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# FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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## Online tutoring another tool to help students

To meet the needs of today's tech-savvy students, Tutoring Center staff members also chose to offer them convenience: online tutoring that's available during late evening hours.

Joyce Van Baak, director of the Tutoring Center, said online tutoring went live in the winter semester for select classes. It's run using Blackboard and allows students to communicate with a tutor during specific hours. For example, a chemistry tutor will be online on Mondays from 11 p.m.-midnight.

"It's one more academic support services for students to use," Van Baak said.

Online tutoring is available for five courses in chemistry, biology, physics and Spanish. Van Baak said those courses were chosen as pilots because of student demand and faculty members who were willing to participate. Student tutors were trained to use the whiteboard feature in Blackboard to communicate with students; the feature also allows a student to draw a molecule, chemistry formula, or diagram using a tablet for the entire class to see.

Van Baak said the response thus far has been positive. "Tutors work with students to help

them clarify questions and build on what the student has learned to find the answers," she said.

More students and faculty members are also using Wimba Pronto, a free software program that allows users to chat, either verbally with microphones or by typing on the keyboard. Wimba Pronto, also used with Blackboard, is the free version of Wimba Classroom.

Sherry Barricklow, from Academic Computing and Information Technology, said about 40 faculty members are now using Wimba Pronto. "Modern Languages is just blossoming with people using this," she said. "It helps students form study groups and talk to each other in Spanish, or whatever the language is."

She added that the IT Department is planning additional training sessions on Wimba Pronto



Photo by Amanda Pitts

*Student workers in the Information Technology department use the chat features of Wimba Pronto, a free software program that allows users to chat verbally or by typing.*

during the spring semester. For more information on Wimba Pronto visit [www.gvsu.edu/it/pronto](http://www.gvsu.edu/it/pronto).

As for expanding online tutoring, Van Baak said after the winter semester, she and other staff members will study evaluations and user numbers.

## Across Campus

### Campaign launched for Center for Healthcare Transformation

Grand Valley announced plans to establish a center that will address urgent issues in healthcare, enhance research productivity, and link practice issues and educational innovations with evidence-based practice.

Cynthia McCurren, dean of the Kirkhof College of Nursing, announced the launch of a formal campaign for the Bonnie Wesorick Center for Healthcare Transformation at Grand Valley on February 20. McCurren and lead donor Bonnie Wesorick were attending an international health conference in Orlando, Florida. Wesorick is founder and chair emerita

for the Clinical Practice Model Resource Center, based in Grand Rapids, and a former KCON instructor.

"In response to the current national agenda to reform American healthcare, we expect that the center will be the start of a continuous wave of new knowledge and practice that will expand across West Michigan and beyond," McCurren said. "Mrs. Wesorick has made a laudable gift that will have impact on healthcare practices across the country."

Named centers at Grand Valley require a minimum gift of endowment totaling \$1 million. With lead gifts already committed for more than half that amount, the university will launch efforts to raise the remainder as part of its current \$50 million comprehensive cam-

paign, Shaping Our Future.

Wesorick said improvements in healthcare occur when practitioners use an interdisciplinary approach while treating people, thus making the best use of all team members involved in caring for a patient. She added that it follows the model of CPM: an evolving, integrated and interactive framework for professional practice in healthcare.

President Thomas J. Haas said the center will provide synergy for KCON's new doctorate in nursing practice program. "This is part of Grand Valley's continued and evolving leadership in shaping our students and the region as we respond to Michigan's needs for highly effective healthcare professionals," he said.

# Across Campus

## New form available for travel advances

There is a new online form available for travel advance requests. It's located on the Business and Finance Web site at [www.gvsu.edu/busfin/](http://www.gvsu.edu/busfin/), click on "Popular Pages" and "Forms."

According to the Travel Policy, travel advance reconciliations must be submitted within 15 days of the return date or event. Beginning April 1, the new travel advance form will be required.

A payroll deduction will be processed to recover advances from faculty or staff members (or a charge added to a student account) when forms have not been accounted for by the due date (return/event date plus 15 days). If a payroll deduction is necessary to recover an outstanding travel advance, that person may be ineligible to obtain advances in the future.

## General Education forums rescheduled

Open forums scheduled by the General Education Subcommittee for February 23-24 will be rescheduled for later this semester.

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 initiative of the National Leadership Council.

## Board approves new housing rates

The university's Board of Trustees on February 17 set housing and meal plan rates for the next fiscal year as demand continues to outrun supply for Grand Valley's approximately 5,320 beds.

The board approved a \$38.1 million housing budget for 2009-10, up from \$35.7 million in 2008-09. The weighted average of the increase is 3.82 percent. The individual rate increase is higher for certain high-demand

units and lower for lower-demand units. In other business, the Board of Trustees:

- Approved the acquisition of property at 4273 Fillmore St. for \$325,000. The 4.75-acre property just south of the Allendale Campus contains a 6,000-square-foot building, which will be used by the university for equipment storage.
- Approved an honorary degree for *Grand Rapids Press* editor Mike Lloyd, to be conferred at the April commencement.

## AWRI internships available for summer semester

The Annis Water Resources Institute will award up to three student research internships for the summer semester.

The internship will include up to \$5,600 in wages, as well as limited support for travel and supplies as part of research projects. Internship recipients are expected to work up to 40 hours per week on AWRI projects for 14 weeks during the semester.

Application forms and more information is online at [www.gvsu.edu/wri](http://www.gvsu.edu/wri), click on "Undergraduate Funding/Opportunities." The deadline for applications is March 13. Questions can be directed to x13749.

## Nominations sought by campus women's groups

Nominations will be accepted until March 2 for awards that will be presented at the Celebration of Women Awards Ceremony. The event, scheduled for March 17, celebrates the achievements of students, faculty and

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web at [www.gvsu.edu/forum](http://www.gvsu.edu/forum).

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### GRAND VALLEY magazine

*Grand Valley Magazine* is published quarterly for the university community. Visit its Web site at [www.gvsu.edu/gvmagazine](http://www.gvsu.edu/gvmagazine).

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## GVFaces

### Erin Busscher Academic Advisor

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in professional writing and a minor in public relations, Erin Busscher landed on a career path that she didn't expect. Now with a master's degree in college student affairs leadership, Busscher uses a variety of skills to work as an academic advisor for the Kirkhof College of Nursing.

While attending Grand Valley, Busscher was a student worker for Pew Campus Operations. She said that role introduced her to the many job opportunities at a university aside from teaching courses. When she graduated in 2002, Busscher began working full time as a COT staff member in Pew Campus Operations.

"I really enjoyed working in higher education, and when I found out that Grand Valley offered a master's degree program in college student affairs, I realized that it was a great fit for me," she said. "The program allowed me to narrow down exactly what I wanted to do in higher education."

Busscher earned a master's degree in 2007 and has worked for KCON since. In her position she meets

with students interested in the nursing program and develops program plans for them.

She also informs students of the college's admissions requirements, and works with students who were declined admission to the nursing program to discuss their options.

"I love to write, but I also have the urge to help people," she said. "In my job I am able to do both. It is so rewarding for me to help students. I like knowing that after they walked out of my office I assisted them on their path to success."

Busscher's other passion is vocal performance, and she is currently seeking a vocal coach with hopes to perform in the community.

"I always promised myself when I finished my master's I would work on my voice again. Well, now is that time!" she said.



*Erin Busscher*

## What's Ahead

### Olympic pitcher will discuss body image issues

Monica Abbott has reached the pinnacle of her sport — pitching for USA Softball during the 2008 Olympic Games. She is a four-time NCAA All-American, starring at the University of Tennessee. She was named the Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year in 2007.

But like many high school and college students, Abbott has struggled with body image. After winning the silver medal in Beijing, Abbott now travels around the country, speaking to audiences about overcoming her body image obstacles to become one of the most dominant pitchers in softball history.

Abbott will visit Grand Valley on Monday, February 23, for a presentation, "Women Athletes and Body Image," at 7 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. The program, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Women's Center. Earlier that day, Abbott will talk to students in the Movement Science department and student-athletes.

Abbott's visit is among events at Grand Valley centered on National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. For a list of events, visit [www.gvsu.edu/women\\_cen](http://www.gvsu.edu/women_cen).

### Two concerts planned by symphony orchestra

The 75-member Grand Valley Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Professor Henry E. Duitman, will present two special winter concerts.

A concert on Tuesday, February 24, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. The orchestra will also perform on Thursday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., at Fairhaven Ministries Auditorium, 2900 Baldwin St. in Hudsonville. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

Featured soloists for both events will be faculty members: violinist MingHuan Xu, performing with the orchestra for the first time, and cellist Pablo Mahavé-Veglia, well-known to the artistic community of Grand Valley and Western

Michigan. They will perform the "Double Concerto in A Major" by Johannes Brahms.

Joining the orchestra for the Thursday night concert will be the String Orchestra from Jenison High School, Dan Scott, conductor. The Grand Valley and Jenison orchestras will each perform and then play side-by-side for a performance of the popular "Roman Carnival Overture," by Hector Berlioz. The Grand Valley orchestra will also perform the energetic Latin number "Danzon No. 2" by Arturo Márquez.

"One of my first year goals has been to meet as many area high school orchestra directors as possible," said Duitman. "There are so many wonderful opportunities to interact with the community."

Duitman is also collaborating with the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey to bring a group of 50 students in the Community Youth Orchestra to Grand Valley in March.

### Next generation of business leaders compete on campus

Teams from four Michigan colleges will gather at Grand Valley on Wednesday, February 25, to compete in the state finals of a business competition that aims to give graduate students experience and the chance to win \$5,000.

The Association for Corporate Growth Western Michigan is holding its inaugural ACG Cup. The ACG Cup is a competition designed to give MBA and graduate finance students real-world experience while networking with the region's top merger and acquisition professionals.

Teams from Davenport University, Grand



Henry Duitman conducts the Symphony Orchestra, which will perform two concerts this week.

Valley, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University will compete in the finals, held in Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center. Teams from each school will analyze a complex business case provided by ACGWM and recommend strategies involving valuation, identifying capital markets, developing merger/acquisition strategic alternatives and financing options. The winning team will receive \$5,000 at the ACGWM Outstanding Growth Award reception scheduled for March at DeVos Place.

"We have such talented people in West Michigan, and many of them are in our MBA programs," said Carol Sánchez, GVSU professor of management. "The ACG Cup is a great way to showcase this great talent to West Michigan business leaders. It is critical to retain talent here in our region, and this is one way we're trying to do just that."

### Counseling Center will hold eating disorders screenings

Grand Valley's Counseling and Career Development Center will hold screenings on National Eating Disorders Day, Thursday, February 26.

Staff members will be available to help anyone in the campus community who is concerned about over-exercise, weight gain or caloric intake. Participants will fill out a brief questionnaire and have an opportunity to speak with a counselor; referrals will be provided.

Counselors will be available at the following locations:

- Kirkhof Center lobby, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Kliener Commons, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- DeVos Center student project area, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences lobby, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- North C Living Center room 137, noon-2 p.m.
- Campus Recreation Center, 4-6 p.m.
- Student Services Building room 204, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, call the Counseling Center at x13266.

## Across Campus

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staff members and their efforts to enrich the lives of women on campus and/or the community.

Categories are the Maxine Swanson Award and the Impact Award, presented by the Women's Commission; Barbara Jordan Award, presented by Women and Gender Studies; Outstanding Female Student Award, presented by the Women's Center; and Positive Black Women Scholarship Awards, presented by PBW. View nomination criteria and online applications at [www.gvsu.edu/women\\_cen](http://www.gvsu.edu/women_cen) or [www.gvsu.edu/w\\_commission](http://www.gvsu.edu/w_commission).

### A presidential celebration



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Jim Getty, left as Abe Lincoln, and Tim Connors as Stephen Douglas bring out a cake to celebrate Lincoln's birthday at a Grand Forum event on February 12 in the Eberhard Center. More than 75 members of the Grand Forum were entertained by Getty and Connors as they re-enacted the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## General Events

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

### Jan. 15-March 20

Gallery Hours: Hoskin-Raible Collection of French Prints. Art Gallery, PAC.

### Mon., Feb. 23

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group. 2242 KC. Call x13659 for more information.

7 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Women Athletes and Body Image," by Monica Abbott. CDC. Call x12748 for more information.

8 p.m.: GVSU Concert Band with Kevin Tutt, conductor. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Tues., Feb. 24

7:30 a.m.: Peter F. Secchia Breakfast Lecture: "Innovation: Two Men and a Truck," by Mary Ellen Sheets. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV.

Call x17100 for more information.

2 p.m.: Career Services hosts West Michigan Career Connections Fair. DeVos Place, Grand Rapids. Call x13311 for more information.

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

### Wed., Feb. 25

9 a.m.: Conversations with Provost Gayle Davis: Curriculum. 205D DEV. Call x12400 for more information.

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

1 p.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series. Time Management. University Club Room, DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

7 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Media Men and Body Image," by Jeff Smith. 2263 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

8 p.m.: GVSU Choral Concert with Select Women's Ensemble, University Singers and Cantate Chamber Ensemble. LAT, PAC. Call

x13484 for more information.

### Thurs., Feb. 26

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

9 a.m.: Counseling Center sponsors National Eating Disorders Screening Day. Call x13266 for more information and locations.

9 a.m.: Conversations with Provost Gayle Davis: Curriculum. 2263 KC. Call x12400 for more information.

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

3 p.m.: Allies and Advocates Reception. 2263 KC. Call x13898 for more information.

6 p.m.: Black History Month Event. "From the Cradle to the Prison," by Ron Browder. 2204 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### Sketches

**Gleaves Whitney**, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, gave a presentation on Abraham Lincoln at the Michigan Council for Social Studies annual meeting and at a Grand Forum meeting.

**Jamie Langlois**, director of Social Work Continuing Education, received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Young Woman from the Greater Muskegon Jaycees.

**Carl Ruetz**, assistant professor at the Annis Water Resources Institute, received a grant, "Reproductive and Recruitment Success of Walleye in the Muskegon River," from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

**Lois Smith Owens**, director of admissions for the School of Social Work, will receive the lega-

cy award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

**John Stevenson**, associate dean of Graduate Studies, and Radiologic and Imaging Sciences faculty members **Lynn Carlton**, **Susan Raaymakers** and **Jennifer VanderPoel** wrote an article, "Effects of Work Experience, Patient Size, and Hand Preference on the Performance of Sonography Studies," published in the *Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography*.

**Alan Steinman**, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute, was the invited speaker at the Water Fellows Program at Michigan State University. He also participated in a workshop sponsored by the Nature Conservancy at the Field Museum in Chicago.

**Hoon Lee**, assistant professor of art and design, was featured in an article, "World Ceramic Art: 50 Days at Grand Valley State University," in a magazine, *Ceramic Art Monthly*. The author,

Eunmee Lee, was one of the Korean ceramic artists who visited Grand Valley in the fall.

**Kevin den Dulk**, associate professor of political science, co-wrote a book, *Pews, Prayers, and Participation: Religion and Civic Responsibility in America*, published by Georgetown University Press.

**Joanne Fowler**, business intake consultant with the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center, completed the Academy of Professional Small Business Consultants, a certification program designed specifically for MI-SBTDC consultants.

**Joseph R. McCargar**, affiliate faculty in the School of Communications, received a Jammie Award for a music CD he recorded for the Arts Council of Grand Rapids' Arts Jam benefit.