Campaign. 215 EC. Call x2215 to reserve your vaccine.

**Sat., Oct. 16**

5 p.m.: Alumni House & Visitors Center groundbreaking.

**Sun., Oct. 17**

3 p.m.: Music Department Concert. Choral Concert. The University Singers, Chamber Choir and Madrigal Ensemble, conducted by Ellen Pool; the Festival Chorale, conducted by Shirley Lemon, and Varsity Men, conducted by Charles Norris. LAT, PAC..

8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. The GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, conducted by Barry Martin. LAT, PAC.

## Sports

Sports Hotline: (616) 895-3800. Game times subject to change.

**Wed., Oct. 13**

3 p.m.: Women's Tennis at Northwood University. Midland.

7 p.m.: Volleyball. Indiana-Purdue University Ft. Wayne at GVSU.

**Thurs., Oct. 14**

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis at Chicago State University. Chicago, IL.

**Fri., Oct. 15**

3 p.m.: Women's Tennis at Saginaw Valley State University. University Center.

7 p.m.: Volleyball. Hillsdale College at GVSU.

**Sat., Oct. 16**

8 a.m.: Men's Tennis. GVSU Alumni Tennis Match.

10 a.m.: Swimming & Diving. Blue & White Intersquad Meet at GVSU.

1 p.m.: Football. Saginaw Valley State University at GVSU.

3 p.m.: Women's Soccer. Ferris State University at GVSU.

4 p.m.: Volleyball. Wayne State University at GVSU.

**Sun., Oct. 17**

1 p.m.: Women's Soccer. Westminster College at GVSU.