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BLANCHARD APPOINTS KLEINER, HOLTON TO GVSC BOARD; SWANSON REAPPOINTED

Gov. James J. Blanchard has appointed Earl Holton, president of Meijer, Inc., and attorney Robert Kleiner to the Grand Valley State College Board of Control. Blanchard also reappointed Maxine Swanson, a hospital administrator from Alma, to the board.

Both Holton and Kleiner are Grand Rapids residents. Holton succeeds L. William Seidman, who resigned from the board in March after being named dean of the

Business College at Arizona State University. Seidman, who played a key role in the establishment of Grand Valley, had served on the board since its inception in 1960, except for a three-year period during which he was an economic advisor to former President Gerald R. Ford. The Seidman term expires in December 1984.

Swanson and Holton were appointed to eight-year terms

expiring in 1990. Kleiner replaces Amway Corporation President Richard M. DeVos, who had been a member of the board since 1975. DeVos's term expired in December 1982.

Swanson has served on the board since she was appointed by former Gov. William G. Milliken to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Ella Koeze Weed, whose term also expired in December 1982.

GVSC TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREES TO BIEBER, KIRK, AND SHAPIRO

Grand Valley State will award honorary degrees to labor leader Owen Bieber, historian and author Russell Kirk, and University of Michigan President Harold Shapiro at commencement exercises to be held Saturday, May 7. Shapiro will deliver the commencement address for 1,725 GVSC graduates in an 11 a.m. ceremony in the Field House.

Shapiro, an economist who joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1964 and was named president of the U. of M. in 1980, will be awarded a doctor of laws degree. Bieber, who is vice president of the United Auto Workers, will receive a doctor of humanities degree. Kirk, recognized as a historian, educator, political theorist and spokesperson for conservative thought, will receive a doctor of letters degree.

Shapiro, a native of Canada, is a nationally-recognized economist who has served as a consultant to the United States Treasury, the Bank of Canada and the Economic Council of Canada. He has been active in

dozens of state and federal business and education organizations including the Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities and the Governor's High Technology Task Force; the American Council on Education's Business-Higher Education Forum and Commission on Women in Higher Education; the Association of American Universities' Committee on Research Management; and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges' Committee on Financing Higher Education.

He also serves on the boards of the Joint Council on Economic Education, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and several major corporations.

Shapiro will be cited for his outstanding contribution to higher education and to the better understanding and improvement of the free enterprise system.

Bieber will be recognized for his leadership in organized labor during the past 35 years and his outstanding service as a public servant. Bieber, who was born in North Dorr, joined the United Auto Workers, Local 687, in Grand Rapids in 1948 and rose through the union's ranks to his present post as vice president, which he has held since 1980.

He has also served since 1980 as director of the General Motors Department, the UAW's largest department with nearly

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GVSC FACULTY, STUDENTS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Two faculty members and two students from Grand Valley have been recognized at an awards convocation honoring outstanding students and distinguished faculty members from fifteen Michigan colleges and universities.

The GVSC honorees are students Teresa Ereon, a senior political science major from Ludington, and Douglas Hepfer, junior accounting major from Mason; Virginia Muraski, a Grand Rapids resident who is an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science; and Professor Stephen Rowe of Grand Haven, an ethics specialist who teaches in William James College.

The four were cited at an awards ceremony sponsored by

the Michigan Association of Governing Boards (MAGB) held April 19 at Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths was the featured speaker at the awards convocation, the second to be held by the MAGB, which is comprised of members of the boards of trustees at 15 state universities and colleges in Michigan.

The convocation is designed to offer public recognition to the best teachers and students in Michigan's public higher education system, according to MAGB Chair Katharine Hafstad of Harbor Springs. Students and faculty members honored at the banquet and awards ceremony

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one-third of the union's one and one-half million members. As the department director he supervises activities related to negotiations and administration of the UAW-GM contract.

Bieber will be nominated for the office of president of the International UAW at the organization's upcoming international convention; he has received the unanimous endorsement of the UAW's Executive Board and the International Steering Committee, composed of union leaders worldwide.

Bieber was director of the UAW's Region 1D, which encompasses western Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, including 62 of the state's 83 counties, from 1974 until his election as vice president.

Bieber has been active in a variety of political, civic, and church organizations. He has served as a board member with Project Rehab, the Michigan League for Human Services, the State Health Advisory Board, the State Mental Health Board, and the West Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning Unit.

He has been involved with Grand Valley as a member of its Personnel and Labor Advisory Council. In 1961 he was named Labor's Man of the Year by the Kent County AFL-CIO in recognition of his outstanding service to labor and to his community.

Kirk has published 23 books, the best known of which is probably "The Conservative Mind," a widely reviewed and discussed work of political theory. He also authored "A Program for Conservatives" and edited "The Viking Portable Conservative Reader."

Kirk is the author of three biographical studies, "John Randolph of Roanoke," "Edmund Burke," and "The Political Principles of Robert Taft." He wrote "The Roots of American Order," a history of ideas and institutions, as well as "Decadence and Renewal in the Higher Learning," and "Eliot and His Age."

Kirk has also authored four volumes of literary and social essays and five volumes of fiction. He is editor of the quarterly journal "The

University Bookman," founder and first editor of the quarterly "Modern Age," and a regular contributor to "The National Review." For thirteen years he authored a syndicated column entitled "To the Point."

Kirk has served as professor at several universities and colleges, including Michigan State University, where he began his teaching career in 1948, Long Island University, and the New School for Social Research.

Kirk is director of the social-science program of the Educational Research Council

of America. He also serves as president of The Educational Reviewer, an educational foundation, and of the Marguerite Eyer Wilbur Foundation, an organization concerned with literature and music.

A native of Michigan, he lives in Mecosta.

GVSC's fall 1982 and winter and spring/summer 1983 graduates, including 1,467 earning bachelor's degrees and 258 earning master's degrees, are eligible to participate in the graduation exercises.

GVSC FACULTY, STUDENTS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS . . . (continued)

were selected by each of the participating institutions.

STUDENTS FROM LUDINGTON AND MASON CITED

Ereon has been involved in a variety of campus organizations and activities, including the Student Senate, for which she served as president in her junior year. Last summer she was selected to participate in the Washington Campus Program, a program offering students from more than a dozen higher education institutions across the country an opportunity for several weeks of intensive study of business-government relations in Washington, D.C.

Ereon has served as a student member of the All-College Academic Senate and Executive Committee, the Student Activities Scholarship Committee, the Administrative Committee, and the President's Executive Committee, and several GVSC task forces, including the Downtown Center Task Force, the Campus Housing Task Force, the Lanthorn Task Force, and the Celebration Task Force. She is a charter member of the Student Foundation and an upper-class Merit Scholar.

Ereon was recently named GVSC's Outstanding Senior in Political Science and selected as a finalist for the Kenneth R. Venderbush Student Leadership Award.

Hepfer has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while being active in both campus and community affairs. He is president of the Student

Foundation, a Presidential Scholar, a member of the Delta Mu Delta honorary business society, a Giles Accounting Scholarship nominee, and a member of the Honors Program. He has also been involved in the Student Senate, the Newspaper Advisory Board, the Accounting Club, and has chaired the GVSC Blood Program.

Hepfer has received the American Red Cross citation for exceptional volunteer service and the Ruth B. Leedy Memorial Scholarship for community service. He has also served as an assistant scoutmaster with the Chief Okemos Council contingent to the 1981 National Scout Jamboree and as chair of the Geneva Ministry Steering Committee.

MATHEMATICS AND ETHICS PROFESSORS RECOGNIZED

Muraski, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, has taught at Grand Valley for 17 years, during which she has also been involved in a variety of scholarly activities and in college governance. She has received nine summer awards and one full-year award from the National Science Foundation.

Muraski's research interests include calculators and computers in education, problem-solving in mathematics, and communicating in the language of mathematics. She founded Grand Valley's calculator contest for area students and

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SUMMER PROGRAM OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABOVE-AVERAGE STUDENTS

Grand Valley and Forest Hills Public Schools will offer a summer program designed for above-average elementary students at Forest Hills Northern Hills Middle School, 3775 Leonard N.E., beginning July 5. Called "Focus on Ability," the program is for students from grades one through six who are recognized by parents and classroom teachers as having above-average abilities and who demonstrate a strong interest in learning.

Students involved in the program will work on activities

designed to foster creative thinking skills, according to Dorothy Armstrong, program coordinator and GVSC adjunct faculty member. The students will select and study topics of particular interest to them, working with others who share similar interests and abilities.

The program was offered for the first time last summer, when participating students studied subjects ranging from astronomy, biology, and computers to oceanography and zoology.

Faculty for the program will be experienced classroom

teachers who are particularly interested in working with high-ability students, Armstrong said.

The program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, July 5-28. The cost is \$40 per student; a limited number of scholarships are available for qualified students.

Persons seeking more information about the program should contact Armstrong or Sandra Longstreet at the School of Education, ext. 391.

ACROSS CAMPUS

SPRING FOOTBALL CHARITY CONTEST TO BE HELD APRIL 30

The Laker football squad will compete in its annual spring contest, the Blue and White Game, at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in Arend D. Lubbers Stadium. Honorary coaches including WCUZ announcers Andy Rent and Dennis Sutton and Grand Rapids auto dealer George Sharpe, along with GVSC's assistant coaches will run the game, giving head coach Bob Giesey an opportunity to talk with visiting parents, new recruits and others at the game.

Admission to the game is \$2; proceeds will be divided between the GVSC Athletic Department and the Children's Fund, a project of the Grand Rapids Elks Club. Ticket holders will be eligible to win prizes ranging from tennis lessons to restaurant dinners in a raffle to be held during the game.

FIERENS TO PERFORM IN GRAND RAPIDS ON MAY 1

Guitarist Guillermo Fierens will perform in concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, in the Ladies Literary Club Auditorium, 61 Sheldon S.E., Grand Rapids. Fierens served as an artist-in-residence at Grand Valley for several years before leaving for a full-time performance career.

Fierens, a protege of Andres Segovia, has toured widely in Europe, Latin America and the United States and has achieved international recognition.

Tickets for the concert are \$7.50 in advance or \$10 at the door. They can be purchased at Downtown Books, Inc., 135 Ottawa N.W., in Grand Rapids. For information or reservations, call Nancy at 361-8479 or Mary

at 532-7817. Reserved tickets must be picked up by April 29.

WGVC TO BROADCAST DOCUMENTARY ON HAZARDOUS WASTE

Community preparation for dealing with hazardous waste is the subject of a documentary to

be aired on Channel 35 Tuesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. The program, produced by the League of Women Voters and entitled "Paying the Price," also looks at the costs of hazardous waste mismanagement in dollars, jobs, and health.

NEW FITNESS PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 1

Volunteers are now being recruited from among GVSC's administrative and professional employees for a ten-week pilot physical fitness program developed at the initiative of the Administrative-Professional Committee. If the program is deemed successful, it will be extended to the entire GVSC community.

The GVS SHAPE (Staff Health and Physical Exercise) Program will involve forty employees, with twenty serving as a test group and twenty as a control group. All of the forty will participate in a pre-exercise screening test, but only the test group will undergo post-exercise testing at the end of the program.

Individuals in the program will follow an exercise program prescribed according to their personal fitness levels and particular interests. Activities will vary but will be centered around aerobic exercise facilities available within the new Field House complex, including swimming, walking/jogging, bicycling, aerobic dancing, and other activities.

Exercise leadership offering guidance, motivation, safety and accountability will be offered as part of the program.

The pre-exercise testing is designed to expose potential

cardiovascular health risk factors and establish data on individual health and fitness levels. The post-program assessment will provide data for collection purposes and indicate individual levels of improvement so participants can continue individual exercise programs based on their reassessment results.

Participants in the program will be responsible for keeping a log recording their exercise activities, providing their own clothing, and attending one-hour sessions to be held at 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Attendance will be mandatory, since employees will have release time similar to that offered for academic participation programs, and because attendance is important for the evaluation of the program.

The program schedule calls for employees to submit their applications by April 26. An information meeting for volunteers will be held at 11 a.m. on May 3 and 4. Pre-exercise testing of the 40 volunteers will be held May 10 and 12, and volunteers will be notified as to whether they are being assigned to the test or control group by May 27. The

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EREON RECEIVES VENDERBUSH AWARD

- CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

Teresa Ereon, a senior political science major from Ludington, has been named to receive Grand Valley's 1983 Kenneth R. Venderbush Student Leadership Award. Ereon, who has been accepted into the University of Notre Dame Law School, received the award at an April 20 banquet honoring GVSC student leaders.

Ereon was one of four nominees for the award. Others were Todd Cornwell, a senior real estate major; Marcia Cross, a Jenison senior majoring in labor and personnel relations; and Michael Hartman, a senior who is majoring in social relations. Both Cornwell and Hartman are from Buchanan.

Ereon has been active in a variety of GVSC organizations, including serving as president of the Student Senate during her junior year. Last summer she was selected to participate in the Washington Campus, an intensive study program in Washington, D.C.

The leadership award is named after the late Dr. Kenneth R. Venderbush, who served as vice president for student affairs at Grand Valley from 1969 to 1973.

Nominees were selected by each of Grand Valley's four undergraduate colleges.

Also honored at the banquet were Randall MacGeorge, a junior music education major from Tecumseh, and Mary Teslow, a Holland sophomore whose major is Russian studies. MacGeorge and Teslow were honored for their work as resident assistants in GVSC dormitories.

An award for outstanding Greek leadership was presented to the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

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the Mathematics in Education conferences held on the GVSC campus for area teachers.

She has also been involved in the Michigan and National Councils of Teachers of Mathematics, in the GVSC writing skills program, and in a variety of community activities.

Rowe, a member of the GVSC faculty since 1974, has received widespread recognition for his scholarship in the field of ethics. He is the author of three books: "Living Beyond Crisis: Essays on Discovery

Monday, April 25

- 10 & 11 a.m.: Geoflicks -- "The Beach: A River of Sand" and "Underseas Oasis." Free. 118 Loutit Hall.
- 12-5 p.m.: Art exhibit by GVSC student Linda Miller (through Friday, April 29). Free. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery.
- 3 p.m.: Women's Softball -- Central Michigan University at GVSC.
- 8 p.m.: Concert -- Studio Jazz and Small Ensembles, conducted by Daniel Kovats. Admission: \$1. Calder Fine Arts Center.

Tuesday, April 26

- 12-5 p.m.: Art Exhibit. See April 25 for details.
- 1 p.m.: Men's Baseball -- Hope College at GVSC.

Wednesday, April 27

- 12-5 p.m.: Art Exhibit. See April 25 for details.
- 3 p.m.: Women's Softball -- GVSC at Aquinas College.
- Science Day -- Laboratory, field, and computer activities in science and mathematics for high school students. For more information, call ext. 316.

Thursday, April 28

- 12 noon: Recital by GVSC student Ruth Henning, clarinetist. Free. Calder Fine Arts Center.
- 12-5 p.m.: Art Exhibit. See April 25 for details.
- 12:30 p.m.: Catholic Liturgy. Kirkhof Center Cove.

Friday, April 29

- 12-5 p.m.: Art Exhibit. See April 25 for details.
- 1 p.m.: Men's Baseball -- GVSC at Northwood Institute.

Saturday, April 30

- 12 noon: Outdoor Track -- GVSC at Hillsdale College Relays.
- 1 p.m.: Men's Baseball -- Wayne State University at GVSC.
- 1 p.m.: Women's Softball -- GVSC at Hillsdale College.
- 2 p.m.: Football -- Annual Spring Blue and White Game. Tickets: \$2. Arend D. Lubbers Stadium.
- 3 p.m.: Recital by GVSC student Kathy Wisniewski, flutist. Free. Calder Fine Arts Center.

Sunday, May 1

- 10:30 a.m.: Dialogue Worship. Kistler Pit. (Coffee at 10 a.m.)
- 6:30 p.m.: Catholic Mass. Commons Deli.

Monday, May 2

- 10 & 11 a.m.: Geoflicks -- "The Role of Coal" and "Oil Well." Free. 118 Loutit Hall.
- 12-5 p.m.: Art exhibit by GVSC student Mike Miesch (through Friday, May 6). Free. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery.

and Being in the World," now in its second edition; "Leaving and Returning: An Essay on the Emergence of a World Ethic" and "Claiming the Liberal Vision: Essays from a Tradition Beyond Tradition."

Rowe, who has been a Danforth Associate since 1977, was recently elected to Phi Kappa Phi and to the Society for Values in Higher Education. He is currently chair of the governing body of William James College and was recently named to head the institution's

Liberal Studies Program. He has spoken to a variety of lay and professional audiences on the ethical implications of political processes.

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first session for members of the test group will be held June 1.

Employees with questions about the program should call Al Walczak, chair of the Administrative-Professional Committee, at ext. 498, or Jim Scott, associate professor of physical education, at ext. 259.