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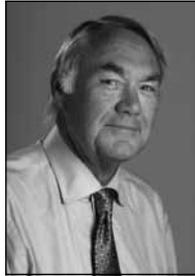
A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Commencement speakers will earn honorary degrees

The longtime editor of the *Grand Rapids Press* and a former member of the Grand Valley's Board of Trustees will be the speakers at commencement ceremonies set for Saturday, April 25, at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

Press editor Mike Lloyd will address graduates during the ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. Donna Brooks, who served on the Board of Trustees from 1993-2009, will speak in the 3 p.m. ceremony.



Mike Lloyd

Lloyd has been the newspaper's editor for 31 years. He also worked as a reporter and city editor for the *Press* before his current position. He graduated from the University of Missouri.

Lloyd is very active in the community. He is the incoming board chairman for Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and also

active with Celebration on the Grand. He is a charter and current member of the Grand Valley University Foundation board.

Brooks will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree; Lloyd will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree.

Brooks is a community advocate who lives in Holland. Her support for and involvement with Grand Valley spans decades. During her tenure on the Board of Trustees, she served as board chair and chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

She is a co-chair of the university's "Shaping Our Future" campaign, the first comprehensive campaign in the university's history. Brooks is one of a few people who have received both the Leadership and the Enrichment awards



Donna Brooks

from the GVV Foundation. She has served as a GVV Foundation Trustee since 1989.

Brooks organized and served as board chair for the Project Charlie program for the Holland area and has served as a board member for the Holland Community Foundation and the West Ottawa Educational Foundation. She also serves on the board of Homecor.

She earned a bachelor's degree in dietetics and a master's degree in nutrition from Michigan State University.

Brooks and her husband, Jim, are co-chairs of the Hope College Patrons for the Arts and have supported the campaigns for Grand Valley's DeVos Center and Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences. In addition, they have created two scholarships at Grand Valley, and provided funding that made it possible for the university to obtain the Lixenberg Collection of works on paper by contemporary Dutch artists.

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Housing projects create jobs

About 100 students, faculty and staff members attended the ground-breaking ceremony April 15 for two projects that will combine learning, living and dining.

The 289,000-square-foot Living Center 2010, to be located along 42nd Avenue in Allendale, will consist of three, three-story buildings, offering 608 beds in apartment-style units.

The 21,534-square-foot Learning/Dining Center 2010, on the north end of Lot P on the Allendale Campus, will be a two-story building containing Fresh Food Service, a convenience store, a coffee shop, classrooms, study areas and more.

Kate Pew Wolters, vice chair of the Board of Trustees, said the project will create as many as 1,300 local jobs. "These are tough times for Michigan, but the trustees believe now is not the time to cut back, but for us to invest in



Photo by Amanda Pitts

A crowd of students, faculty and staff members watch as President Thomas J. Haas and others participate in the ground-breaking ceremony for the new learning-living-dining projects on April 15.

our strategic plan providing to our students the excellence in academics and state-of-the-art environments to learn," said Wolters.

Student Senate President Autumn Trombka said the word has spread about the great living facilities at Grand Valley. "With the new learning, living, dining experience students will be able to truly find a home for themselves. The connections you gain with the people around you and the friends you make when living where you learn are great," said Trombka.

The designs for the new facilities follow the latest trends for student housing, according to Andy Beachnau, director of Housing, Residence Life and Health Services.

"What we've found is if students are in an academic unit that connects with a residential unit, they are more likely to have a better experience and stay and complete their degrees," Beachnau said.

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The \$45 million Living Center is scheduled for occupancy in August 2010; the \$7.4 million Learning/Dining Center is scheduled to be completed in April 2010.

Register for faculty/staff golf league

Grand Valley's Faculty and Staff Golf League will begin April 27 at the Meadows. The league runs weekly on Mondays through August 24.

Registration is now underway for two-person teams; people who do not work at Grand Valley may sign up as long as their partner is affiliated with the university. Information about tee times, league dues and greens fees is online at www.gvsu.edu/fsgl.

New trustees visit campus



New Board of Trustees members Sue Carnell, center, and David Way, at right, visit President Thomas J. Haas and Student Senate leaders Autumn Trombka and Charlie Terrell.

New version of Blackboard will be live soon

The Information Technology department reminds faculty and staff members that the new version of Blackboard, Blackboard NG, will go live on May 1 at 8 a.m.

The current version of Blackboard will shut down on April 28 at 2 p.m., when servers will be upgraded and all course data from the current version will be moved. For those teaching in the spring/summer semester, training seminars on Blackboard NG are scheduled, view www.gvsu.edu/seminar, enter user name and password and click on "IT Workshops and Seminars."

FTLC sees record number of grant requests

The Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center received a record number of grant requests from faculty members during the February application period.

Kurt Ellenberger, FTLC's associate director of grants, said funding requests for the February round alone totaled \$160,000, or about three times the amount usually requested. The competitive grants program funds all types of teaching and learning related projects.

Grant recipients for the February cycle include these faculty members:

- Ellen Schendel, associate professor of writing and director of the Writing Center, received funding for construction of disciplinary genre guides for the center.
- KCON faculty members Cynthia Coviak, Linda Scott and Elaine Van Doren were funded to help revise the college's BSN and MSN programs.
- Karen Libman, associate professor of communications, received funding to buy a new sound system for traveling theater productions.

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GVFaces

Brian Flanagan, associate director for the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies

While earning a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Notre Dame, Brian Flanagan had plans to be a fiction writer. However, after the 2000 presidential election, the September 11 attacks, and a semester abroad, his interests became more focused on politics and world affairs.

Now six years after graduating, Flanagan uses his knowledge to work as the associate director for the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.

After expanding his interest in politics, Flanagan began reading books by Edmund Morris, David McCullough, Robert Dallek, and numerous other authors who write about American history and the presidents. He began writing about national affairs and publishing his own political blog. His work eventually led him to the Hauenstein Center, where he became its second full-time staff member.

In his position, Flanagan handles Web development and event planning and promotion. He also writes about history and politics and gives presentations about the Hauenstein Center and American presidents; most recently, he gave several presentations commemorating Lincoln's Bicentennial.

"It has been a rewarding six years seeing the

Hauenstein Center grow and seeing what impact we can have on students' lives," said Flanagan. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent Grand Valley and Ralph Hauenstein, and to do good work for our students."



Brian Flanagan

According to Flanagan, the Hauenstein Center's motto is, "Know your past, build our future." It's focused on American history and the presidents, but the center's core is the Leadership Academy, which works to develop the leaders of tomorrow.

Flanagan will graduate from Grand Valley with his master's degree in public administration at the end of this semester. "My master's degree has given me a lot of practical knowledge about working in the public sector, and it has sharpened skills that will help me continue to grow in this position," he said.

His wife, Lauren Flanagan, is an admissions counselor at Grand Valley. They are expecting their first child in June.

What's Ahead

Graduate Education Week showcases student talent

Four graduate students from Grand Valley will join 60 graduate students throughout the state for Michigan Graduate Education Day in Lansing. The students will showcase their research for legislators on Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Capitol building.

The event is part of Michigan Graduate Education Week, April 20-24, and will highlight the importance of graduate education and the impact it has on employment opportunities in this economy.

Priscilla Kimboko, dean of Graduate Studies and Grants Administration, said the event is a great way to draw attention to the talent and vision of graduate students and invest in the recruitment and development of top students.

Grand Valley will also host national speaker Robert M. Augustine, dean of the Graduate School, Research and International Programs at Eastern Illinois University, on Monday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Eberhard Center. Augustine will talk about the importance of graduate education in the current economy.

Grand Valley students attending Michigan Graduate Education Day to show their research are Katie Lindt, Katie Lewis, Laurie Beth Nederveld and T. Garrison Sanders Jr.

Diversity conference focuses on economic transformation

Grand Valley is among the sponsors of the Sixth Annual Innovation Through Diversity Conference, set for Tuesday, April 21, at the

MGM Grand Hotel in Detroit.

Hosted by the Detroit Regional Chamber, Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and *Crain's Detroit Business*, the conference will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Keynote speeches and sessions will focus on economic transformation with diversity, building inclusive communities and helping minority business succeed in Michigan.

Jeanne Arnold, Grand Valley vice president for Inclusion and Equity, is among the panel members for a discussion on post-Proposal 2. Others are from the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. The keynote speech will be given by Alexis Herman, former Secretary of Labor with the Clinton administration.

Limited space is available for on-site registration on the day of the conference. Cost to attend is \$99; for more information, call 313-446-0300.

College of Education will host convocation

The College of Education will honor area educators during its convocation ceremony scheduled for Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids. More than 300 graduates are expected to participate.

During convocation, June Schaible will be honored with the Outstanding Educator Award and Margarita Cotto Hernandez will be honored as Outstanding Alumni Leader. Angela Lohman will receive the Glenn A. Niemeyer Award.

Schaible is in her 10th year teaching in a Learning Disabilities Categorical classroom at Central Middle School in Forest Hills Public

Schools. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology/special education from Grand Valley in 1993. She also has a bachelor's degree in vocational rehabilitation from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She earned a master's degree in 2003 with a learning disabilities endorsement.

Hernandez has been the principal of Burton Elementary in Grand Rapids Public Schools since 1990. She started her career in 1978 as a paraprofessional at Burton Middle School. She earned a bachelor's degree in special education from Grand Valley in 1986 and a master's degree in education from Grand Valley in 1992.

Lohman graduated from Grand Valley in December 2008 with a bachelor's degree in English Language Arts and with an elementary teaching certificate. She currently works as a long-term substitute teacher at Douglas Elementary School for Saugatuck-Douglas Public Schools. While at Grand Valley, Lohman received a Book Award from the English Department and Outstanding Student Award-Elementary Education.

A/P luncheon scheduled

The 25th annual Administrative/Professional Luncheon is set for Monday, April 27, beginning at 11:45 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, will be the keynote speaker. Achievement awards will be presented.

Reservations are required; send an e-mail to hro@gvsu.edu, or call the Human Resources office at x12215.

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- Rick Carlton, associate professor and director of radiologic imaging sciences, was funded to help develop a new program within the College of Health Professions.

- Chemistry faculty members Deborah Herrington and Nathan Barrows were funded to create dynamic chemistry tutors.

The FTLC awards three competitive grant rounds, with application due dates in October, February and April. For more information, visit its Web site at www.gvsu.edu/ftlc and click on "Grants."

University competes in recycling project

Several Grand Valley departments led the way during a national recycling contest among 512 colleges and universities that aimed to increase student awareness about waste reduction.

Recyclemania ran for 10 weeks, ending in early April. Steve Leaser, operations supervisor for Facilities Services, said Grand Valley finished

36th overall for waste minimization.

Recycling efforts throughout the university increased over last year. For 2008-09, Grand Valley recycled 221,494 pounds of material and 23 percent of its waste stream. Last year, more than 131,100 pounds of material were recycled and 18 percent of the waste stream.

Staff members in Campus Dining, Sustainability Initiative, and Pew Campus Operations, along with the Student Senate, helped Facilities Services during the contest.

Niemeyer awards presented

Two faculty members and four students received Niemeyer awards at the annual awards banquet on April 6. Named for former Provost Glenn A. Niemeyer, the awards honor students and faculty members who strive for excellence in all aspects of the academic experience.

Linda Scott, professor of nursing and associate dean of KCON graduate programs, and Sridhar



Photo by John Corriveau

Former Provost Glenn A. Niemeyer, center, stands with the two faculty winners of the Niemeyer Award: Linda Scott and Sridhar Sundaram.

Sundaram, associate professor and chair of finance, were the faculty recipients.

Student recipients were undergraduates Paula Lampen, a physics and mathematics major, and Angela Lohman, an English/elementary education major; and graduate students Ashley DesRocher, nursing, and Jeffery Sattler, business.

Niemeyer was Grand Valley's first provost, serving in that position from 1980-2001.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Wed., April 22

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

8 p.m.: CANCELED: Artist-Faculty Series. Danny Phipps, bassoon; Arthur Campbell, clarinet; Helen Marlais, piano. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Thurs., April 23

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

Fri., April 24

All Day: Grand Rapids Bicycle Summit. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call 616-295-1154 for more information.

Sat., April 25

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Commencement Ceremonies. Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids. Call x12345 for more information.

Sun., April 26

2:30 p.m.: Chiaroscuro Film Series. UICA, Grand Rapids. Call x12286 for more information.

Mon., April 27

11:45 a.m.: Administrative/Professional Luncheon. 2250 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts Alzheimer's Support Group. 2242 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Sports

Sat., April 25

1 p.m.: Baseball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

2 p.m.: Softball hosts Wayne State University.

Sun., April 26

All Day: Women's Golf hosts GLIAC Championship Tournament.

Noon: Softball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

1 p.m.: Baseball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Michelle Miller-Adams, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed by WOOD-TV for a story about her upcoming book that researches the Kalamazoo Promise.

Sketches

Roy Cole, professor of geography and planning, gave a presentation, "Assessing Student Learning Outcomes in a Large, General Education, World Regional Geography Course," at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Christina Beaudoin, associate professor of movement science, wrote an article, "Reduced Availability of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Diet Soda has a Limited Impact on Beverage Consumption Patterns in Maine High School Youth," published in the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

Dana Munk, associate professor of movement science, gave a presentation, "Perceptions of Fitness among Hispanic Female Adolescents," at the Latin American Studies Program 10th Annual Conference on the Americas.

Tonya Parker, assistant professor of movement science, gave a presentation, "Myths in Nutrition," at the Northwest Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Seaside, Oregon.

Heather Gulgin, assistant professor of movement science, wrote an article, "Passive Hip Rotation Range of Motion in LPGA Golfers," published in *Clinical Kinesiology*.

Jeff Lemmer, assistant professor of movement science, was elected president-elect of the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Brian Hatzel, associate professor of movement science, gave a presentation, "Clinical Implications For Shoulder Stability: How Do We Incorporate Current Research?" at the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association Annual Symposium in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Elizabeth Eubanks, supervisor of computer operations for Information Technology, gave a presentation, "Discovering the True Essence of a Woman," at the fourth annual Cultural Conference held at Grand Valley.

Michelle Miller-Adams, assistant professor of political science, wrote a book, *The Power of a Promise: Education and Economic Renewal in Kalamazoo*, published by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. She also gave a presentation, "Kalamazoo Promise as a Case of Policy Innovation Diffusion," at Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago.

Danielle R. Wiese, assistant professor of communications, gave a presentation, "Political Learning through Communication Studies," at the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

Charles Pazdernik, associate professor and chair of Classics, gave a presentation, "The Imperial Court as the Site of Shifting Cultural Frontiers," at the Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity Conference in Bloomington, Indiana. Colleague **Peter Anderson** gave a presentation, "Brasidas rhipsaspis?" on Pazdernik's

behalf at the Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Azizur R. Molla, assistant professor of anthropology, gave a presentation, "Radon Gas and Public Health Risks in Tioga County, Pennsylvania: An Applied Medical Anthropology Project to Address Environmental Health Problem," at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Felix Ngassa, assistant professor of chemistry, wrote an article, "The First Cu- and Amine-Free Sonogashira-Type Cross-Coupling in the C-6-Alkynylation of Protected 2' - Deoxyadenosine," published in the journal *Tetrahedron*.

Carol Sanchez, professor of management, gave a presentation, "A Multivariate Investigation of Perceptions of Women as Managers in Chile, China and the United States," at the 25th Conference of the Business Association of Latin American Studies in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Gary Stark, professor of history, wrote a book, *Banned in Berlin: Literary Censorship in Imperial Germany, 1871-1918*, published by Berghahn Books.

Julia Guevara, accreditation and assessment officer and professor of social work, and **Melissa Baker-Boosamra**, affiliate professor of liberal studies, gave a presentation, "From Service to Solidarity: Evaluation and Recommendations for International Service Learning," at the Annual Conference of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, in Phoenix, Arizona.