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FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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University honored for service-learning projects

Grand Valley has been named to the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

The Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. The awards were announced February 9 at the 91st annual meeting of the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

"At Grand Valley, faculty and students understand that service-learning forms an important bridge between theory and practice, and that building strong communities is a shared

responsibility. I'm proud that Grand Valley's commitment to sharing our collective time and talents with the community has been recognized nationally with our inclusion on the Community Service Honor Roll," said President Thomas J. Haas.

The Honor Roll is sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, Department of Education, and Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever. College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tackle some of our toughest challenges," said Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll.

Overall, the corporation honored six schools with Presidential Awards; 83 were named as Honor Roll With Distinction members; and 546 schools as Honor Roll members. A full



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Student volunteers haul a skeleton of a car out of the Ravines in October, during Make a Difference Day. Grand Valley was honored nationally for its service-learning projects.

list is available at www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll.

Recent studies have underlined the importance of service-learning and volunteering to college students. In 2006, 2.8 million college students gave more than 297 million hours of volunteer service, according to the corporation's Volunteering in America 2007 study.

Across Campus

Students excel under chemistry education program

West Michigan high school chemistry teachers say their students are getting a "better grasp" of chemistry because of Target Inquiry (TI), a professional development program offered through Grand Valley.

The program, now in its third year, is designed to provide teachers with an authentic laboratory research experience and integrate content-rich scientific inquiry into the classroom. Project directors Deborah Herrington and Ellen Yeziarski, both associate professors of chemistry, said high school teachers' practices are changing and student achievement has

significantly increased.

"The literature tells us that most professional development does little to impact instruction and students," said Yeziarski. "Our study has shown that the TI model is effective; however, it requires more effort, time and funding than other approaches. For TI to continue at Grand Valley, we need



Deborah Herrington, left, and Ellen Yeziarski

partners to invest in future TI teachers."

Kevin Conkel, who teaches chemistry at Hudsonville High School, said: "TI has changed my teaching in respect to the quality and understanding of chemistry students leave with. My teaching has become so enjoyable and the students are taking ownership of their learning."

West Ottawa High School teacher Brian VanZanten said, "I found out that small, but intentional changes to a lesson or lab can greatly impact the outcomes achieved by my students."

Herrington and Yeziarski have given seven

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invited talks, nationally and internationally, on the TI model and its study. The TI directors, along with their research team and teachers, have given 38 TI-related presentations and posters at conferences since 2005.

Yeziarski and Herrington are working with four colleges and universities in Virginia, Alabama, Missouri and Iowa, to implement the TI model on their campuses. They have also been invited to speak at the Gordon Research Conference on Chemical Education Research and Practice in June.

Target Inquiry and its study are funded by the National Science Foundation Division of Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education, the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation 2005 Special Grant Program in the Chemical Sciences, and Grand Valley.

Faculty and Staff Campaign moves toward goal

To date, 785 faculty and staff members have made their annual gifts to "Growing a Greater Grand Valley," a university-wide effort. Campaign organizers report that so far 35 percent of the university's faculty and staff have given or pledged, up from 31 percent in January and well on the way to the goal of 50 percent participation in the campaign.

"More people in more departments are taking part," said Paul Stephenson, associate professor in statistics, who co-chairs the campaign. "Since the kickoff, two departments have reached the 100 percent participation level for the first time (Regional Math and Science Center, Seidman Finance Department). Another department, Alumni Relations, also reached 100 percent, repeating their success of last year."

Stephenson added that he hopes participation rates will be boosted by a spirit of friendly competition on behalf of the common goal of helping students. "Our students do such a wonderful job with philanthropy

through things like Relay for Life, Battle of the Valleys, the Student Legacy Scholarship, Habitat for Humanity, and many more. We are just trying to keep up with the students," he said.

Mary Ann Watters, Regional Math and Science assistant and co-chair of the 2009 campaign, said eight faculty and staff members signed up as new volunteers after the kickoff breakfast events. "It's great to see our campaign catch on," she said.

For more on the campaign, visit www.gvsu.edu/fscampaign.

Proposals accepted for technology fair

Proposals are now being accepted for the ninth annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Symposium, which showcases innovative methods of using technology in the classroom.

The event is set for March 18 at Loosemore Auditorium and Hagggers-Lubbers Exhibition Hall in the DeVos Center.

Criteria for proposals and an electronic copy of the form are available at www.gvsu.edu/it/tech/. The deadline for submission is February 23. For more information, contact Kim Kenward, Academic Computing, at x12131 or kenwardk@gvsu.edu.



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

From left, Kathy Ransom, Steve Lipnicki and Claudia Bajema enjoy the Faculty and Staff Campaign Kickoff Breakfast at the DeVos Center.

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International scholar Yann Lou

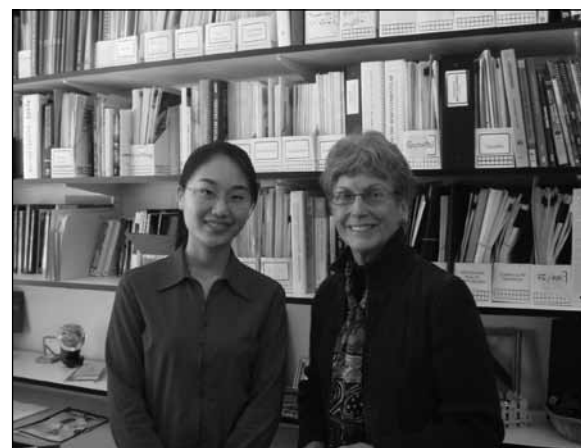
Jane Toot's interest in the differences between Western and Eastern styles of medicine has taken her to China numerous times.

After last year's visit to Beijing, Toot, professor of physical therapy in the Meijer Honors College, was asked if a physician from the China-Japan Friendship Hospital could come and study at Grand Valley with her.

The arrangement worked and in January, Dr. Yann Lou, an oncologist from the hospital came to work and study at Grand Valley. The China-Japan Friendship Hospital in Beijing serves as a teaching hospital for several medical schools in China. It has 1,300 beds, and staff treat more than 3,000 outpatients per day. It also served the athletes in the 2008 Summer Olympics.

"The reason Grand Valley became involved with the China-Japan Friendship Hospital is because the hospital uses both Western and Eastern styles of medicine," said Toot. "We believed it was appropriate that students understood that Western and Eastern styles of medicine could be used together, opposed to one or the other."

At Grand Valley, Lou is primarily learning more about Western styles of medicine as well as medical education. Lou observes problem-based learning and lecture classes, as well as Toot's class, "Medical Controversies as They Appear in Literature," which is an Honors College seminar class.



Yanni Lou, left, and Jane Toot

Lou is also attending medical education presentations at the Van Andel Institute and other medical clinics. Additionally, she visits local oncologists at area hospitals.

"I find that the medical programs at Grand Valley are preparing students to go on to clinical practice," said Lou. "The teaching styles are of different content, and the case studies, projects, and discussions the students have give them great preparation."

Lou will be studying at Grand Valley until March 30. She is currently preparing a presentation on traditional Chinese medicine that she will present to several medical classes. She is also preparing the syllabus for the students who are participating in the three-week China-Japan Friendship Hospital study abroad program this summer.

What's Ahead

Padnos International Center hosts passport fair

Faculty and staff members and students can apply for a passport at the Padnos International Center on Wednesday, February 18. The Passport Fair will run from 1-5 p.m. in Lake Ontario Hall, room 130.

Participants are asked to bring proof of U.S. citizenship (old passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate); proof of ID with photo; and two separate checks for processing (checks will be only accepted form of payment).

Photos can be taken at the fair for \$2. For more information, call the PIC at x13898.

President available during Virtual Office Hours

President Thomas J. Haas is holding a session of Virtual Office Hours, set for Thursday, February 19, from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

The office hours are set up like an online chat and users post questions. The president will be able to answer them directly online. The site is only accessible by students, faculty and staff members. Users will need to login using their Novell username and password. The site will be accessible by clicking on a banner on the university's homepage or by visiting www.gvsu.edu/virtualofficehours.

Frerichs will discuss exhibit at reception

Catherine Frerichs, director of the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, has long been a proponent of intercultural learning. In that light, she

shares a collection of photographs from the remote region of New Guinea, where she

lived for 17 years as a daughter of missionaries.



From the exhibit 'Missionaries Encounter the Other.'

Frerichs' exhibit is now on display in the Lake Ontario Hall Red Wall Gallery. In "Missionaries Encounter the Other," her text enhances the display of photographs that her father took, primarily of the Kamano tribe. They are the native people of Raipinka, in the Central Highlands of New Guinea, in what is now Papua New Guinea. Frerichs' family lived in the area from 1946-1951. Her father first worked as a missionary in New Guinea in 1937 and continued for nearly 40 years.

"It's a story about how my parents' attitudes toward New Guineans changed over time, along with their attitudes about missionary work," said Frerichs. "It also records a group of native people whose way of life has changed dramatically and illustrates how difficult it is to truly encounter an 'other.'"

Frerichs will share additional insights at a reception on Thursday, February 19, from 4-5 p.m. at the Red Wall Gallery. The exhibit will run through March. To view a 25-minute film about New Guinea, produced in 1951, visit www.catherinefrerichs.com

Conference focuses on matters of the heart

The desire to stay young and young-at-heart ranks among the top concerns for most Americans. As the population ages, attention to heart health, intimacy and personal relationships are key to meeting that goal.

This goal is central to the fourth annual Gerontology Conference at Grand Valley, scheduled for Friday, February 20, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center.

Dr. John Morley, an internationally respected geriatrician, founder and director of Saint Louis University's Division of Geriatric Medicine and author of *The Science of Staying Young*, is the keynote speaker. Other speakers including Richard F. McNamara, chief of the Division of Cardiology and medical director of Cardiology Services at Spectrum, who will address the future of heart health care in Grand Rapids.

Sessions following Morley's address will focus on the physical, emotional, mental and social aspects of heart health for the older adult.

"This conference builds on the successes and lessons of prior years, and continues to offer a rich array of presentations drawing on the aging-related research and best practice of our presenters," said Priscilla Kimboko, dean of Graduate Studies and Grants Administration.

The conference, in partnership with the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan, housed at the MSU College of Human Medicine, is open to the public and costs \$20 (\$15 for students and senior citizens), which includes lunch. For more details and to register online, visit www.gvsu.edu/gsga. Printed registration forms can also be obtained by calling x17105.

Expert to lecture on student retention

Vincent Tinto, a nationally recognized leader in student engagement and retention, will give an open lecture on campus on Friday, February 20, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

Tinto is a distinguished professor at Syracuse University. His most recent book, *Leaving College*, discusses a theory and policy perspective on student success. He has written extensively on student success during college and the impact of learning communities on student growth.

Tinto earned a doctorate in education and sociology from the University of Chicago. He has worked as a consultant to many state and federal agencies, foundations and higher education institutions.

His lecture is sponsored by the Provost's Office, Executive Committee of Faculty Senate, Pew Teaching and Learning Center, and the Enrollment Development, Planning and Assessment Committee.

Philosophy colloquiums set

The Philosophy Department will host a series of colloquiums that feature invited speakers from Grand Valley and other institutions.

The meetings are open to the campus community and will be held from 3:30-5 p.m., in Mackinac Hall, room BLL-110, unless noted otherwise. For more information, contact Stephen Rowe at rowes@gvsu.edu. Upcoming events are as follows:

- February 20: John Alexander, affiliate professor of philosophy.
- February 27: Daniel Stephens, GVSU Philosophy Department.
- March 13: Chris Latiolais, Kalamazoo College.
- March 20: Fred Dallmayr, Notre Dame University. Location to be announced.
- April 3: Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago, 4 p.m., Eberhard Center, multipurpose room.
- April 10: Christian Lotz, Michigan State University.
- April 21: Hoitenga Common Room Dedication, 11:30-12:30 p.m., Mackinac Hall, room B3-216.

Athletics celebrates 40 years of women's sports

Laker coaches and student-athletes from women's sports will celebrate the 40th anniversary of women's athletics at Grand Valley with a day of events on Saturday, February 21.

About 30 women athletes, coaches and their guests will enjoy a reception starting at 3 p.m. in the Alumni House.

The group will also tour the Laker Turf Building before the women's and men's basketball games against Saginaw Valley State.

Forums held to discuss general education changes

The General Education Subcommittee will hold open forums to discuss creating a new category of goals to the General Education Program at Grand Valley.

The subcommittee is working to align the goals of Grand Valley's General Education curriculum with the essential learning outcomes for a liberal education identified by the Liberal Education and Americas Promise (LEAP) initiative of the National Leadership Council. Before making proposed changes, the subcommittee seeks input from faculty and staff members.

The first forum is February 23 from 3-5 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2263; the second is February 24, 3-5 p.m., in the DeVos Center, room 136E.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Tues., Feb. 17

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series presents Faculty Brass Quintet. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

11 a.m.: Board of Trustees Meeting. EC. Call x12180 for more information.

Wed., Feb. 18

Noon: Arts at Noon presents GVSU Chamber Players. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

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

4 p.m.: Black History Month Event. "The Black Church and Black Religion After Obama," by Randal Jelks. 2263 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

Thurs., Feb. 19

7:30 a.m.: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Call x17378 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "UnNatural Causes" film series. 2270 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

1 p.m.: Area Studies Lecture. "Nonviolence and Peace in Islam," by Mohammed Abu-Nimer. 2204 KC. Call x18110 for more information.

3 p.m.: AWRI Seminar. "Great Lakes Observing System: Partnership for Science-Based Solutions." Multipurpose Room, LMC. Call x13749 for more information.

6 p.m.: Black History Month Event. "Light Skin vs. Dark Skin," by Demarra Gardner. 2270 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series presents MingHuan Xu, violin, and Winston Choi, piano. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Fri., Feb. 20

9 a.m.: Graduate Studies hosts Fourth Annual Gerontology Conference. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x17105 for more information.

Noon: Women's Commission hosts Fireside Chat. 2201 KC. Call x15437 for more information.

1:30 p.m.: Vincent Tinto Lecture. Grand River Room, KC. Call x12400 for information.

3 p.m.: Philosophy Colloquium. "On Becoming the Person You Want to Be," by John Alexander. BLL-110 MAK. Call x12114 for more information.

4 p.m.: International Faculty and Friends host Trinidad Celebration. 308 PAD. Call x12828 for more information.

Sat., Feb. 21

10 a.m.: Women's Center hosts Wellness Retreat.

FH. Call x12748 for more information.

1 p.m.: French Culture Celebration. UICA, Grand Rapids. Call x13203 for information.

Sun., Feb. 22

3 p.m.: 18th Annual High School Honors Band Concert with GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: GVSU Choral Concert featuring University Arts Chorale and Varsity Men. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sports

Thurs., Feb. 19

6 and 8 p.m.: Women's and Men's Basketball host Lake Superior State University.

Fri., Feb. 20

4 p.m.: Track and Field hosts Grand Rapids Open.

Sat., Feb. 21

6 and 8 p.m.: Women's and Men's Basketball host Saginaw Valley State University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Annis Water Resources staff members **Carl Ruetz** and **Kurt Thompson** co-wrote an article, "Movements of Mottled Sculpins (*Cottus bairdii*) in a Michigan Stream: How Restricted Are They?," published in the *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*.

WGVU Productions received Aurora Awards for "Messiah with the Calvin Oratorio Society 2007," "Battle Creek: Celebrating Flight 2008," "Stefon Harris and Friends," and "Coast Guard Festival Highlights 2008."

Jeffery Stoll, Public Safety officer, received the Life Saver Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his work to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Xuefeng Chu, former research scientist at the Annis Water Resources Institute and **Alan Steinman**, director of AWRI, co-wrote an article, "Event and Continuous Hydrologic Modeling with HEC-HMS," published in the *Journal of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering*.

Annis Water Resources Institute scientists **Bopi Biddanda** and **Scott Kendall** co-wrote an article, "Observations of a Unique Hydrologic and Glacial Creation of 400 Million Years in Lake Huron," published in the *Marine Technology Society Journal*.

Valerie V. Peterson, associate professor of communications, wrote an article, "Against Interdisciplinarity," published in the journal *Women and Language*.

Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth, director of Intercultural Training, gave a presentation, "Leadership in Action: Developing the Next Generation of Leaders," at the Employers of Excellence National Conference, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ronald Loeffler, assistant professor of philosophy, wrote an article, "Neo-Pragmatist (Practice-Based) Theories of Meaning," published in the journal *Philosophy Compass*.

Annis Water Resources Institute staff members **Alan Steinman**, **Mary Ogdahl**, and

Mark Luttenton, professor of biology, published a book chapter, "An Analysis of Internal Phosphorus Loading in White Lake, Michigan," in *Lake Pollution Research Progress*.

Teresa Castelao-Lawless, professor of philosophy, gave a presentation, "The Evolution of Scientific and Philosophical Concepts in Bachelardian Epistemology," at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, France.

Paul Plotkowski, dean of the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, and Jeff Ray, dean of engineering at Southern Polytechnic State University, were honored with the best session award for "National Academy 2020-Engineering Skills Needed For The Future" at the 2009 ASEE Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration.

John Koches, associate research scientist at Annis Water Resources Institute, gave a presentation, "Next Steps for the Muskegon River Watershed" at the Great Lakes Fishery Trust in Lansing.