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Forum

A Newsletter for the
GRAND VALLEY
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Community

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Governor Engler to Speak At Secchia Hall Groundbreaking

Governor John Engler will speak at an April 23 groundbreaking ceremony for Grand Valley State University's planned student housing in downtown Grand Rapids.

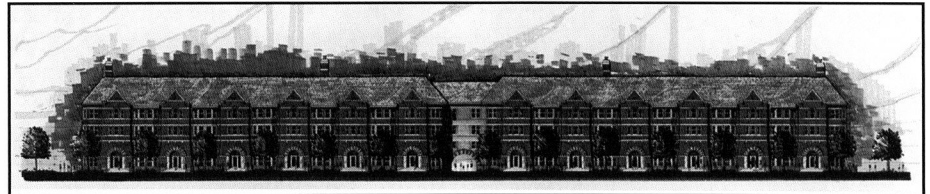
The ceremony will begin at 11:45 a.m. on the site of the project, located on Fulton Street directly across from the Richard M. DeVos Center, under construction.

Secchia Hall is named in honor of west Michigan businessman and former U.S. Ambassador to Italy Peter Secchia. The Secchia family has contributed \$500,000 to the project.

The 60,000-square-foot building will include 65 apartments and house about 170 students. Plans were approved by GVSU's Board of Control in December.

In addition to Governor Engler, other speakers will include Grand Rapids Mayor John Logie, Father Andrew Lowe of St. John's Church in downtown

Grand Rapids, Peter and Joan Secchia, and President Arend D. Lubbers. The ceremony is expected to last about 30 minutes and will be followed by a box lunch for attendees. Faculty and staff members are invited. Please call Pat Waring at x3501 by April 16 to make a reservation.



Scholarship Day Showcases Student-Faculty Research

Studies ranging from Michigan electoral trends to microbiological effects on golf courses will be among nearly 215 presentations given by 360 GVSU students on Wednesday, April 14. The oral presentations and poster exhibits are part of the Fourth Annual Student Scholarship Day. The event, started in 1996 by science faculty members as a way to recognize and encourage student-faculty research, has grown to include the research of students from all academic disciplines.

Scholarship Day has gained in popularity among students who participate as well as those who observe. It is an opportunity for students to showcase the results of hard work and to gain experience presenting papers. The annual event has even been used as a recruiting tool to show prospective students examples of the type of

high caliber research they can do with faculty members while they are undergraduates.

"All during the year, members of the Student Scholarship Day Committee have been asked by the Admissions Office to assist in attracting future GVSU students by promoting the event," said Neal Rogness, professor of Mathematics and Statistics and an organizer of the day. "I personally went on road trips to Traverse City, Flint, and Lansing with admissions representatives to speak to prospective students and their parents about Student Scholarship Day."

Oral presentations will be given from 9-11:15 a.m. and from 1:20-7 p.m. in classrooms on the second floor of Padnos Hall. Poster presentations and exhibitions of art will take place in the Henry Hall atrium from 9-11 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. In addition, musical and theatrical performances will be given in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

Student presenters will be guests at a luncheon in the Kirkhof Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Dr. Holly Straub, professor of Psychology and associate dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Dakota, will give a talk titled "Where Is San Diego, Carmen?" The address is a presentation of her research findings concerning gender differences in the retrieval of geographic information.

Rogness is urging faculty members to encourage their students to attend the event and help create an enthusiasm for scholarship on campus. "I'm hoping faculty members will use attendance at Student Scholarship Day as part of a class assignment so students can be exposed to the wide variety of research and other creative endeavors being done by their peers," he says.



FORUM

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web Site.

Across Campus

Auction Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed to help with the "Silver Screen Edition" of the WGUV Auction, which will be televised April 18-24. Phone bank workers, bid runners, board writers, bid confirmers, sorters and stackers are still needed. For more information, call Shirley Dilworth, x6728.

Coming Events

Convocation Honors Holocaust Scholar

At a special convocation on Tuesday, April 13, in the Cook-DeWitt Center, the School of Public and Nonprofit Administration will present Professor Richard L. Rubenstein for an honorary degree. Rubenstein is President of the University of Bridgeport and was the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Religion at Florida State University. He has written several books on the Holocaust, including *After Auschwitz*. The topic of his convocation address is "Prisoners of Memory: The Balkan Tragedy." Before the ceremony, a reception will be held in the Cook-DeWitt Center lounge.

Comedian to Perform At GVSU

Anthony Clark, a stand-up comedian and actor who has appeared in several television and Broadway shows and film performances, will be featured in a stand-up comedy show on Wednesday, April 14, at 9 p.m. at the GVSU Fieldhouse.

Clark is currently appearing as Todd Tucker in Touchstone Television's comedy show "Soul Man." Previously, he was seen in the series "Boston Common." Other television appearances include "The Late Show with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," the "1995 HBO Young Comedians Special" hosted by Garry Shandling, and "The Stand Up Show" on the BBC.

Clark appeared on Broadway in the Tony Award winning production of "The Grapes of Wrath." His film work includes roles in "Dogfight," "The Thing Called Love," and the "The Rock."

Career Expo Event Planned

The Career Services Office is hosting its annual Career Expo on Wednesday, April 14.

Sponsored by several area colleges, the fair will be held at the Aquinas College Fieldhouse from 3-7 p.m. Recruiters from more than 55 non-profit, government, and social service organizations will be on hand to talk with students about jobs and internships. For more information call Career Services at x3311.

Palestinian Professor To Lecture

Palestinian professor Jad Isaac will give a lecture on "The Essentials of Sustainable Water Resources Management in Israel and Palestine" on Friday, April 16, from 12:30-2 p.m. in Room 108 in Padnos Hall. The lecture is open to the public.

Isaac, who holds a Ph.D. in plant physiology and biochemistry, has been involved with an Israeli colleague in seeking solutions to water problems in the region. Since 1992, Isaac has served as head of the Palestine delegation concerned with environmental issues for the Middle East peace process. The lecture is sponsored by the Middle East Studies and Geography programs.

Reception Recognizes Students, Organizations

A Recognition Reception, honoring the contributions of many GVSU students and organizations during the past year, will be held in the Grand River Room in Kirkhof Center. The event will begin at 5 p.m.

In addition to the Student Organization Awards, the Kenneth R. Venderbush and Thomas M. Seykora Outstanding Contributions Award Recipients will be recognized. Individual achievement in the Leadership Program as well as the Greek Chapter of Excellence Awards will also be recognized. The reception is open to the public.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Assistant football coaches **Jeff Quinn** and **Greg Forest** spoke at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Clinic in Battle Creek. Quinn's presentation was titled "Winning Championships Up Front," and Forest's presentation was titled "Execution of the Bubble Screen."

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Faculty and Staff Sketches

Russell Rhoads, assistant professor of Anthropology and Sociology, and **Cindy Hull**, associate professor of Anthropology and Sociology, organized a panel and presented a research report at a session on "Latina/o Professionals and Advocacy in Grand Rapids," which included long-time activists from the Latino community. The panel was part of the conference "Race, Culture and Border Crossings," held at the Eberhard Center.

Kate Remlinger, assistant professor of English, recently published an article, "Widening the Lens of Language and Gender Research: Integrating Critical Discourse Analysis and Cultural Practice Theory," in the on-line multilingual, refereed journal *Linguistik Online*.

John Weber, assistant professor of Geology, is co-author of a paper titled "Slow Deformation and Low Seismic Hazard in the New Madrid Seismic Zone," scheduled to appear in the journal *Science* in mid-April.

David Ihrman, assistant professor of English, presented a paper, titled "Reading Visual Narratives: Frans Masereel's Novels Without Words and the Modern Chinese Printmaking Movement," at the 20th Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville. Ihrman also presented a paper on the visual rhetoric of representative mid-1940's Chinese prints. "Telling Images: The Visual Narratives of Shao ke Ping and Zhu Ming Gang" was presented at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters Conference at Grand Valley State University.

Jacqueline Hill, director of the Educational Support Program, presented a workshop session at the National Association of Developmental Educators Annual Convention, held in Detroit. Her session was titled "Expanding Postsecondary Access in England: Valuable Lessons for Us," based on her staff practitioner research study at Kingston University.

Julie Guevara, associate professor of Social Work, served as an international observer to the recent El Salvadoran Presidential elections. Guevara was invited by the mayor of the municipality of Villa Victoria, a rural area near the Honduran/Salvadoran border.

Ann Keister, assistant professor of Art and Design, is showing tapestries in two

exhibitions. She received a cash award for her work in "Arrowmont National '99," at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinberg, Tennessee. Another work is being shown in "Virtual Artifacts – Computer and Mixed Media Works by Twelve Women," in Ben Shahn Galleries, William Patterson University, in Wayne, New Jersey.

Veta Tucker, associate professor of Sociology, presented a paper, titled "Purloined Identity: The Racial Metamorphosis of Tituba of Salem Village," for a conference on identity, ethnicity, and origins. The conference was organized by the Department of Romance and Modern Languages at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Martha Golensky, assistant professor of Public and Nonprofit Administration, presented a paper titled "The Core of the Core: A Reconsideration of the M.P.A. Curriculum," at the 22nd annual conference on Teaching Public Administration in Portland, Oregon.

Brian Adrian, assistant professor of Biomedical and Health Sciences, is co-author of a paper titled "Function of Cannabinoid Receptors in the Neuroendocrine Regulation of Hormone Section," published in *Neurobiology of Disease*.

Professor of Philosophy **Stephen Rowe's** book, *Rediscovering the West*, has been published in Chinese, by Shanghai Translation Publishing House.

Kurt Thompson, research associate in the R.B. Annis Water Resources Institute, gave a lecture, titled "Road Commissions as Part of a Countywide GIS Implementation," at the 1999 County Road Association Highway Conference in Lansing. Co-presenters were Doug LaVoie, John Bush, and Phil Wilson.

Lori Wisniewski, academic department coordinator for Movement Science, and **Eddie Rucker**, host of the WGUV Morning Show, placed fifth out of 13 teams while representing GVSU in a spelling bee to benefit the Kent County Literacy Council. The "A to Z Bee for Literacy," sponsored by Spartan Stores, was held at the Airport Hilton Hotel.

In the News

Roger Hunt, assistant professor of Anthropology and Sociology, was interviewed for the recent *Holland*

Sentinel's annual community profiles special edition, concerning expected population growth and land development in Ottawa County through 2050. Hunt was also a guest on the WGUV Midday Show on February 17, discussing Gerald Ford's presidency and its relevance to the impeachment debate.

Lori Wisniewski, academic department coordinator for Movement Science, was a guest on the WGUV Morning Show on March 10, discussing a spelling bee to benefit the Kent County Literacy Council.

Erika King, professor and chair of Political Science, was a guest on the "Bill Freeman Show" on March 11 and was also interviewed by WCSG Radio. The topic of both interviews was "Women Candidates in 2000."

Don Williams, dean of Minority Affairs, was interviewed about the GVSU Institute for Healing Racism on the WGUV Morning Show on March 23.

Linda Chown, associate professor of English and Coordinator of Gender and Women Studies, was interviewed by WOOD Radio on March 14 about the 1999 Women and Gender Studies Festival.

William Whit, associate professor of Anthropology and Sociology, was interviewed by Richard Charles Ford on Muskegon Community College TCI Cablevision on March 12 about ethnic celebrations, including St. Patrick's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, and Kwanza.

Lawrence Beery, visiting assistant professor of Communications and faculty adviser to the *Lanborn*, was quoted in the March 15 issue of the *Grand Rapids Press* about the state's media blitz to discourage student binge drinking at public universities.

Mary Ann Sheline, director of the Regional Math and Science Center, was quoted in a *Grand Rapids Press* article on March 21 regarding the regional Science Olympiad held at GVSU.

Ivo Soljan, assistant professor of English, was interviewed by WGUV and the *Holland Sentinel* on March 24 about NATO's intervention in the Balkans. On March 25, Soljan was a guest on the WGUV Morning Show and was interviewed by WZZM-TV 13 on the same topic.

Calendar of Events

General Events

Arts Hotline: (616) 895-ARTS

Gallery Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thurs. All activities on the Allendale Campus unless otherwise noted.

Mon., Apr. 12-Fri., Apr. 16

Gallery hours: B.F.A. Exhibition. Calder Gallery, PAC.

B.F.A. Graphic Design Exhibition. Alexander Calder Art Center.

Mon., Apr. 12

8 p.m.: Music Department Concert. University Percussion Ensemble and Steelband concert. LAT, PAC.

Tues., Apr. 13

10 a.m.: Convocation honoring Professor Richard L. Rubenstein, sponsored by the School of Public & Nonprofit Administration. CDC. Call x6575 for more information.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Representatives from Citizen's Insurance compare insurance rates. Call x2215 to schedule an appointment. 116 LMH.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Campus Wellness Anxiety/Depression Screening. Counseling Center, 245 STU. Free walk-in service.

11:45 a.m.: AP Luncheon. Grand River Room, KC.

12 noon: Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Food for Thought lunch meeting: "Women in Family Firms." Cost: Chamber members \$5 per session; non-members \$10 per session. Call 771-0330 for information. EC.

12-1:30 p.m.: Campus Wellness Blood Pressure Screening. Upper level, KC. Free walk-in service.

Wed., Apr. 14

9-11:15 a.m. & 1:20-7 p.m.: Student Scholarship Day. Presentations in Padnos Hall, Henry Hall Atrium, & Cook-DeWitt Center. Call x2447 for more information.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Representatives from Citizen's Insurance compare insurance rates. Call x2215 to schedule an appointment. 911 EC.

3-7 p.m.: Career Expo in conjunction with local colleges. Aquinas College Fieldhouse. Call x3311 for additional information.

9 p.m.: Comedy show, featuring Anthony Clark. FH.

Thurs., Apr. 15

Special Event Series: Bach Around the Clock II

9:05 a.m.: Organ recital. Organists William Klimas, Ronald Krebs, Mark Loring, and Gregory Crowell. CDC.

10:05 a.m.: GVSU Performers. GVSU Cello Ensemble, Flute Choir, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. CDC.

11:05 a.m.: The Guitar Hour. Performers from GVSU and Grand Rapids Community College. CDC.

12:05 p.m.: Aquinas College Performers. Aquinas College Chorus and various works for piano and flute. CDC.

1:05 p.m.: Cornerstone University Performers. Brass quintet and works for clarinet, harpsichord, organ and soprano solo. CDC.

2:05 p.m.: Hope College Performers. Piano, organ, and violin soloists; and small ensembles. CDC.

3:05 p.m.: Calvin College Performers. Various small ensembles. CDC.

4:05 p.m.: St. Cecilia Music Society Performers. Various small ensembles. CDC.

4:30-6:30 p.m.: Open Rehearsal for Evening Gala Concert. Karl Hochreither, conductor of the Bach Choir of Berlin, Germany, conducts the GVSU University Singers, Chamber Orchestra, and singers. LAT, PAC.

7:30-7:55 p.m.: Carillon Concert from Cook Carillon Tower. GVSU University Carillonist Julianne Vanden Wyngaard.

8 p.m.: Gala Evening Concert. The North American Choral Company, the GVSU Chamber Orchestra, and the GVSU Singers. LAT, PAC.

Thurs., Apr. 15

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: COT Appreciation Luncheon. Grand River Room, KC. E-mail Cindy Johnson or Val Frank to RSVP.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Campus Wellness Eating Disorder Screening. Counseling Center, 245 STU. Free walk-in service.

4-7 p.m.: B.F.A. Exhibition reception. Calder Gallery, PAC.

4-7 p.m.: B.F.A. Graphic Design Exhibition reception. Alexander Calder Art Center.

4:30-6:30 p.m.: Campus Wellness, "Fit or Fat: Percent Body Fat Clinic Using 3-Site Skinfold Caliper Technique." Human Performance Lab, 132 FH. Free walk-in service.

5 p.m.: Recognition Reception. Grand River Room, KC.

Fri., Apr. 16

12:30-2 p.m.: Lecture. Jad Isaac, on "The Essentials of Sustainable Water Resources Management in Israel and Palestine." Room 108, PAD.

4:30 p.m.: University Club annual dinner. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks, followed by door prizes, business meeting, and dinner. The Meadows. Call 895-1010 for reservations.

Sun., Apr. 18

3 p.m.: Music Department Concert. GVSU Symphony Wind Ensemble and Concert Band. LAT, PAC.

Sports

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

Mon., Apr. 12

All Day: Men's Golf at Mercyhurst Invitational. Erie, PA.

Tues., Apr. 13

3:30 p.m.: Softball. Ferris State University at GVSU.

4 p.m.: Baseball at Olivet College. Olivet.

Wed., Apr. 14

2 p.m.: Baseball. Hillsdale College at GVSU.

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis at Grand Rapids Community College. Grand Rapids.

Fri., Apr. 16-Sat., Apr. 17

All Day: Men's Golf at University of Findlay. Findlay, OH.

Fri., Apr. 16

3 p.m.: Men's Tennis at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Kalamazoo.

Sat., Apr. 17

10:30 a.m.: Track & Field at Saginaw Valley State University. University Center.

12 p.m.: Men's Tennis. Wayne State University at GVSU.

1 p.m.: Baseball at Ashland University. Ashland, OH.

1 p.m.: Softball at Wayne State University. Detroit.

Sun., Apr. 18-Mon., Apr. 19

All Day: Men's Golf at NCAA District IV Spring Tournament #3. Auburn, IN.

All Day: Women's Golf at Lewis University Spring Invitational. Romeoville, IL.

Sun., Apr. 18

12 p.m.: Baseball at Ashland University. Ashland, OH.

1 p.m.: Softball. Northwood University at GVSU.