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GRAND VALLEY FORUM

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Grand Valley State College

COT Employees Ratify Contract

Grand Valley's clerical, office, and technical employees have ratified a new three-year contract. The action took place at a December 14 membership meeting of the Grand Valley Clerical, Office, and Technical Association.

The first year of the pact calls for a step increase for those eligible, a 4% increase in the wage schedule retroactive to October 1, 1984, and includes equity changes in wage schedule structure.

The second year of the contract provides for a step increase for those eligible and a 4% wage schedule increase. Eligible COT employees will receive another step increase in the third year along with a 4.35% wage schedule increase.

Other major changes include greater life insurance coverage; a 50% orthodontic rider beginning January 1, 1986; an increase in shift pay; a formal recognition of academic year employees; up to two additional floating holidays at Christmas if the college is closed; and a more expedited grievance procedure. In addition, Grand Valley agreed to continue to provide current health and dental coverage and to pick up any rate increases during the three years of the contract.

The 141 COT employees covered by the agreement have been working with an extended contract since October 1, 1984.

The college and association met for more than 100 hours during the three months spent at the bargaining table. "We are pleased with the outcome of the negotiations, particu-

larly after being informed that the union membership approved the new contract by an overwhelming majority," said Tom Butcher, assistant to the Personnel Officer. "It is a positive sign that both

could agree to a three-year contract. Now we can put bargaining activities aside for a while and work together on other issues." The new contract expires September 30, 1987.

WGVC/WGVK Surpass Winter Membership Goal

"Bright Winter Nights," Channel 35/52's winter membership drive, concluded in December with \$406,350 in pledges from 5,438 donors. The average pledge, of \$74.72, was the highest in the nation. In terms of total dollars raised, WGVC/WGVK ranked 9th among 106 public television stations in the country, surpassing such major cities as Philadelphia, Dallas, Cleveland, Miami and Milwaukee.

The 17-day campaign raised over \$16,000 in excess of its \$390,000 goal. At the con-

clusion of the previous December's membership drive, 5,910 members had phoned in pledges totalling \$390,993.

WGVC/WGVK Assistant General Manager and Program Manager, Chuck Furman, said, "Since December 17 marked the beginning of our 12th year of service to the community, it is gratifying to know that our viewer support is greater than it has ever been. We look forward to responding to this mandate from the public by providing them with even better programming in 1985."

Energy Costs Rise Despite Conservation Efforts

Grand Valley State's on-campus energy consumption is down 33% per square foot from consumption rates just ten years ago. But, according to a report presented by GVSC's energy manager Thomas Peterson at a college Board of Control meeting in December, the college's total energy costs are three-and-one-half times greater than they were a decade ago. Increased costs are due to rising prices of electricity and natural gas.

Throughout the past ten years, GVSC has implemented various energy-saving measures, such as: installing a new centralized computer-controlled energy management system; shutting down equip-

ment during off-hours; adding insulation; and reducing glass-enclosed areas. Without these cost-cutting measures, GVSC's energy costs would have been \$1,851,630 instead of the actual \$1,392,000 costs for 1984.

Since energy management is essential to combat rising utility costs, Peterson announced the formation of a Campus Energy Committee. These faculty, staff, and student representatives will communicate energy conservation measures, policies, and needs to all those living and working on campus. The committee will also elicit energy conservation suggestions from the campus community.

Readership Survey Results

Out of the 604 faculty and staff members who regularly receive the Forum, 167 responded to the readership survey which was distributed in November.

Most of those who responded said they regularly read most sections of the Forum. Several respondents specified their desire for opinion pieces written by faculty and staff. Some requested more advance notice for upcoming

events and others wanted to see more personal news items in the Forum.

The Public Relations Office is considering all responses and with this issue is implementing one suggestion. A monthly calendar of events for January is included. Each month's first issue will include such a calendar.

Thanks to all who took time to participate in the survey.

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The Grand Valley Forum is published every Monday by the Public Relations Office. Copy deadline is the Tuesday noon prior to publication. All materials should be sent to Sharon Coeling, editor, Public Relations Office, 26 Zumbege Library, GVSC, Allendale MI, 49401. Telephone: 895-3221.

A core group of GVSC faculty members has invited area school districts, private industries, and public officials to join them in upgrading the quality of elementary and high school science education. Called the Coalition for Excellence in Science Education, the group also encourages high school students to consider the

sciences as a career option and seeks to improve educators' understanding of advances in educational technology.

In a report to the Board of Control, Dean of Science and Mathematics P. Douglas Kindschi cited several programs sponsored by the coalition. Some are already

in operation at GVSC and additional programs are planned to accomplish the group's goals. While some components are designed for science and math teachers, others are special programs for elementary and high school students. Various area industry leaders, legislators, and educators have already endorsed the program.

News Notes

U.S. Funds Sought for Older And Part-Time Students

"College representatives say they hope to persuade the 99th Congress to tailor student-aid programs to provide more federal assistance for part-time and nontraditional college students.

"Such students are expected to make up the fastest-growing segment of the undergraduate population in the coming decade, but at present they receive little financial help.

"Education experts say that part-time and nontraditional students--a group generally considered to include women 25 years and older, single parents, and unemployed workers--were largely neglected by existing federal-aid programs.

"Nationally, the number of part-time students grew by more than 52 percent between 1973 and 1983. In the same

period, the number of full-time students grew by only 17 percent, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Part-timers accounted for 42 percent of the total student enrollment in the fall of 1983, said Thomas D. Snyder, an N.C.E.S. statistician.

"Enrollment of older students has been increasing and is expected to continue to do so at a much faster rate than enrollment of traditional students between 18 and 22 years old.

"When Congress begins its review of the federal student-aid programs next year in preparation for extending the Higher Education Act, we're going to be working to get some changes in the laws for more favorable treatment of part-time students, said Charles B. Saunders, Jr., vice president for governmental

relations at the American Council on Education.

"There are inequities," he said, adding that his association would probably submit some recommendations early in 1985."

From the Chronicle of Higher Education, Volume XXIX, Number 13.

New Football Coach Named

Thomas C. Beck, offensive backfield coach with the USFL Chicago Blitz last year, and formerly a successful Division III NCAA football coach, has been named head football coach at Grand Valley State. The 43-year-old Chicago native has an impressive winning record. In 13 seasons at the collegiate level, Beck posted a record of 87-34-1 (71.4%), which ranks 11th among the most successful active coaches in the NCAA.

Across Campus

Women's Volleyball Team Has Record Season

GVSC's women's volleyball team finished the season at 35-13, the most wins in Grand Valley's volleyball history. Players Therese Wischmeyer and Mary Fox were both named to the 1st All-Conference team.

Women's Track Coach Appointed

Thaddeus Buggs, who served as assistant football coach under Bob Giesey, has been named women's track coach replacing Ole Kristensen, who resigned after holding the post for two years. Buggs was an outstanding athlete at Central High School in Grand Rapids and Hillsdale College. He also coached women's track at Hillsdale and Union High School.

Bookstore Rush Hours

Following is a list of the bookstore's special operating hours for the beginning of winter semester.

Monday, January 14	8:30 a.m.	8 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday, January 15-17	8:30 a.m.	7 p.m.
Friday, January 18	8:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, January 21-24	8:30 a.m.	7 p.m.
Friday, January 25	8:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Monday-Tuesday, January 28-29	8:30 a.m.	7 p.m.

On Wednesday, January 30, the bookstore will resume its regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday.

Director of Federal Relations to Visit

Robert Toft, Director of Federal Relations, will be on campus from January 28 to February 1. Any faculty member wishing to make an appointment with him should contact Marie Noe, ext. 3224, to set up an appointment.

Job Openings

COT

Secretary, WGVC-TV, \$5.96-\$7.28.

Clerical Assistant, WGVC-TV (part-time), \$6.38-\$7.83.

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Calendar of Events

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Monday, January 14

Final registration - winter semester.

5:30 p.m.: Women's basketball. GVSC at Northwood Institute.

7:30 p.m.: Men's basketball. Northwood Institute at GVSC.

Wednesday, January 16

Classes begin.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Art exhibit. Recent works by Daleene Menning. Free. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery. (Continues through February 1.)

6 p.m.: Wrestling. GVSC at Ferris State College.

Friday, January 18

7 p.m.: Swim meet, men and women. Albion College at GVSC.

Saturday, January 19

10 a.m.: Wrestling. GVSC at Taylor Open, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac.

1 p.m.: Women's basketball. GVSC at Saginaw Valley.

Sunday, January 20

10:30 a.m.: Dialogue worship. Kistler Pit.

6:30 p.m.: Catholic mass. 102 Manitou.

Monday, January 21

6:30 p.m.: Men's track. Hillsdale College at GVSC.

Wednesday, January 23

7 p.m.: Swim meet, men and women. GVSC at Adrian College.

Thursday, January 24

6 p.m.: Women's basketball. GVSC at Oakland University.

8 p.m.: Men's basketball. GVSC at Oakland University.

Saturday, January 26

11 a.m.: Swim meet, men and women. GVSC at Northern Michigan University.

1 p.m.: Women's basketball. Aquinas College at GVSC.

4 p.m.: Wrestling. Lake Superior State, Northern Michigan University at GVSC.

Sunday, January 27

10:30 a.m.: Dialogue worship. Kistler Pit

6:30 p.m. Catholic mass. 102 Manitou.

6 p.m.: Men's track. GVSC at Aquinas College.

Monday, January 28

5:30 p.m.: Women's basketball. Northwood Institute at GVSC.

7:30 p.m.: Men's basketball. GVSC at Northwood Institute.

Tuesday, January 29

6 p.m.: Women's swimming. GVSC at Calvin College.

Wednesday, January 30

12 noon: Lunchbreak. Trumpeter Dan D'addio. Free. Calder Fine Arts Center.

6 p.m.: Wrestling. GVSC at Oakland University.

Thursday, January 31

5:30 p.m.: Women's basketball. Michigan Tech at GVSC.

7:30 p.m.: Men's basketball. Michigan Tech at GVSC.

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Snofest

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Following is a list of events scheduled for "Snofest '85."

Saturday, January 26

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Dog sled races. Field House south parking lot.
- 2 p.m.: Sleigh race. South parking lot.
- 2:30 p.m.: Sled relay. South parking lot.
- 3 p.m.: Weight pull contest (individual dogs.) South parking lot.
- 4 p.m.: Cross country ski race. South parking lot.

Sunday, January 27

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Dog sled races. South parking lot
- 2 p.m.: Downhill slalom ski race. Ski hill.
- 3-6 p.m.: Broomball competition. Robinson Field.
- 7-9 p.m.: Movie. "Hard to Hold." Calder Fine Arts Center.
Admission \$1.00.

Monday, January 28

- 3-6 p.m.: Broomball games. Robinson Field.

Tuesday, January 29

- 3-6 p.m.: Broomball games. Robinson Field.
- 6:30 p.m.: Snow statue clinic. Kirkhof Center.
- 10 p.m.: Movie. "Ice Castles." Free. 123 Manitou.

Wednesday, January 30

- 12 noon-8 p.m.: Video game tournament. Kirkhof Center.
- 3-6 p.m.: Broomball games. Robinson Field.
- 6 p.m.: Pool tournament finals. Kirkhof Center.
- 10 p.m.: Movie. "Ice Castles." Free. 123 Manitou.

Thursday, January 31

- 3-6 p.m.: Broomball games. Robinson Field.
- 5 p.m.: Snow statue entry forms due. Student Activities Office, Kirkhof Center.
- 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.: "Purple Snow Dance." Field House arena.

Friday, February 1

- 3-6 p.m.: Broomball games. Robinson Field.
- 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.: "Sno-Ball" dance. Field House arena.

Saturday, February 2

- 12:30-4 a.m.: Snofest Post Party. D.J. Bruce Edwards.
Kirkhof Center.
- 12 noon: Judging snow statues. Kirkhof Center lawn.
- 4 p.m.: Broomball championship game. Robinson Field.