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A Newsletter for the GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY Community

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Across Campus

Open Forum Addresses Concerns of AP Staff

Last Tuesday's meeting of Administrative/Professional staff, hosted by the AP Committee, covered issues ranging from minority hiring to workload concerns. President Lubbers and executive officers were present at the



annual brown bag lunch to answer questions from nearly 70 staff in attendance at the Kirkhof Center.

Committee members presented questions sent in by university AP staff and opened the floor for discussion. President Lubbers said he appreciated the format of the meeting, noting that the comments and discussion were a good addition. "Anybody can talk to me about anything," he said. "And sometimes something can be done about it." Lubbers reminded those in attendance that he'll be holding open office hours tomorrow from 2-5 p.m. and on March 15 from 9 a.m.-noon.

Karen Burchard, from Academic Computing, chairs the AP Committee. Other members are Randy Drewry from Plant Services, Nancy Hoffman continued on page 2

Career Services' High-tech Tools Help Students With Job Search

In an era of corporate downsizing, multi-tasking and work groups, the job market has become increasingly competitive. Graduates seeking their first postdegree jobs are doubly challenged as they also face the ageold dilemma of no experience, no job; no job, no experience. For Grand Valley graduates, however, new technological help combats the odds.

According to Diana Pace, director of the Career Services and Counseling Center, Career-Line, GVSU's new electronic job referral system, is helping students find employment.

When students register with Career Services' CareerLine program, they are provided with several services. The Resume Expert PLUS software program, helps students prepare their resumes. Once a resume is loaded to the system's database, it is automatically referred to appropriate potential employers. The CareerLine's reverse hotline feature is set up to call students when it recognizes a match between their career interests and qualifications, and an available position. CareerLine also



Associate Director of Career Services Ginger Lange steps in to help freshman Steve Tularak, student office assistant, explain specifics of Resume Expert PLUS to Sarah Whitney, a Grand Valley junior.

permits students to call a phone number at any time to learn about new job opportunities or to register for interviews.

According to Ginger Lange, associate director of Career Services, the new service, available to all registered students for less than the cost of a one-page resume, is being used frequently by students at all levels.

Career Fair Connects Students with Businesses

Grand Valley joins with area colleges, Aquinas, Calvin and Hope, to host the 1996-West Michigan Career Connection on Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 1:20 p.m. at the Kirkhof Center. Human resource representatives from 50 businesses will be present to network with students interested in business careers. Most participating businesses are located in west Michigan, with a few coming from the east side of the state, Chicago, Connecticut and Tennessee. Contact Charleen Hayes-Joseph at x3311 for more information.



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Coming Events

Lunchbreak Series Presents Classical Guitarist

Grand Valley will welcome Marc Regnier to the Allendale campus



Wednesday as part of the ongoing Lunchbreak Series. The classical guitarist, who is on the faculty of the College of Charleston, began his studies at the age of six. At 14, he studied in London with Timothy Walker

and continued his studies at the Peabody Conservatory. He has worked with renowned guitarists and composers and performed in most major cities of the United States including several performances at Carnegie Recital Hall and the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina.

Women's Studies Program Continues Faculty Forum

English Professor Kate Remlinger will be featured in the next Women Scholars: Faculty Forum, February 13, Cook-DeWitt Conference Room from 12 noon - 1 p.m. Presented by Grand Valley's Women's Studies Program, Remlinger's lecture is titled "Examining Gender and Language Within the University: From Descriptions of Difference to Means of Production and Resistance." It is open to all members of the campus community.

Through a critical discourse analysis of meanings and uses of student language, this presentation will examine how university students use speech and writing to constitute attitudes, values and beliefs about gender and sexuality. Moreover, this study investigates why a student's gender makes a difference in the university community, how gender and sexuality affect learning and the process of education, how university rules affect students' notions of gender and sexuality and what difference this plays in their daily lives.

Contact Doris Rucks, x3732, for more information.

Professors to Add Expertise At Interfaith Dialogue

Three Grand Valley faculty members will be panelists in a seminar titled "Violence in the Name of Religion, An Interfaith Dialogue," to discuss religious continued on page 3

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from WGVU/WGVK TV, Craig Thelen from Eberhard Center's Bookstore, Koleta Moore from Seidman Business School, John Pedraza from Academic Support, Jay Cooper from Student Life and Karen Shriver from Accounting.

Meeting notes will be available from committee members on February 16.

Job Hotline Is Up and Running

Those interested in employment opportunities at Grand Valley can call Human Resources' new hotline at 895-3900 to hear a recorded message listing current openings. The hotline can be accessed 24 hours a day and prospective applicants can leave a message to have a job description mailed or faxed to them.

Training Sessions Offered For PhoneMail Service

PhoneMail is scheduled for campus-wide implementation the weekend of March 1. Those planning to use the service must attend a one-hour training session. Check "PhoneMail Training Schedule" on the GVSU Business Bulletin Board on cc:Mail for dates and times of training sessions. To sign up, indicate your first and second choices by responding to the business bulletin board by February 8. Contact your department head if you are unsure of your PhoneMail status.

People who answer departmental telephones are encouraged to attend a session even if they are not receiving PhoneMail so they understand how it functions.

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communities' roles in avoiding or supporting violence. Explaining Buddhism will be Michael DeWilde, GVSU visiting instructor of Philosophy while Social Work Professor Ram Singh will represent Hinduism. Other panelists will represent the Baha'i Faith, Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The panel moderator will be Lillian Sigal, adjunct professor of Anthropology and Sociology and the Interfaith Dialogue Association president.

Co-sponsored by The Interfaith Dialogue Association and Fountain Street Church, the seminar will be held February 11, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fountain Street Church Social Hall. Call 452-1828 for information.

Get the Sports Scoop At Coaches' Luncheons

Coaches' Luncheons this month are scheduled at 12 noon on Monday, February 12 and 26. Faculty, staff and friends of Laker athletics are invited to these gatherings to meet with GVSU coaches. Call Cheryl Anderson, x3259, for reservations. The cost for lunch is \$5 per person at the door.

Student Employee Training Sessions Set

Students who are new to the Grand Valley work force during the winter 1996 semester have until the end of the semester to attend a training session in order to be authorized to work. Student employees who began their assignments during the fall 1995 semester must attend a training session by the end of February in order to remain eligible. Faculty and staff members are asked to encourage student workers to call Human Resources at x2215 to reserve a spot at one of the sessions listed below.

2/7 5-7 p.m. Grand River Room, KC2/12 1-3 p.m. 118 Eberhard Center2/20 1-3 p.m. Muskegon River Room, KC

2/28 9-11 a.m. 118 Eberhard Center 3/21 8-10 a.m. Muskegon River Room,

4/8 2-4 p.m. Muskegon River Room, KC

Wine, Food Symposium Pleases More Than The Palate

Combining the best in skillfully prepared food and carefully selected wines, the ninth annual Great Wine & Food Symposium, sponsored by WGVU-TV 35 and WGVK-TV 52, will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel on Monday, February 19, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$45, are now on sale and GVSU faculty and staff members are encouraged to reserve early by calling Shirley Dilworth, x6666. The event draws an annual sell-out crowd of more than 500 enthusiasts.

To complement the 200-plus wines from 60 vintners, guests will be treated to a menu sampler from six of west Michigan's finest restaurants. The menu will feature a spectacular assortment of food, domestic cheese and breads. Menu samples are only available with tickets purchased by February 9.

Tickets entitle guests to unlimited wine tasting, a menu sampler from each restaurant, and one Wine Lovers' Sights and Sips raffle ticket. The grand prize for the raffle is a tour and overnight stay for two at Sterling Vineyards, Calistoga, California, northern Napa Valley, including round-trip air fare.

Other prizes include an overnight stay for two at Chateau Chantal Winery Inn, and Vineyard Estates on Old Mission Peninsula in Traverse City, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel deluxe overnight accommodations for two, and selected cases of various Michigan and California wines.

The Great Wine & Food Symposium is underwritten in part by Panopoulos Salons and presented by the West Michigan Wine Distributors and Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council as a benefit for WGVU-TV 35 and WGVK-TV 52.

Student Writers Wanted

The English Department announces its annual Oldenburg Writing Contest, offering GVSU students cash prizes for essays, poetry and short stories. Entries must arrive at the English Department office in 126 Lake Huron Hall no later than Friday, March 1, to be considered. Winners will be announced and awards made in April before the end of the semester.

The categories include: an essay written by a freshman for any literature or composition course during 1995; a personal essay or an analytical or persuasive essay written by a sophomore, junior or senior for any literature or composition course during 1995; a small portfolio of three to five poems or a short story written by any GVSU student.

University Club News



Keeping Up With the Joneses

Curt Jones (far left), Cathie Jones-Rikkers, and Connie Jones, along with 120 more U-Club members, enjoyed the TGIF held January 19 at The Meadows. Club members find the TGIF events to be a great way of socializing within the GVSU community. Next month's

TGIF event, featuring a rock and roll band and free beer for U-Club members, is scheduled for Friday, February 16, at 4:30 p.m. It will be held at The Meadows.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Caryn King, assistant professor of Advanced Studies in Education, recently published a chapter titled "The Freedom to Teach: A Glimpse of Schooling in Today's Russia," which appeared in *Generations of Literacy*. The research conducted for this article was funded by Grand Valley's Research and Development Center.

James M. Kadlecek, director of the Office for Economic Expansion, gave a speech titled "The Status of the West Michigan Economy – Trends and Forecasts" at a meeting of the Grand Rapids Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors at Duba's Restaurant in Grand Rapids.

Lee Copenhaver, assistant professor of Music, presented a demonstration at the 51st Midwest Conference on School Instrumental and Vocal Music, titled "Helping Low Strings from the Podium." The GVSU Cello Ensemble performed and assisted with the presentation.

Gregory W. Courtney, assistant professor of Biology, is the co-author of an article titled "Phylogeny of the Nematocerous Families of Diptera (Insecta)." The article appears in the November 1995 issue of the Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society.

Mary deYoung, professor of Sociology, submitted an analysis of 30 cases of mass molestation occurring in day care centers across the country between 1983 and 1991, to the Committee of Concerned Scientists. The analysis will be attached to the Committee's brief to the United States Attorney General, asking for a federal review of convictions and civil suits in these cases.

Margarita Krakusin, assistant professor of Spanish, has authored a book review on the latest novel of Alfredo Bryce Echenique, *No me esperen en abril*, that will be published in the Fall 1996 edition of *Confluencia*.

The computer artwork of **Jacqueline Vansen**, broadcast/graphic designer for

West Michigan Public Broadcasting, appeared in the 1996 Calendar for Delta Informatics S.A., a digital output company in Athens, Greece. Computer artists were solicited worldwide to appear in this calendar.

Roger Hunt, assistant professor of Geography, gave a lecture titled "Geography, Community and Congressional Redistricting Since 1965" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday at Western Michigan University last month.

Michael P. Lombardo, associate professor of Biology, gave a presentation on the natural history of birds to fifth graders at Ottawa Hills Math/Tech Academy on January 25.

In the News

Have you been featured or quoted in the media recently? The *Forum* notes faculty and staff members who have been involved with newspaper, radio or other media in this column. Please send information to the *Forum's* cc:Mail box.

New Grand Valley Associates

Mary Barnum, former director of Continuing Education, moved to the Office of University Communications to become marketing/advertising manager for Grand Valley. Barnum, who has worked for the university since 1987, was also assistant dean of the Seidman School of Business from 1991-94 and a visiting faculty member in the Department of Accounting & Taxation for four years. She earned her B.B.A. and her M.Acc. from Ferris State University.

Kenneth James has been appointed director of Copeland Hall. He received his A.A. from Grossmont College in California and his B.A. from Kentucky State University. James will receive his M.P.A. from Grand Valley in April.

Daniel Rutledge, visiting professor of Marketing, comes to GVSU from Wayne State University. He received his B.B.A. and M.A. degrees from Western Michigan University and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Nancy Levenburg is Grand Valley's new director of Continuing Education. Since 1992, she was the department chair in Management/Marketing at Davenport College and prior to that was an adjunct faculty member at GVSU, Aquinas College and North Central College for four years. Levenburg earned her B.S. from Miami University, her M.B.A. from Western Michigan University, and her Ph.D. in Management from the Union Institute Graduate School.

George Grant, Jr. joins Grand Valley as a visiting professor of Social Work. In addition to his teaching duties, Grant will also serve as the faculty supervisor of graduate students interning at the Department of Social Services. He managed the family preservation programs at Bethany Christian Services since 1988 and prior to that he worked for four years at D.A. Blodgett Services for Children and Families.

Calendar of Events

Cultural Events

Arts Hotline: (616) 895-ARTS

Gallery Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday. All activities are in facilities on the Allendale Campus unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, February 1-Thursday, February 29

Gallery Hours: Traditional African Sculpture. Exhibition of African sculpture from local collections. Calder Gallery, Calder Fine Arts Center.

Wednesday, February 7

12 noon: Lunchbreak Series. Marc Regnier, classical guitarist. Cook-DeWitt Center.

Friday, February 9

12 noon: Lunchbreak Series. GVSU Faculty String Quartet. Cook-DeWitt Center.

Saturday, February 10

5 p.m.: Black History Month African Diaspora Dance Performance. Cook-DeWitt Center. Call x2177 for information.

Sunday, February 11

3 p.m.: Music Department Concert. Chamber Choir and Madrigal Ensemble Concert conducted by Ellen Pool. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Calder Fine Arts Center.

General Events

Monday, February 5

12 noon: Winter Coaches Luncheon*. University Room, Meadows Golf Club. \$5 per person. Call Cheryl Anderson at x3259 to RSVP.

Tuesday, February 6

10 a.m.-1:20 p.m.: 1996 West Michigan Career Connection. Kirkhof Center.

Wednesday, February 7

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Study Abroad Information Day sponsored by International Affairs. 105 Student Services Building. Call x3898 for information.
- 5-7 p.m.: Student Employee Training Session. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center. Call x2215 to RSVP.

Thursday, February 8

- 11:30 a.m.: Refreshments for Assessment Conference. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center.
- 12 noon-2:30 p.m.: Opening Session of Assessment Conference. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center.
- 3-5 p.m.: Assessment Conference. "Interviews, Focus Groups, etc.," workshop. Room 200 D, Kirkhof Center.
- 3-5 p.m.: Assessment Conference. "Portfolios" workshop. Room 200 C, Kirkhof Center.
- 1-5 p.m.: Hazardous Waste Management Workshop* Cost \$25. Eberhard Center. Call Janet Vail at x3048 for information.

Friday, February 9

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.: The Incredible Internet: Demystifying and Applying the Internet in Nonprofit Organizations.* Grand Rapids Regional Center of Western Michigan University. Call (616) 459-3773 to register.
- 8:30-10 a.m.: Assessment Conference. Assessment in General Education, Writing Intensive, and Honors Programs. Room 200 D, Kirkhof Center.
- 8:30-10 a.m.: Assessment Conference. Assessment in Service and Nonacademic Units. Room 200 C, Kirkhof Center.
- 10:15-11:45 a.m.: Assessment Conference. Faculty Teaching Center The Role of Assessment in Professional Development. Room 200 D, Kirkhof Center.
- 10:15-11:45 a.m.: Assessment Conference. Techniques for Assessing Programs for Majors. Room 200 C, Kirkhof Center.
- 1 p.m.: Building Self-Confidence seminar sponsored by Career Planning & Counseling Center. 204 Student Services Building. Call x3266 to register.
- 1 p.m.: Refreshments for Assessment Conference. Mezzanine Floor, Kirkhof Center.

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Friday, February 9 (continued)

- 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Assessment Models Panel Presentation by GVSU Faculty & Staff. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center.
- 2:30 p.m.: Refreshments for Assessment Conference. Mezzanine Floor, Kirkhof Center.
- 2:45-3:30 p.m.: Assessment Conference. "Enhancing Academic Quality."
- 3:30-4 p.m.: Assessment Conference. "Critical Issues at GVSU" presented by President Lubbers.
- 4-5 p.m.: Assessment Conference. Poster Session on Assessment Methods & Models. Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center.
- 4-5 p.m.: Assessment Conference faculty and staff reception. Rooms 200 D, E, F, Kirkhof Center.

Saturday, February 10

9 a.m.-12 noon: Assessment Conference. Individual or unit consultations. Call x2291 or cc:Mail Carol Rappley.

Sports

Sports Hotline: 895-3800. Game times subject to change.

Thursday, February 8

6 p.m.: Women's Basketball.* GVSU at Ferris State University. Big Rapids, Michigan. 8 p.m.: Men's Basketball.* GVSU at Ferris State University. Big Rapids, Michigan.

Friday, February 9

5 p.m.: Men's and Women's Track and Field.* Laker Challenge at GVSU.

Saturday, February 10

- 1 p.m.: Women's Basketball.* GVSU at Lake Superior State University. Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.
- 3 p.m.: Men's Basketball.* GVSU at Lake Superior State University. Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.