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FORUM

Monday, Nov. 24, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Housing staff, residents benefit from externships

For staff members who work and live in the living centers, participating in an externship program gives them not only exposure to other campus departments, it also helps them better connect their residents to Grand Valley.

Andy Beachnau, director of Housing and Residence Life, said the externships were created to promote professional development opportunities for staff members who are in entry-level positions. "This is a way to get residential staff working with other offices," Beachnau said. "The host office benefits, the professional staff benefit and their residential community benefits."

Staff members work at an externship site about 10 hours per week, in addition to their normal living center duties. Participating departments supervise the staff member, as does an assistant director from the housing office.

Brandie Tenney, Laker Village apartment director, is working with Joyce Van Baak, a director in Advising Resources and Special Programs. "Advising has always been an inter-

est of mine," Tenney said. "For some students, it's how they connect to the university. I'll be better able to help my students if I know what to offer them in terms of academic programs and courses."

Tenney is shadowing Van Baak when students meet with her for advising sessions. Eventually, Tenney will advise students, with supervision from ARSP staff members.

Danyelle Thompson called housing her passion, saying that she enjoys the student contact. Thompson has worked for the housing office for three years and is the director for the Stafford and Swanson living centers, which house first-year students. During her externship at the LGBT Center, she has found that the hours spent there help her better communicate with her residents.

"Talking with upperclass students at the center helps me think about my students here, and how I can help them if they have concerns



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Brandie Tenney, center, talks with a student in the Advising Resource Center. The Laker Village apartment director is serving an externship with Joyce Van Baak, at left.

about classes or majors," she said.

At the center, Thompson performs clerical tasks and helps director Milt Ford plan programs. She is also researching how students who identify as transgender cope with university life, so she added that being involved in the center is an advantage.

Across Campus

United Way campaign deemed success

As the Michigan economy continues to experience tough times, area charities are being hit especially hard. For Heart of West Michigan United Way, the bad economic news sparked two troublesome trends — calls for assistance are spiking and donations are sinking.

President Thomas J. Haas applauded Grand Valley's faculty and staff for hearing that need and responding generously. Haas announced that Grand Valley's United Way Campaign raised more than \$141,000 this year — an increase of \$10,000 over last year. And for the first time since 2002, more than 50 percent of faculty and staff members gave.

"Through Grand Valley, we have created for this region a better sense of stability," Haas

said at the annual thank-you breakfast for campaign captains.

To recognize their work, captains were entered in a drawing for gifts donated by local businesses. The winner of the annual drawing for a reserved parking space was Tom Reisterer of Administrative Computing.

Collins offered presidency at community college

The Board of Trustees at St. Clair County Community College, in Port Huron, voted to offer Elaine Collins, dean of the College of Education, the position of president.

Collins said no contract has been formally offered to her. The community college board continues to meet to draft a contract.

Collins said she has been open with her College of Education colleagues throughout this search process. "Any decision will have to be made carefully," she said. "I'm honored I was chosen to be the top candidate. I am waiting to see how this contract phase plays out.

Collins joined Grand Valley as dean in 2003.

Ryan wins Guvvy Award

Bill Ryan, assistant professor of music, received the Arts Educator Award at the 23rd Annual Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture (the Guvvys). The award was presented November 13 at the Detroit Institute of Arts during the annual event hosted by ArtServe Michigan.

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Across Campus

Holiday, winter break schedule announced

Thursday, December 4

Faculty and Staff Service Award and Holiday Gathering: 3-5 p.m., Kirkhof Center.

All offices may close, except for the Information Desk and conference support at the Pew Campus, Pew Campus Operations, CHS Information Desk, Facilities Customer Service Center, Department of Public Safety, Pew Campus Security, Admissions and Student Assistance Centers.

There will be one mail pickup and delivery on both campuses to allow mailroom staff to attend event. Contact Steve Leeser, Allendale Campus, for special mailing/pickup at x13000; and Doug Wentworth, Pew Campus, x17323.

December 6-7

Commencement: 10 a.m., Van Andel Arena (December 6)

OPEN:

Campus Dining: normal hours

Rec Center: December 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; December 7, 11 a.m.-midnight

*Laker Turf: December 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; December 7, 11 a.m.-midnight

Kirkhof Center: December 7, 9 a.m.-2 a.m.

Zumberge Library: open 24 hours

Steelcase Library: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

December 8-10

OPEN:

Campus Dining: normal hours

Rec Center: 6 a.m.- 9:30 p.m.

*Laker Turf: 6 a.m.-2 p.m., 6- 9:30 p.m.

Kirkhof Center: 7:30 a.m.-2 a.m.

Zumberge Library: open 24 hours

Steelcase Library: 7:30 a.m.-2 a.m.

Frey Foundation Learning Center: 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

December 11

OPEN:

Rec Center: 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

*Laker Turf: 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kirkhof Center: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Lobby Shop: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

River Landing (Kirkhof): 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Plaza Café (DeVos Center): 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

CHS Recovery Room Café: 7a.m.-6 p.m.

University Bookstore (Allendale/Pew): 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

CHS: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

DeVos Center: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Zumberge Library: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Curriculum Materials Library: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Seidman House: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Frey Foundation Learning Center: 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Holland Campus Library: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Steelcase Library: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Einstein Bagels: 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fresh Food Company: 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Food Court (Commons): 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kleiner Commons: 11 a.m.-midnight

Starbucks: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday, December 12

OPEN:

Rec Center: 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

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"I am incredibly honored by this award," said Ryan. "Not only does this mean a lot to me personally, but it also affirms that education of the highest caliber can take place in an environment focused on contemporary music. My students have known this for some time, so it is very satisfying for us all to have this recognition on the statewide level."

Ryan teaches music composition and is founder and producer the university's Free Play concert series, and is also founder and director of the university's New Music Ensemble.

Schauer visits WGUV



Photo courtesy of WGUV

At right, U.S. Rep.-elect Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) is interviewed by WGUV's David Moore. The interview will air on 'Newsmakers' December 3. Schauer narrowly defeated incumbent Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) in a hotly contested race.

Grand Valley tops SVSU in pedometer challenge

Grand Valley participants in a faculty/staff exercise program topped their counterparts from Saginaw Valley State University to win the "Golden Shoe" trophy.

In the Walking Works pedometer challenge, Grand Valley participants traveled 54,777 miles, more than 35,000 miles over their SVSU participants.

Both universities started the exercise program on September 15; the challenge ran for six weeks with participants logging their steps online.

Walking Works at Grand Valley is sponsored by the Health and Wellness department and continues until December 5.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Walking Works participants are, from left Beth Courtade, Chaunte Rodgers, Kay Hart, and Cheryl Jones.

What's Ahead

Holiday gift sale will benefit agency

The Women's Center will host a holiday boutique, offering fair trade items from the Bridge, in Holland, for sale.

The sale will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on December 1-4 in the Kirkhof Center lobby; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on December 3 and 4 in the DeVos Center Building C. Some of the proceeds will benefit Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women (GROW), a local nonprofit agency.

Workshop focuses on step-parenting

The author of a book about becoming a stepmother will talk about being a step-parent during a brown-bag lunch workshop hosted by the Health and Wellness department.

Anjalon Edwards will lead "The Stepmother Chronicles," on Wednesday, December 3, beginning at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 1142.

Edwards is a graduate of Western Michigan University and works as a school social worker. Her book, *Reality Check: Stepmother Chronicles*, was published earlier this year.

RSVP for the workshop by visiting the Web site www.gvsu.edu/seminar or calling x12215.

Reception scheduled for new director

A reception is set to welcome Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth, who was named director of Intercultural Training, in the Division of Inclusion and Equity. The reception is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, from 4-6 p.m. at the Alumni House.

Sherwood Bosworth had worked for Spectrum Health as an organizational development consultant for Spectrum's human resources department. She started working for Grand Valley on November 11.

Winter break schedule

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*Laker Turf: 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

CLOSED:

C3 Express MAK, ASH: 2 p.m.

Lobby Shop: 6 p.m.

River Landing (Kirkhof): 2 p.m.

Einstein Bros. Bagels: 2 p.m.

Fresh Food Company (Commons): 4 p.m.

Kleiner Commons: 3 p.m.

The Gazebo (DeVos Center): 11 a.m.

Starbucks: 2 p.m.

Living Centers/Apartments Desks: 10 p.m.

On-campus Apartments: 10 p.m.

Computer Labs: 5 p.m.

Kirkhof Center: 6 p.m.

CHS: 5 p.m.

DeVos Center: 5 p.m.

Eberhard Center: 5 p.m.

Steelcase/Zumberge libraries: 5 p.m.

Frey Foundation Learning Center: 5 p.m.

Curriculum Materials Library: 4:30 p.m.

Holland Campus Library: 3 p.m.

Seidman House: 4:30 p.m.

CHS Recovery Room Café: 2 p.m.

University Bookstore (Allendale): 6 p.m.

University Bookstore (Pew): 5 p.m.

Plaza Café (DeVos Center): 2 p.m.

Kirkhof Center: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Lobby Shop: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Starbucks: 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

CHS Recovery Room Café: 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

River Landing: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bookstores (Allendale/Pew): 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

CHS: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

DeVos Center: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Eberhard Center: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zumberge Library: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Curr. Materials Library: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Frey Found. Learning Ctr: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holland Campus Library: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Seidman House: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Steelcase Library: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Computer Labs (HRY, LOH, DEV):
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Computer Labs (HOL, CHS): 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Plaza Café (DeVos Center): 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

December 20-21

OPEN:

Rec Center: Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Dec. 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

*Laker Turf: December 20, 9-10 a.m.

CLOSED:

CHS

Kirkhof Center

All libraries

Computer Labs

University Bookstore (Allendale/Pew)

Plaza Café (DeVos Center)

Starbucks

Monday, December 22

OPEN:

Rec Center: 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

*Laker Turf: 6-9 a.m., 6-9:30 p.m.

Kirkhof Center: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Lobby Shop: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CHS Recovery Room Café: 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

River Landing (KC): 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bookstores (Allendale/Pew): 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

CHS: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

DeVos Center: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Eberhard Center: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zumberge Library: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Frey Found. Learning Ctr: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holland Campus Library: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seidman House: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Steelcase Library: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Computer Labs (HRY, LOH, DEV):
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Computer Labs (HOL, CHS): 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

CLOSED:

Starbucks: until January 5

Plaza Café (DeVos Center): until January 5

Tuesday, December 23

OPEN:

Rec Center: 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

*Laker Turf: 8-9 a.m., 6-9:30 p.m.

CLOSED:

Alumni House: 5 p.m.

Plaza Café (DeVos Center)

Starbucks

Lobby Shop: 4 p.m.

River Landing (Kirkhof Center): 2 p.m.

Cook-DeWitt Center: 5 p.m.

Bookstores (Allendale/Pew): 5 p.m.

CHS: 5 p.m.

DeVos Center: 5 p.m.

Eberhard Center: 5 p.m.

Fieldhouse: 5 p.m.

Switchboard: 5 p.m., recording available

All libraries: 5 p.m.

Seidman House: 4:30 p.m.

Lobby Shop: 4 p.m.

Kirkhof Center: 6 p.m.

Computer Labs: 5 p.m.

All other offices close at 5 p.m.

December 29-31

Rec Center: call for hours, x13313

January 2

OPEN:

Offices will resume regular hours at 8 a.m.

Rec Center: 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

*Laker Turf Track: 6 a.m.-2 p.m., 6-9 p.m.

Bookstore (Allendale/Pew): 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zumberge Library: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

CHS: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

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

Through Dec. 6

Gallery Hours: "Shoots and Ladders:"
Photography Senior Thesis. Art Gallery, PAC.

Mon., Nov. 24

Noon: Work Life Connections Alzheimer's
Caregiver Support Group. 2242 KC. Call
x18011 for more information.

4 p.m.: Provost Davis hosts Academic Affairs
Town Hall Meeting. 2204 KC. Call x12400
for more information.

Tues., Nov. 25

6 p.m.: International Faculty and Friends Dinner.

Seoul Garden Restaurant, Grand Rapids. Call
x12828 for more information.

8 p.m.: GVSU Symphony Orchestra. LAT, PAC.
Call x13484 for more information.

Wed., Nov. 26

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

Mon., Dec. 1

3:30-5 p.m.: Psychology Department hosts Open
House for Christine O'Connor. 1202 ASH.
Call x12195 for more information.

4 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center hosts HIV/AIDS
Q&A with panel. CDC. Call x12530 for more
information.

Sports

Mon., Nov. 24

7 p.m.: Men's Basketball hosts Saint Joseph's
College.

Sat., Nov. 29

3 p.m.: Men's Basketball hosts University of
Indianapolis.

Mon., Dec. 1

6 p.m.: Women's Basketball hosts Ferris State
University.

8 p.m.: Men's Basketball hosts Ferris State
University.

Winter break schedule

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DeVos Center: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Eberhard Center: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Curr. Materials Library: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Frey Found. Learning Ctr.: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holland Campus Library: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seidman House: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Steelcase Library: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lobby Shop: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kirkhof Center: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

River Landing: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Starbucks: 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Computer Labs (HRY, LOH, DEV):
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Computer Labs (HOL, CHS): 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

January 3-January 4

OPEN:

Rec Center: January 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.;

January 4, 11 a.m.-midnight

*Laker Turf: January 3, noon-3 p.m., 5-8
p.m.; January 4, 1-4 p.m., 8 p.m.-midnight

KC: January 3, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.;

January 4, 9 a.m.-midnight

Bookstore (Allendale): January 3, 10 a.m.-8
p.m.; January 4, noon-8 p.m.

Bookstore (Pew): January 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;

January 4, noon-6 p.m.

Lobby Shop: January 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;

January 4, noon-midnight

Kleiner Commons: 11 a.m.-midnight

Fresh Food Company: 4-8 p.m.

DeVos Center: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fieldhouse: January 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;

January 4, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Living Centers: 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

DEV Std. Assistance: January 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Comp. Labs (HRY, CDL): Jan. 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CLOSED:

Computer Labs (except as noted)

River Landing

Food Court

The Gazebo

Meadows Grille (catered events only)

All libraries

CHS

Starbucks

Monday, January 5

OPEN:

Kirkhof Center: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Bookstores (Allendale/Pew): 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

CHS: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

DeVos Center: 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Eberhard Center: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Lobby Shop: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Rec Center: 6 a.m.-midnight

Einstein Bros. Bagels: 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

River Landing: 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Kleiner Commons: 11 a.m.-midnight

Fresh Food Company: 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Starbucks: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

The Gazebo (DeVos Center): 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Plaza Café (DeVos Center): 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

CHS Recovery Room Café: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Food Court: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Computer Labs: resume normal hours

Steelcase Library: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Zumberge Library: 7:30 a.m.-midnight

Curriculum Materials Library: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Frey Found. Learning Ctr.: 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Holland Campus Library: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Seidman House: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

*Laker Turf hours are subject to change.
Call x18940 to verify.

Notes:

1. Clerical, Office and Technical staff should
record the following on their time cards for the
holiday and break schedule: December 24, 25,
26, 29, 30, 31 and January 1 — H (Holidays).

2. Only prescheduled mail deliveries to offic-
es working over the break will be made.

3. The heat in all buildings will be lowered to
about 50 degrees. No activities or events should
be scheduled during this period.

4. Allendale Campus drives, parking lots and
sidewalks will be adequately plowed to permit
access to campus. For special events, please call
Customer Service at x13000 prior to December
23. Pew Campus reserved lots and sidewalks
will be adequately plowed. For special events,
call Facilities Management at x16700 prior to
December 23.

5. For Rec Center operating hours (including
the pool and Climbing Center), visit www.gvsu.edu/fieldhouse.

6. The Information Technology offices and
Manitou Lab will be closed during break. E-mail
and the campus computer network will remain
online and attended.

7. In Allendale, 24-hour security will be pro-
vided: non-emergency calls will go to Public
Safety at x13255. If access to a building is
required, arrangements must be made with DPS
before December 23. On the Pew Campus,
24-hour security will be provided: non-emer-
gency calls will go to Pew Campus Security at
x16677 or 292-8052. If access to a building is
required, arrangements must be made with the
Pew Campus Security before December 23.

8. Maintenance emergency response will
be handled in Allendale through Central
Utilities Building at x13000. For Pew Campus,
Muskegon Lake Michigan Center, and Holland
Meijer Campus, contact Pew Campus Security at
x16677.