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# GRAND VALLEY FORUM

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Grand Valley State College

## ACROSS CAMPUS

### Safety and Security Officers Ratify Contract

Campus Safety and Security officers, represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, have reached a new contract agreement with the college. The three-year contract, which was unanimously ratified by the Board of Control's Audit, Business and Finance Committee, calls for a six percent wage increase for each of the three years; an increase in shift pay; and an increase in uniform cleaning allowance. The college agreed to continue the same fringe benefit package, including anticipated cost increases.

### Racquetball Club Membership Open

All faculty and staff are invited to become involved in the GVSC Racquetball Club, which meets every Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Interested parties should contact Tom Butcher, club adviser, at ext. 3215.

### Season Basketball Tickets Available

The Athletic Department announces that GVSC season basketball tickets are available for \$25. Season tickets admit the bearer to eight doubleheader games and five single games. Single game tickets are priced at \$3, and a four-ticket package is available for \$10. For more information, contact Dan Karpanty, ext. 3265.

### Early Time Card Deadline

Because of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, staff time cards are due in the Payroll Office by noon on

Monday, November 19, rather than by the usual 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

### SRA Fixed-Period Payment Option

Effective January 1, 1985, the fixed period payment option for TIAA/CREF Supplemental Retirement Annuities (SRAs) will be expanded. Fixed period payments are now available for periods of from two to 10 years. Starting January 1, SRA fixed period payments will be available for periods of from two to 30 years. The option to receive death benefits from both TIAA/CREF Retirement Annuities and SRAs for fixed periods of from two to 30 years continues to be available.

The recent Deficit Reduction Act set one limitation: a beneficiary who receives a death benefit cannot choose a fixed period payment that exceeds his or her life expectancy. For example, a 65-year-old beneficiary could not elect to receive payment of a death benefit over a 30-year period.

If you have any questions about the extended fixed period payment options, you may contact TIAA/CREF by calling collect (212) 490-9000.

### State Funds Awarded for Building Improvements

Grand Valley has received a state special maintenance allocation of \$390,000 to

repair the exterior walls of Loutit Hall, replace one of the original chillers, and install a new low-pressure boiler.

The recent reroofing of Seidman House was also a state special maintenance project.

### GVSC Awards First Zimmerman Scholarship

Darryl Scott Weekly, a resident of Dorr, Michigan, is the first recipient of Grand Valley State's William Zimmerman Scholarship. Weekly is a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve, as required in the provisions for the scholarship.

The Zimmerman scholarship was established as a memorial to Marine Corps Lieutenant William Zimmerman, a former GVSC student who was killed in the Beirut bombing in October, 1983.

Weekly, who has been attending GVSC since 1981, is a psychology major and an officer candidate in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was introduced to the Marines during his freshman year at Grand Valley State when he joined the Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Class, a reserve program which evaluates civilians and assesses their abilities as potential marine officers. Weekly, a senior at GVSC, is receiving \$750 from the Zimmerman Scholarship fund for this academic year.

## NEWS NOTES — NATIONAL AVERAGE SAT SCORES RISE

"College-bound high school seniors' national average scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) rose one point on the verbal section and three points on the mathematics section -- the largest combined gain since the SAT score decline began in 1963, George H. Hanford, president of the College Board, announced recently.

"This year's seniors averaged 897 on both parts of the test, compared to 893 last year. The average combined score in 1963 was 980.

"Although the 1984 scores represent the largest gain in 20 years and the third

consecutive year in which at least one score increased, Hanford said the public should not become complacent about quality education in the United States.

"The time is ripe for a major commitment of resources to help the schools magnify and accelerate the improvement they are already beginning to show, so that higher quality education can be achieved for all students -- and sooner," Hanford said."

Written by Shonda Thomas Ivory and excerpted from Higher Education and National Affairs, Volume 33, Number 18.

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## COMING EVENTS

### Lunchbreak Series Features Modern Dance Group

The Lunchbreak Series will feature Dance Kaleidoscope in performance on Monday, November 12. The six-member modern dance troupe will perform a wide range of contemporary styles and techniques. Based in Indianapolis, Dance Kaleidoscope travels around the country and performs before a wide range of audiences. The group is under the direction of award-winning artistic director Cherri Jaffee. Their GVSC program begins at 12 noon in Louis Armstrong Theatre. All Lunchbreak Series performances are open to the public free of charge.

### G M Executive to Speak At Grand Valley

Robert Lund, executive vice president of marketing for General Motors, will speak on "The Leadership Role of the United States in Automotive Marketing."

The lecture will be held in Room 174, Lake Superior Hall, at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 15. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend. The lecture is sponsored by the Seidman School of Business.

### TIAA/CREF Meetings Scheduled

Faculty and staff are invited to special meetings today with Harlan Strader, a representative from TIAA/CREF. Two hour-long meetings will be held -- one at 11 a.m. and one at 12 noon in Cabins A and B in the Kirkhof Center. At each meeting Strader will make a brief presentation about the services of TIAA/CREF and will explain recent changes in the system. There will be ample time for questions. Those attending are invited to bring their lunch.

### Chemistry Seminar Scheduled

A chemistry seminar, entitled "Monoclonal Antibodies: Clinical and Laboratory Applications of Molecular Biology," will be presented by Dr. Joseph A. Sadler on Wednesday, November 14, at 1 p.m. in Room 121, Lake Huron Hall. Sadler, a 1974 graduate of GVSC, directs the Immunopathology section of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Monday, November 12

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Metalworks Invitational. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery.
- 12 noon: Lunchbreak. Kaleidoscope, Modern Dance. Free. Calder Fine Arts Center.
- 3-5 p.m.: Seminar. Planning for Graduation and Professional Education. 224 Commons.

### Tuesday, November 13

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Metalworks Invitational. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery.
- 12 noon: Faculty recital. Pianist David Belcher. Free. Calder Fine Arts Center.
- 8 p.m.: "Bandorama." GVSC marching band, William Root, conductor. Calder Fine Arts Center.

### Wednesday, November 14

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Metalworks Invitational. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery.
- 1 p.m.: Chemistry Seminar. 121 Lake Huron Hall.
- 7 p.m.: Swim meet, men and women. Grand Rapids Junior College at GVSC.

### Thursday, November 15

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Metalworks Invitational. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery.
- 2:30 p.m.: Lecture. "The Leadership Role of the United States in Automotive Marketing," by Robert Lund. 121 Lake Superior Hall.
- 4-5:30 p.m.: Philosophy of Life Seminar. Seventh of ten sessions. Cove Room, Kirkhof Center.

### Friday, November 16

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Metalworks Invitational. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery.

### Saturday, November 17

- 1 p.m.: Men's swim meet. GVSC at Ferris State.

### Sunday, November 18

- 10:30 a.m.: Dialogue worship. Kistler Pit.
- 6:30 p.m.: Catholic mass. 102 Manitou.

### Monday, November 19

- Women's basketball. University of Michigan at Dearborn vs. GVSC.

## SKETCHES

**Walter Foote**, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center, presented a paper entitled "Dispelling the Myth of the Blind Leading the Blind: The Grand Valley Method of Selecting and Training Peer Writing Tutors" at the Michigan Tutoring Conference held at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on November 2.

Writing Center tutors **Margaret Gunnell**, **Jim Meernik**, and **Dan Dillingham** presented a workshop entitled "Answer Extraction vs. Answer Dispensation" at the same conference.

**Antonio Herrera**, associate professor of education, has been advised that his article, entitled "Time Management and Facility Management: The Ergonomic Approach to Productivity," will appear in

the first quarter, 1985, issue of *The Office Magazine*.

**Robert Junn**, professor of political science, delivered a paper, entitled "East Meets West: Towards a Synthesis for a Developmental Model," at the annual meeting of the American Society for Chinese Studies. Junn is co-author of the paper with S. Saito, a professor of economics at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**Julianne VandenWyngaard**, associate professor of music, served as chairman of the Michigan Music Teachers Association (MMTA) state convention held in Grand Rapids, October 14 through 16. She was elected president of MMTA for a two-year term. VandenWyngaard was named Teacher of the Year by the membership of MMTA in recognition of her teaching excellence.