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FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Haas: tuition drops if lawmakers keep promise

At a time when good economic news is needed, Grand Valley's president has promised to cut tuition if state lawmakers keep their minimum funding commitment.

President Thomas J. Haas said the university would be able to decrease tuition by 4 percent if it were funded at the level lawmakers decided should be the minimum for any public university in the state. Haas made his promise at a hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, held March 9 at the Eberhard Center.

Haas told lawmakers that if the state were to fund Grand Valley at a level of \$3,778 per student, as is the statutory minimum recommended funding level, then Grand Valley would cut tuition by 4 percent. Grand Valley receives \$3,088 per student, putting it at the bottom when it comes to state appropriation per student.

The testimony comes on the heels of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's request that state univer-

sities freeze tuition, while facing a possible 3 percent cut in state funding.

Haas said: "We need the state to be a reliable partner in support of higher education. A highly educated workforce benefits all in a community. Higher education is a public good, deserving of investment and your enthusiastic support."

Haas went on to say that a state budget must be strategic and fund what is valued, especially in hard economic times.

He recalled the wisdom gained in his many years in the U.S. Coast Guard. "As a good Coastie or Laker knows ... never cut your engines with storms around," he said.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

President Thomas J. Haas testifies before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, during a meeting March 9 at the Eberhard Center.

This academic year, Grand Valley has an enrollment of almost 24,000 students and charges tuition of \$8,196 per year.

Across Campus

Campus community mourns death of former professor

Professor Emeritus Don VanderJagt died on March 10. He was 71.

VanderJagt taught mathematics at Grand Valley for 42 years and served as chairman of the department for 25 years. He also served as faculty representative to the Athletic Department.

VanderJagt graduated from Hope College in 1959, received a master's in mathematics from Florida State University and a doctorate in mathematics from Western Michigan University.

Provost Gayle R. Davis said Grand Valley was "fortunate to have had a faculty member of the caliber of Professor Don VanderJagt."

"Don made significant contributions to the growth, development and quality of the university. He will be deeply missed by students and colleagues," Davis said.

He was president of Faculty Athletics

Representatives Association for the NCAA. He also served on the Jenison Public School Board for 24 years, and as president for eight years.

VanderJagt was a member of Central Reformed Church, where he sang in the choir and was actively involved in the RCA. He was the past president of South Grand Rapids



Don VanderJagt

Classis and the Regional Synod of the Great Lakes.

Funeral services were held March 14. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Dr. Donald and Barbara VanderJagt Mathematics and Athletics Scholarship at Grand Valley, or Addie's Food Pantry of Central Reformed Church.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, four children and eight grandchildren.

Folds of Honor Scholarship expanded

The Folds of Honor Scholarship, formerly called the Fallen Heroes Scholarship, has been expanded.

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The scholarship benefits a widow or surviving child of a service person killed in the line of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The scholarship agreement now extends beyond Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties to include statewide eligibility. President Thomas J. Haas thanked Rep. Bob Genetski, R-Allegan, who asked Haas to revisit the idea.

“I am very grateful to Grand Valley and President Haas for extending the Folds of Honor Scholarship statewide,” said Genetski. “Very generously, the scholarship goes one step further in providing for the children and spouses of our military, who have sacrificed a lot.”

The scholarship award guarantees that the full cost of Michigan resident tuition is covered through a combination of federal, state, institutional and any other grants and scholarships the student is eligible to receive. However, the scholarship will always be at least \$1,000 in an academic year. The award is renewable for a maximum of eight consecutive semesters, provided the recipient maintains eligibility. The scholarship is in partnership with the Folds of Honor Foundation.

Michigan History Day contest held

More than two hundred students representing many West Michigan area schools participated in this year’s Michigan History Day western regional contest at Grand Valley.

The regional contest was held March 14 at the Kirkhof Center. Middle and high school students competed in five categories surrounding the theme, “The Individual in History.”

Judges were faculty and graduates from Grand Valley’s history department, local teachers and community historians. The winners will advance to the state contest, also held at Grand Valley on April 25.

“Michigan History Day offers a fascinating opportunity to move history classes beyond rote learning,” said Sean O’Neill, professor of history, who is organizing the event. “The participants perform self-directed research on an individually chosen topic then present their work through the allied disciplines of art, literature, music, drama, and visual communications, in addition to writing.”

Sponsors for the event were the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Department of History, Historical Society of Michigan, Michigan Council for History Education, Meijer, Alticor, and the Detroit Salt Company.

Three departments prepare to move to Bicycle Factory

The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, Pew Campus Operations and the Charter School offices will relocate to the Bicycle Factory on March 25.

Grand Valley is leasing the second and third floors of the building, located at 201 Front Ave.



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

The move will create more space for the three departments, which were located in the DeVos Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus. The Board of Trustees approved spending \$2.6 million to finish renovations on the two floors of the Bicycle Factory building. It was part of a redevelopment project after the 110-year-old vacant building burned to the ground in 2007.

Three campus departments will soon move into the Bicycle Factory building on Front Avenue.

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Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

Production of Ibsen play deals with timeless issues

The Theater Department will present a dramatic production of Henrik Ibsen’s tale, “Lady from the Sea.”

Performances are scheduled for March 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, at 7:30 p.m. and March 22 and 29, at 2 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre in the Performing Arts Center.

“It’s so meaty,” said Professor Roger Ellis, who directs the production. “Though written in 1888, the play is just as relevant today because it deals with the timeless issues of love, family interactions and the need to get away.”

Ibsen set the play in a remote coastal village of his native Norway. The main character, Ellida, wrestles with her marriage to Doctor Wangel and her role as stepmother, against the growing memories of a promise made long ago by a sailor. The desire to make her true choice arrives when the sailor returns, just as the daughters are contemplating their own marriage prospects.

“All of the characters need to cut through the baggage of their past in their search for love,” said Ellis, who is working from the modern translation by Pamela Gems. The set design is purposely sparse, placing the emphasis on the characters, garbed in

authentic period costumes. “Ibsen created characters we can all understand and was a master at wringing emotion from his audience,” Ellis said.

Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 faculty/staff/alumni/seniors, and \$6 all students.

Tickets can be purchased through the box office, located in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center, open Mondays-Fridays, noon-5 p.m. and one hour before the curtain time for each performance. Tickets can also be purchased with a service fee through Startickets.com or by calling Startickets at (616) 222-4000 or 1-800-585-3737.



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Kyle Walker as Dr. Wangel and Alicia Clark as Ellida rehearse a scene from ‘Lady from the Sea.’

What's Ahead

Tech fair speakers will discuss Blackboard

The annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, in Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center.

Sponsored by Educational Technology and the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, the event will begin at noon with a presentation on technology trends by Matt Davis and Pat Bevilacqua, from Blackboard.

Faculty members from 15 different departments will showcase examples of integrating technology into teaching and learning practices. The exhibitions will be open from 1-4 p.m.

For more information, contact Glenna Decker at x12598.

Forums scheduled on academic integrity

An ad hoc committee of the Faculty Senate will host open meetings to increase awareness of the prevalence of classroom dishonesty at Grand Valley, and promote a commitment to raising the level of academic integrity.

The meetings, open to students, faculty and staff members, are scheduled for Thursday, March 19, at the DeVos Center, room 136E, from 1-3 p.m.; and Friday, March 20, in the Kirkhof Center, room 2263, from 1-3 p.m.

A Web site, www.gvsu.edu/academicintegrity, provides resources regarding Grand Valley's academic policies, university surveys about the prevalence of cheating and plagiarism, and a message board. Those wishing to participate in message board discussions will need to login using Novell passwords.

üTaké brings unique sound to performances

A collaborative improvisatory ensemble known for bringing the shakuhachi flute into their diverse music will perform on campus this week.

The üTaké ensemble explores a wide variety of musical styles, from contemporary and traditional classical, to jazz and pop, while including the shakuhachi flute, famous for its soulful sound and its iconic use by Buddhist monks in a traditional practice of blowing meditation.

üTaké members include Rob Foster, shakuhachi flutes; Ric Troll, percussion; and Kurt Ellenberger, piano. Their performance is set for Thursday, March 19, at 4 p.m. at the Cook-DeWitt Center.

The ensemble's new CD, "The Name of the Wind," evolved from an invitation to perform in Sydney, Australia, for the 2008 World Shakuhachi Festival.

Ellenberger, is an associate professor of music in the Frederik Meijer Honors College. His work as a composer was recently recognized

by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, which presented him with an ASCAP Composition Award in 2009.

Foster honed his musical skills in Detroit. He has performed with jazz artists such as Dave Brubeck and Dizzy Gillespie, as well as with popular artists such as the Four Tops, Crystal Gayle, the Ink Spots, Melissa Manchester, Mitch Ryder and the Temptations.

Troll is a composer, percussionist, and guitarist whose work reflects his interest in modern jazz and contemporary chamber music, as well as traditional folk/world music.

For more information, contact Ellenberger at x18131, or visit www.kurtellenberger.com.

Historian will consider Obama's first months

Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Ford Foundation, Library and Museum are sponsoring a lecture, "Barack Obama in History," presented by award-winning historian and author H.W. Brands.

Brands will consider the campaign, elections, transitions and first months of the Obama administration in the White House during his presentation on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium, 303 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids.

"We are bringing H.W. Brands back to Grand Rapids because he is an exceptional speaker and writer," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. "His analysis of President Obama's first months in office is perceptive and engaging. There is no one better to put the 44th president of the U.S. in historical perspective."

Brands is a professor of history at the University of Texas and the author of two dozen books. For more information, contact the Hauenstein Center at x12770, or visit www.all-presidents.org.

Lecture will begin Chinese Studies Week

Chinese Studies Week kicks off with an inaugural lecture that will celebrate the new Chinese Studies major.

Fred Dallmayr, professor of philosophy and political science at the University of Notre Dame, will discuss "The Meaning and Purpose of Dialogue Among Civilizations" on Friday, March 20, at 10 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204.



üTaké will perform on Thursday in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

Events continue March 23-30, and include lectures, films and a dance performance. For information about these events, visit the East Asian Studies Web site, www.gvsu.edu/eastasian, and click on "Upcoming Events."

Discount tickets on sale for Griffins

Tickets are on sale at the 2020 Information Desk in the Kirkhof Center lobby for Grand Valley Night at the Griffins. The \$5 tickets are for the Friday, March 20, game, when the Grand Rapids Griffins host the Toronto Marlies. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

These tickets are being sold in conjunction with the ACHA DII National Tournament hosted by Grand Valley at Georgetown Ice Arena March 17-21. All tickets for the tournament will be sold at the Georgetown Ice Arena. For more information about the tournament, visit www.achagrandrapids.com

Events planned to celebrate Women's History Month

Many varied events are planned at Grand Valley to celebrate March as Women's History Month.

The events listed below are free and open to the public. For information about these events, call the Women's Center at x12748. See next week's *Forum* for details on events planned for late March.

- March 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.: Young Women, Strong Leaders Conference, Kirkhof Center.

Women students from across the state will learn about leadership from women in many professional fields. Leslie R. Wolfe, president of the Center for Women Policy Studies, will be the keynote speaker. The conference is sponsored by the Michigan Women's Commission and Michigan ACE Network for Women.

- March 20, 6 p.m.: Lecture by Joy Castro, "Lopez from Stage to Screen: Disciplining the Borders of the Female Body," Wealthy Street Theatre, 1130 Wealthy St. SE.

Castro is the author of numerous books including *The Truth Book: A Memoir*, in which she details her account of running away at age 14 from her adopted family who were Jehovah's Witnesses. Now on faculty at the University of Nebraska, she teaches in both the English and Ethnic Studies departments.

- March 23, 7 p.m.: Jessica Valenti presents "Why Feminism Still Matters," Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

Valenti is an author and founder of the Web site, Feministing.com. An activist for women's rights, she is well known for her ability to speak with younger audiences. She has authored *Full Frontal Feminism: A Young Woman's Guide to Why Feminism Matters*, which focuses on the future of feminist thought and dispels myths and stereotypes associated with feminism.

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., March 16

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "How to be a Better Health Care Consumer." 499C DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

3 p.m.: Conversations with Provost Davis: Resources. 2204 KC. Call x12400 for more information.

Tues., March 17

8:30 a.m.: Conversations with Provost Davis: Resources. EC. Call x12400 for more information.

Noon: Celebration of Women Awards Ceremony. Pere Marquette Room, KC. Call x12748 for more information.

12:30 p.m.: Early Alert Program hosts "How Veteran Friendly Is Your University?" Audio Conference. 2270 KC. Call x12379 for more information.

6:30 p.m.: Writers Series presents S.L. Wisenberg. AH. Call x13411 for more information.

Wed., March 18

Noon: Women's Center hosts "Her Story," by Sandra Jennings. 2201 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

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

Noon: Teaching and Learning with Technology Fair. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call

x12598 for more information.

4:30 p.m.: COIS hosts Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Community Reading. 2204 KC. Call x18655 for more information.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. Mark Williams, trombone, and Jun Okada, piano. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Thurs., March 19

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

Noon: Health and Wellness Support Group. What Daddies Do Best. 167 LOH. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Fundamentals of Investing." 1104 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon. The Colorado Quartet. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

1 p.m.: Faculty Senate hosts Forum on Academic Integrity. 136E DEV.

3 p.m.: AWRI Seminar. "Conserving Freshwater Biodiversity," by Scott Sowa. Multipurpose Room, LMC. Call x13749 for information.

4 p.m.: üTakè Ensemble. CDC. Call x18131 for more information.

7 p.m.: Hauenstein Center Lecture. "Barack Obama in History," by H.W. Brands. Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids. Call x12770 for more information.

Fri., March 20

10 a.m.: Inaugural Lecture for Chinese Studies. "The Meaning and Purpose of Dialogue among Civilizations," by Fred Dallmayr. 2204 KC. Call x18110 for more information.

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

1 p.m.: Faculty Senate hosts Forum on Academic Integrity. 2263 KC.

6 p.m.: Women's History Month Event. "Lopez from Stage to Screen," by Joy Castro. Wealthy Theatre, Grand Rapids. Call x12748 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Lady from the Sea." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for more information.

8 p.m.: Soirée Musicale: Celebration of French Music. Art Gallery, PAC. Call x12563 for more information.

Sat., March 21

9:30 a.m.: Science Olympiad. FH. Call x12267 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Lady from the Sea." LAT, PAC.

Sun., March 22

2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Lady from the Sea." LAT, PAC.

Sports

Wed., March 18

1 p.m.: Baseball hosts University of Findlay.

3 p.m.: Softball hosts St. Joseph's College.

Sat., March 21

1 p.m.: Softball hosts Lake Superior State University.

5 p.m.: Men's Tennis hosts Tiffin University.

Sun., March 22

9 a.m.: Men's Tennis hosts University of Findlay.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, chaired a panel of experts who spoke about President Ford's legacy at a University Development event in Palm Beach, Florida.

Sue Willemsen, administrative assistant for the Dean of Students, and **LeaAnn Tibbe**, assistant director of Student Life, gave a presentation, "Move that Bus: Extreme Makeover, Commencement Edition, at the North American

Association of Commencement Officers in Nashville, Tennessee.

WGUV-TV received a My Source Community Impact Award for Education from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for its program "Write. Create. You."

Kirkhof College of Nursing faculty members **Joy Washburn** and **Deborah Bambini**, and **Ron Perkins**, coordinator for the Learning Resource and Simulation Center, wrote an article, "Outcomes of Clinical Simulation for Novice

Nursing Students: Communication, Confidence, Clinical Judgment," published in *Nursing Education Perspectives*. They will also give a presentation, "Examining the Effect of Clinical Simulation on Student Nurse Self-Efficacy," at the NLN Faculty Research Conference.

George McBane, associate professor of chemistry, wrote an article, "A Plea for the Abandonment of the Atmosphere as a Unit in Gas Law Instruction," published in the *Journal of Chemical Education*.