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Forum

A Newsletter for the
GRAND VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY
Community

Monday, November 2, 1998

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GVSU Receives Federal Grant to Provide Social Work Education for Native Americans

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a \$75,000 grant to GVSU's School of Social Work to recruit Native American tribal members for M.S.W. degrees.

The program will train Native Americans for social work practice among tribal children and families. The grant comes specifically from the HHS Administration on Children, Youth and Families, under their Child Welfare Training Program.

LeAnne Silvey, assistant professor of Social Work and coordinator of the project, says the grant addresses a need in American Indian communities. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 was enacted because the rate at which Indian children are removed from the

homes is five times that of any other population, and often these children have been placed in non-Indian foster or adoptive homes. The law provides guidelines for placement of Indian children and provides for culturally competent child welfare services.

But, according to Silvey, there is still a problem in providing social workers who are both sensitive to the Native American culture and have appropriate training.

"Typically, American Indians working directly for the tribes do not have formal education such as a bachelor's or master's degree," says Silvey. "The tribes have a difficult time recruiting credentialed American Indian staff and, as a result, are forced to hire non-Indian staff who do have those credentials."

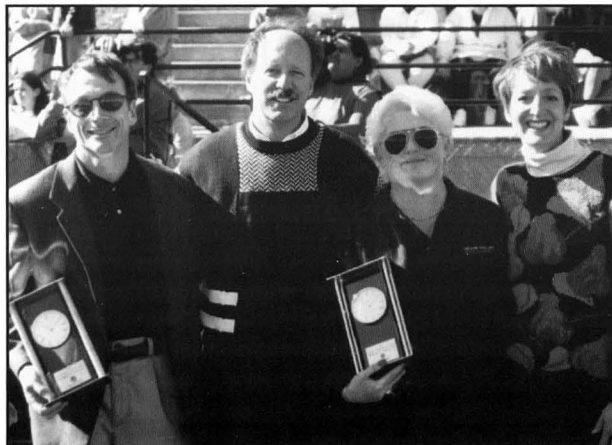
The School of Social Work has targeted five tribal population areas in Michigan that are close to where the university offers M.S.W. programs. The five areas include the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in Suttons Bay, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians in Petoskey, and the Bay Mills Indian Community in Brimley/Sault Ste. Marie. GVSU will also work with the Potawatami Tribe in Van Buren County and the various tribal groups represented in the Grand Rapids area.

The grant, the first federal funding for such an initiative in Michigan, will run through September 2000. The School of Social Work hopes to recruit eight Native American students for the initial project.

Alumni Honored During Homecoming Game

Alumni Service Award winners were recognized at a half-time ceremony of the GVSU-NMU Homecoming Game on October 24. Pictured, left to right, are award winner Doug Crim, Vice President for University Relations Matt McLogan, Jan Anway, accepting the award for her husband Bill, and Francie Brown, president of the Alumni Association.

Nearly 6,000 GVSU fans attended the football game, and more than 3,500 alumni and their families took part in Homecoming festivities.



Across Campus Salary Information Available

The Faculty and Staff Salary Information book is now on reserve in the Library. The information includes employee names, titles, departments, 1998-99 and 1997-98 salaries, gross salaries paid in 1997 and 1996, and other demographic information.

Interested persons may also review the information in the Human Resources Office or purchase their own copy for \$5 from Human Resources.

Campus Wellness Center Expands Services

The staff of the Campus Wellness Center will offer personal training and massage therapy sessions for the

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The GVSU *Forum* is published by the Office of University Communications every Monday when classes are in session and biweekly during the summer. The submission deadline is Tuesday noon. Send publication items to Kathleen Adams, editor, c/o the *FORUM* cc:Mail box. From off campus, email forum@gvsu.edu. Telephone: 616-895-2221. Fax: 616-895-2250. Visit FORUM ONLINE on the World Wide Web at: www.gvsu.edu/

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

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campus community beginning Monday, November 2. Sessions will be 30 minutes for \$10 and 45 minutes for \$15, and will be by appointment only. To make an appointment, call the center at x3659 or contact the center via e-mail at "WELLNESS."

These services can be delivered in individual offices at an additional charge. Arrangements can be made to have massage therapists come to departments as a gift to staff members. Gift certificates are available.

Campus Wellness offers help establishing a training program, including training cards and help with using the equipment, at no charge.

The new Web site, www.gvsu.edu/wellness, includes a complete calendar for Health Recreation and Wellness events along with information on the Campus Wellness Center and Laker Aerobics. A new feature is Exercise Buddies, which is a bulletin board to assist GVSU community members in finding an exercise partner and swapping information on exercise clothing, equipment, training techniques and weight management strategies.

Upcoming Wellness Events

Hydrostatic Weighing

Tuesday, November 3, 6-8 p.m.
Location: Human Performance Lab, 132 FH.

Health Screenings: Blood Pressure, Anxiety, and Depression

Tuesday, November 10, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: North Mezzanine, Kirkhof Center.

Percent Body Fat Clinic: Using 3-Site Skinfold Caliper Technique

Thursday, November 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: Human Performance Lab, 132 FH.

Downhill Skiing Clinic

Saturday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: 145 FH.

Kickoff of 12 Days of Fitness: Have A Happy, Craft Christmas with Creative Card Stamping

Monday, November 30, 12 noon-1 p.m.
Location: Thornapple Room, Rm. 200C, Kirkhof Center.

For additional information, contact Campus Wellness.

McLogan Named Head Of State Commission

Vice President for University Relations Matt McLogan has been named chairman of the State Officers Compensation Commission. The seven-member body, appointed by the governor, sets the salaries of the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the Legislature, and the justices of the Michigan Supreme Court.

McLogan was first appointed to a four-year term on the commission in 1996. He will serve as chairman for the duration of his term, ending June 30, 2000.

Coming Events

Liberal Education For Contemporary Professions Is Topic on November 3

Herman J. Saatkamp will be on campus on Tuesday, November 3, to speak to the campus community on "The Possible and the Desirable: Humanities in the Professions," at 3 p.m. in Cabins D, E, and F in the Kirkhof Center.

Saatkamp is the dean of the School of Liberal Arts and a professor of Philosophy, Medical Humanities, and Medical and Molecular Genetics at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. In addition to his presentation, Saatkamp will meet with faculty members and will visit selected classes. Contact Kelly Parker in the Philosophy Department for more information.

Poetry Reading Features Two Poets

The English Department and GVSU Poet-in-Residence Patricia Clark invite the campus community to "Two Poets," an afternoon of poetry, on Wednesday, November 4, at 4 p.m., in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

Dan Gerber is a poet, novelist, and essayist from Fremont whose published work includes three novels, a collection of stories, and five collections of poetry. Gerber taught at Michigan State University in the 1970s and in 1992 received the Michigan Author Award. In 1999, Michigan State University Press will publish a new collection of his poems.

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Poet Cynthia Macdonald, has taught at Sarah Lawrence College and Johns Hopkins University, and is now a professor at the University of Houston, where she founded the creative writing program in 1979. Macdonald has received many grants and awards for her work. She is also a graduate of Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Institute and is now a member of that faculty. She has written six books of poetry.

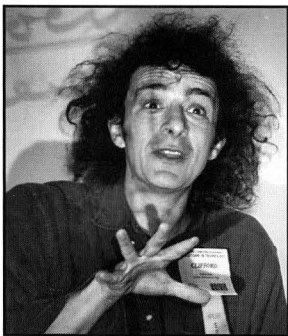
A reception and book signing will follow the reading.

School of Education Fall Lecture Series Wraps Up On November 5

The School of Education "Fall Lecture Series" will wrap up on Thursday, November 5, when Clifford Stoll, author of *Silicon Snake Oil*, speaks at the Eberhard Center. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Stoll, who is much in demand as a speaker and consultant around the country, questions the social implications of the widespread use of computers

and their implications for the future. He criticizes computers for "having lots of data, but very little information."



Clifford Stoll

Call the School of Education office, x2091, for more information.

GVSU Hosts Interfaith Dialogue Conference

The Interfaith Dialogue Association (IDA) of Grand Rapids announces the Eighth Annual IDA World Religions Conference 98, titled "Community and Meaningful Ritual/Practice." The conference is scheduled for Saturday,

November 7, from 12 noon-6 p.m. at the Eberhard Center. Co-sponsors include: Grand Valley State University, Interfaith Dialogue Association, Aquinas College, Calvin College, and the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism.

The conference will address how religious rituals and practice influence people's lives, how religious expression can bring meaning to an individual's life and help build community, and how faith, practice and community are expressed differently by faith traditions. The event is open to the public.

Eight faith communities – Zarathusti Din, Baha'i, Native American, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim and Christian – will demonstrate and explain meaningful rituals and practice.

The pre-registration fee is \$15, or \$20 at the door. Students are admitted free. For more information, contact Russell Rhoads at x3018.

Seidman Alumni Sponsor Breakfast

Mitch Stapley, the fixed income officer of Lyon Street Asset Management Company, will speak on "How to Take Advantage of Investment Opportunities Arising from the Crisis in Southeast Asia" during a breakfast on Wednesday, November 11, at 7:30 a.m. The event, which is free of charge and sponsored by the Seidman School of Business Alumni Association, will take place on the second floor of the Eberhard Center. Call x2160 for reservations.

Seminar Addresses Dealing With Aging Parents

"GVSU Alumni Strategies for the '90s," the annual series that helps develop coping skills for modern life, invites all members of the GVSU community to attend a seminar that discusses dealing with aging parents, on

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Benefits Bulletin

Flexible Spending Accounts Save Tax Dollars

Flexible spending accounts allow eligible faculty and staff members to have money deducted from their paychecks before taxes. These funds may be used to pay for 1999 out-of-pocket health care expenses that are not reimbursed by health care benefit plans. Flexible spending accounts may also be used for 1999 dependent care expenses.

"If you have predictable 1999 expenses, such as daycare, buying glasses or monthly prescriptions," says Amy Tennis, benefits manager, "be sure to take advantage of the flexible spending account program because the

amount you set aside is sheltered from social security, federal, state and local taxes. You can save a lot of tax dollars on things you know you will need anyway."

Participants in the program should budget their anticipated expenses carefully, because money left in the account at the end of the year will be forfeited. Any money forfeited will be divided evenly between the flexible spending participants in 2000.

For more details, check the 1999 Personalized Benefits Program Enrollment workbook (page 8), call the Benefits Office at x2220, or consult the Human Resources Office homepage at www.gvsu.edu/hro.

Reminder from the Benefits Office

Open Enrollment Form Deadline is November 13, at 5 p.m. The IRS requires that all regular faculty and staff members submit a 1999 Personalized Benefits Program Enrollment Form, even if they are not making any benefit changes. Forms should be returned to the Benefits Office, 140 Lake Michigan Hall.

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.

Tues., Oct 12-Fri., Nov 13

Gallery hours: Art Exhibit. Kingston Faculty Exhibit. Calder Gallery, PAC.

Mon., Nov. 2

12-1 p.m.: Campus Wellness Series "Stress & Eating during the Holidays: How to Control Your Health." Muskegon River Room, KC.

3 p.m.: Reception for Daniel Herwitz, University of Natal, South Africa, sponsored by the School of Social Work and the Office of International Affairs. 106 STU.

Tues., Nov. 3

6-8 p.m.: Campus Wellness Hydrostatic Weighing. Cost \$20. Call x3659 to schedule appointment. Human Performance Lab, 132 FH.

Wed., Nov. 4

10 a.m.: Cookies & Carillon Freshman Lecture Series. "Freshman Disorientation." Auditorium, CDC.

10-11 a.m.: Career Planning & Counseling Center Workshop. "Practice, Practice, Practice - Preparation for the GRE." 203 STU.

12-1 p.m.: Women Scholars' Faculty Forum "Living in a Beautiful Way: The Letters of Sylvia Frerichs, American Missionary." Rogue River Room, KC.

4 p.m.: Poetry Reading with Dan Gerber, Fremont, Michigan, and Cynthia Macdonald, Houston, Texas. CDC.

7 p.m.: Lecture: "Fight the Power: Rap, Race and Reality," by Chuck D. Sponsored by GVSU's Black Student Union. CDC.

Thurs., Nov. 5

9-10 a.m.: Student Employee Training Session. Cabins A, B, C, KC. Call x2215 to RSVP.

2-4 p.m.: Faculty Teaching & Learning Center workshop "Writing in the Disciplines." 414 EC. Call x3498 to register.

7:30 p.m.: School of Education lecture series on "Technology in the Classroom." Clifford Stoll, lecturer. Second floor, EC.

Fri., Nov. 6

7:30-9 a.m.: School of Education Fall Lecture series breakfast meeting with Clifford Stoll. Second floor, EC.

Fri., Nov. 6-Sat., Nov. 7

7:30 p.m.: Theatre production: "Letters to a Student Revolutionary." Cost \$7 general; \$6 groups & special populations; \$5 students; \$3 K-12. LAT, PAC. Call x2300 for reservations.

Sat., Nov. 7

12-6 p.m.: 8th Annual IDA World Religions Conference 98. Cost \$15 (pre-registered); \$20 (at door). EC. Call x3018 for more information.

Sun., Nov. 8

2 p.m.: Theatre production: "Letters to a Student Revolutionary." Cost \$7 general; \$6 groups & special populations; \$5 students; \$3 K-12. LAT, PAC. Call x2300 for reservations.

3 p.m.: Cornucopia Series: Horn Building & Maintenance with Karl Hill. Recital Hall. PAC.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. The Perugino String Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence at GVSU. The Recital Hall, PAC.

Sports

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

Sun., Nov. 1

1 p.m.: Volleyball at Northern Michigan University. Marquette.

Fri., Nov. 6

7 p.m.: Volleyball. Ferris State University at GVSU.

Sat., Nov. 7

TBA: Cross Country at NCAA Regional Championships. Hillsdale.

12 p.m.: Football at Michigan Technological University. Houghton.

2 p.m. (CST): Swimming & Diving at Lewis University. Romeoville, IL.

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Wednesday, November 11, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Alumnus Dave Douma, director of Porter Hills Presbyterian Village, and his staff will present "When Our Parents Become Our Children," a comprehensive look at problems and perceptions surrounding geriatric care today.

The seminar will be held in the Paul Johnson Conference Center of the Eberhard Center. Light refreshments will be served. The seminar fee is \$5 per person. To register, call Alumni Relations at x3590.

Service Learning Institute Planned For December

The third annual Faculty Institute on Service Learning will be held on Friday, December 4, 1998 at Olivet College. The theme of this year's institute is "Integrity in Teaching," featuring the keynote speaker Dr. Parker Palmer.

Faculty members interested in attending the conference may contact Jay Cooper, x2345, for more information. The Leadership and Volunteer Center/Center for Philanthropy will cover the cost of registration.