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Grand Valley State Colleges

Cook, Dow, Johnson Will Be Awarded Degrees

Grand Rapids Superintendent of Schools John Dow Jr. and university professors Alice H. Cook and Walter Johnson will be awarded honorary degrees at commencement exercises to be held at Grand Valley on Saturday, June 7.

More than 1,000 students completing their studies during four terms, from the fall of 1979 through the summer of 1980, are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Approximately 900 will be awarded bachelor's degrees and 100 will receive graduate degrees.

Grand Valley President Arend D. Lubbers will confer doctor of laws degrees on Dow and Cook and a doctor of letters degree on Johnson. Dow, 39, has been involved in the Grand Rapids Public Schools for more than 17 years. He began his career in education as a science and math teacher in the Riverside Junior High School in 1963 and subsequently served as assistant principal of West Middle School, director of Title IV programs, assistant director of secondary education, assistant superintendent and deputy superintendent. He was named to his current post as superintendent in 1978, succeeding Phillip Runkel.

Dow is active in a variety of community organizations and serves on the board of directors of the Grand Rapids Urban League and Urban League Housing, Inc., as well as the United Way and the Grand Rapids YMCA. He has been a guest lecturer at Indiana State University, Walden University, the University of Michigan, Aquinas College, Western Michigan University and Grand Valley. In addition, he serves as a consultant to the U.S. Office of Education and several other education organizations.

Dow earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Indiana State University, which honored him with a distinguished alumni award last year, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Cook, 76, is a professor emeritus from Cornell University's School of Industrial

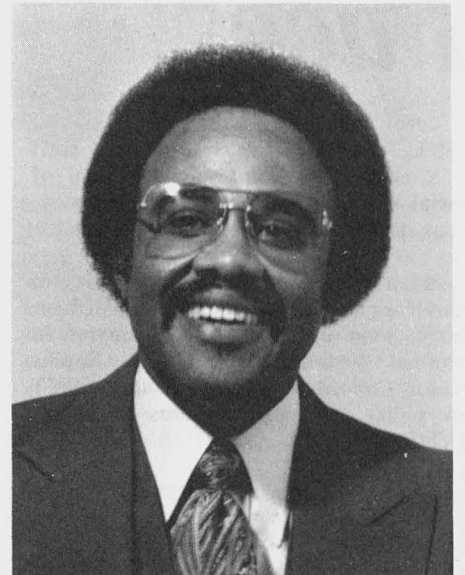
and Labor Relations. Her career has included broad experience in industry, government and higher education, and she has written extensively about the role of women in the world labor market. Cook was the featured speaker in the Synoptic Lecture Series presented by William James College several years ago.

Johnson, an historian, taught at the University of Chicago for more than 25 years before joining the University of Hawaii, where he has been a member of the faculty for the past fourteen years. He is the author of numerous articles and books, including *How We Drafted Adlai Stevenson*. For the past ten years he has been preparing a seven-volume edition of *The Papers of Adlai E. Stevenson*. Johnson is the director of the Adlai Stevenson Seminar, a five-week graduate summer program established by Grand Valley last year.

Commencement ceremonies will be held in the Arend D. Lubbers Stadium at 11 a.m. Two contingency plans have been made in case of rain, according to Dick Mehler, dean of student affairs. If rain occurs before the ceremonies begin, the exercises will be moved to the Calder Fine Arts Center, where graduates and the platform party will convene in the Louis Armstrong Theatre. Faculty members and guests will go to reception areas on campus where they will be able to view the ceremonies on closed circuit television.



Walter Johnson



John Dow Jr.

If rain begins after the ceremonies have opened, President Lubbers will confer the degrees *en masse*, eliminating the procession of individual graduates to the platform, and awards will be presented to the honorary degree recipients in a brief ceremony in the lobby of the Campus Center.

Reception areas are the Campus Center multi-purpose room (College of Arts and Sciences); Campus Center main lounge (William James College); Lake Huron Hall commons (Thomas Jefferson

College); Commons north dining room (Seidman College of Business and Administration); and Au Sable Hall lounge (Kirkhof College).

These areas will be used for closed circuit telecast of the ceremonies in the event of rain and for receptions for graduates of the colleges immediately following the commencement exercises.

Persons with questions about commencement should call the Student Affairs Office, ext. 585.

GVSC Awaiting Lansing Decisions On 1980-81 Budget Allocations

Grand Valley administrators are taking a "wait and see" position on rumored cuts in legislative appropriations.

"We used the budget recommendations issued by Governor Milliken in January as the basis for planning our budget for next year, as we usually do," Ronald F. VanSteeland, vice president for administration, said.

"Since the governor issued his recommendation, there have been a number of actions in Lansing with regard to the higher education appropriations. The governor himself has talked about cuts. In addition, the Senate Appropriation Committee's higher education subcommittee reported out a bill that was lower than the governor's recommendation. However, the full appropriation committee added more funds to the bill, and most people think the House of Representatives will add additional funds to the Senate bill. What will happen to the bill in conference later is unknown.

"Since it would be impractical to modify our budget with each of these new developments, we have opted to continue with the governor's initial recommendation with an expectation that our appropriation will be close to that number. In addition, we're preparing contingency plans that would permit us to reduce our expenses should a shortfall occur as a result of a lower appropriation."

There have been reports of plans for cuts in both the 1980-81 appropriation and the appropriation for the state's current fiscal year. "A cut in the latter part of the state's current fiscal year, which ends in October, would be like cutting next year's budget for Grand Valley because we plan to carry forward funds from this year to

next," VanSteeland said. "Whether there is an executive order reducing our funds for the current year or decreasing state support for next year matters very little. The effect is the same."

Any budget cut ordered by the governor for the current fiscal year would have to be approved by the appropriations committees of both the house and the senate.

Grand Valley's proposed 1980-81 budget, including compensation schedules for faculty and for administrative and professional employees will be presented to the Board of Control at its meeting this Friday, June 6. "The salary increase program which will be presented to the board as part of the budget

is one of our highest priorities," VanSteeland said. "We do not expect any changes in the compensation package or in the tuition schedule which was approved by the board in April."

There is considerable question as to when the 1980-81 appropriation will be voted upon by the legislature, VanSteeland said. Many capital observers expect that if the legislators do not approve it by the end of July, the approval will not come until after the November elections.

"We will respond when the final figures are known," VanSteeland said. "Until then, our planning will be based on the governor's initial recommendation."

Armstrong Will Succeed Tinsley as Dean of WJC

Forrest H. Armstrong, an associate professor of urban studies and political science at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, has been selected as the new dean of Grand Valley's William James College. Armstrong will assume the position in August, replacing Adrian Tinsley, who has held the post since 1972.

Armstrong was associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin's Green Bay campus from 1975-79. In that capacity, he was responsible for academic planning, the development and management of the academic budget, and personnel matters including recruitment, promotion and retention of faculty. He has also served as assistant to the vice chancellor and chairman of the Urban

Analysis Concentration at the Wisconsin university.

Armstrong received a B.A. in American Studies from Yale University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in American Culture from the University of Michigan. His doctoral work included study of American national government, the American novel, the British novel from 1870-1930, and American intellectual history.

Armstrong has published numerous articles dealing with interdisciplinary faculty development, systems approaches to higher education, and liberal education and the needs of society. He is presently writing a textbook titled *Understanding Presidential Elections*.

Armstrong, 36, is married and has two children.

State OKs MSW School Social Work Program

Grand Valley's Masters of Social Work program has been approved for school social work training by the State of Michigan. The approval was effective May 7, according to Glenn A. Niemeyer, GVSC provost and vice-president for academic affairs.

Graduates of the masters program who specialize in school social work will now be officially certified as having completed a state approved training program. This certification will be required by most centralized school systems in the state, explained Natalie Trager, Director of the School of Social Work.

"Approval of our program will certainly enhance employment prospects for our graduates," Trager said.

"We are the first, and so far the only, school of social work in the state to be approved under a 1977 state law which established standards for school social work training. We were developing our curriculum when the law went into effect, and we have been able to tailor our courses to meet the new requirements," Trager said.

People in the News at Gran

New Faces

Carol Beachler, a '77 graduate of GVSC, has joined the Grand Valley staff as a clerical assistant in the School of Social Work. She was previously employed at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Brian Berry came to Grand Valley in March as a safety and security officer. Berry, who has an associate degree in criminal justice from Grand Rapids Junior College, has also taken the EMT and police academy programs offered at GVSC.

Susan Breece is a part-time secretary in the mathematics department. Now a resident of Jenison, she and her husband recently moved to this area from St. Charles, Illinois. Breece enjoys crafts, reading, and gardening.

Mary Brittain is employed in the records and registration office. Prior to coming to Grand Valley, she was employed in the audit department of Beverly's.

Martin Douma is a new custodian at Grand Valley. Douma has worked at Butterworth Hospital and American Seating. A sports enthusiast, he enjoys skiing, golf, bowling, and tennis.

Patricia Ann Fletcher is a clerical assistant in the Developmental Skills Institute. She was employed for the last five years at Northern Illinois University, where she earned a B.S.Ed. degree in 1973.

Robert Nielsen joined the maintenance and service staff as a janitor in early May.

Maureen Schmidt is the secretary for the Center for International Studies. She comes to Grand Valley with more than eight years of secretarial experience. Married and living in Coopersville, Schmidt includes among her interests music, antiques, and outdoor activities.

David Slane has been employed as a custodian. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Michael Spoffor, another new custodian, worked at Grand Valley a year ago as an electrician's aide under the CETA program.

People on The Move

Felisha Arasmith, secretary, Developmental Studies Institute.

Frances Brown, clerical aide, records office.

Colleen Collins, A-V assistant, and **William Collins**, producer-director, WGVC-TV, to take summer positions at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Kristy Davis, laboratory assistant, health sciences.

Richard Harder, associate professor of psychology, to accept the position of psychologist with the adolescent unit at Pine Rest Christian Hospital.

Richard Kovach, associate professor of taxation, to teach at law school in Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Kovach (**Mary Ann**) will be employed by the prosecutor's office in Akron.

Merrill Douglass, associate professor of management, to devote full time to his consulting service, Time Management Center.



Kirkhof's Conrade Receives Graduate Fellowship

Kirkhof College Dean Douglas Kindschi, right, presents a check for \$1,200 to George Conrade, associate professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management at the College. The award is a graduate fellowship which Conrade recently received from the National Institute for the Food Service Industry; it was funded by the H.J. Heinz Foundation. Conrade plans to use the fellowship to complete his doctoral dissertation next year at Michigan State.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Barry Castro, William James College faculty member, was speaker at the May monthly meeting of the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development. Castro discussed the differences between the learning environments of the classroom and the workplace.

Several Grand Valley employees were among the participants in the 15.5 mile Old Kent River Bank Run. These included **Guillermo Fierens**, artist in residence; **John Gracki**, assistant vice president for academic affairs; **Tom Harkema**, assistant football coach; **Bob Jones**, computer center systems manager; **Richard LeFebvre**, College of Arts and Sciences geology professor; **Diane Miller**, assistant basketball coach; **Norm Leeling**, College of Arts and Sciences associate professor of biology; **Jim Starkweather**, budget director; **Don Thomas**, sports information coordinator; and **Doug Vance**, director of the Grand Rapids Center.

Richard A. Gonce, College of Arts and Sciences economics professor, on sabbatical leave this year in Madison, Wisconsin, to work on the writings of the economist Alfred Marshall, was appointed an honorary fellow in the Agricultural Economics Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the 1979-80 year. On May 5, he gave a talk entitled "Alfred Marshall on Industrial Organization: From Principles to Industry and Trade" to a graduate seminar in Madison.

Carl Bajema, professor of biology, presented the concluding lecture in the Lyle Row Science Building dedication series of lectures at Kellogg Community College on May 1. The topic of Bajema's lecture was "Sociobiology: Can It Explain All Human Behavior?"

Walter Wright, William James College faculty member, presented a program of his films in Detroit on May 30. Wright's screening was part of a series entitled "Projections," established to highlight the work of Michigan independent filmmakers.

Donna Larson, associate professor of nursing, has received a \$6,500 grant from the Apple Education Foundation to develop microcomputer programs to teach diabetic care to nursing students.

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Leslie Eitzen, College of Arts and Sciences music department associate professor, was one of five judges chosen to select a regional finalist from a three-state area for the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artists Auditions held at Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio on Saturday, May 11.

Jude Ruch, clerical assistant in the accounting office, was recently named 1980 President of the Year by the Greater Muskegon Women's Bowling League Association. Presidents of the 153 leagues which comprise the association are eligible to be nominated for the award. Ruch was nominated by the sixteen teams in her league. She has been a member of the league for more than fifteen years and president of it for the past seven years.

Richard E. Veazey, associate professor of accounting, has been appointed Director of Professional Development for the Grand Rapids Chapter of the National Association of Accountants for the fiscal year 1980-81.

Glenn Anders, associate professor of biology, participated in the Wilderness Survival Workshop held May 10 by the Michigan Association of Biology Teachers at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center. Anders' presentation focused on the ecological impact of people visiting caves and on the hazards of caving.

Marvin G. DeVries, dean of Seidman College, was elected for a three-year term as a member of the board of directors of The Citation Companies at the annual meeting of stockholders held in May.

Gilbert Davis, professor of English and Honors Program director, performed as a supernumerary with the Metropolitan Opera in its Detroit performances of *Carmen* and *Aida* on May 29 and 30. Davis, who has been teaching opera courses for the last several years, observed opera production from on stage while playing walk-on parts as a bandit, crowd sweller, and spear carrier.

Deanna Morse, William James College faculty member, has been invited to teach an animation workshop at the annual Sinking Creek Film Festival in Nashville, Tennessee, June 3-8. Morse's most recent animated film, "Starcycle," will be broadcast this month by WSIU-TV in Carbondale, Illinois, as part of a television special showcasing independently-produced films.

BIRTHS

Michael and Carol Little, a boy, 4-2-80.

Grand Valley

Retirement Committee Oversees Monies

Four representatives have been named to a newly-created Clerical, Office and Technical (COT) employees retirement fund committee.

Bonnie Hecker, administrative aide in the library, and Verla Thomas, administrative aide in accounting, will represent COT employees on the committee. The two were appointed by the Executive Council of the employee union.

James Starkweather, GVSC director of budgets, will chair the committee and represent the Colleges' administration along with Scott Richardson, assistant personnel officer.

The committee was established as part of the COT Association's negotiations with Grand Valley last fall, according to Pat Polach, association president and Kirkhof College administrative assistant. "Retirement funds are becoming more of an issue now as the school grows older and more employees are reaching retirement age," Polach said.

"COT representatives on the committee will be able to let other association members know more about how retirement funds are invested and distributed," explained committee member Verla Thomas. "In the past the administration has appointed two COT employees to advise those handling retirement funds, but this new committee formalizes COT participation with official union-selected representation."

Committee member Richardson expects meetings will be held at least annually or when retirement fund questions arise.

Grand Valley Christmas Holiday Schedule Announced

Employees who are making summer vacation plans now can also look forward to a twelve-day vacation during the coming Christman-New Year's holiday. The personnel office has announced that Grand Valley will close its doors at 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, and reopen them at 8 a.m. Monday, January 5.

"The twelve-day closing will include four weekend days, two days for the Christmas holiday, and two days for the New Year's holiday. By combining these eight days with two floating holidays

Board of Control To Meet Friday

Reports on continuing education, the Career Planning and Counseling Center, the physical education facility, and radio at Grand Valley will be on the agenda when the Board of Control meets at 1:30 p.m. this Friday, June 6. The board will also be asked to approve the initial 1980-81 institutional budget and the 1980-81 compensation schedule for Grand Valley faculty, administrative and professional staff.

The meeting will be held in the Campus Center.

Letter to the Editor

GVSC Responds To MEA Recommendation

Thank you for your article on recent action by the Michigan Education Association seeking to restrict student teaching opportunities (*Forum*, May 19). As Director of the School of Education, I would like to assure members of the Grand Valley community that we will continue to meet our commitments to currently enrolled and prospective students and to provide the necessary opportunities for certification and endorsement.

The School of Education will work with local districts to insure ample student teaching experiences for all qualified candidates. If necessary, we will find alternatives, as provided for by the State Board of Education, to eight, ten or fifteen-week student teaching experiences.

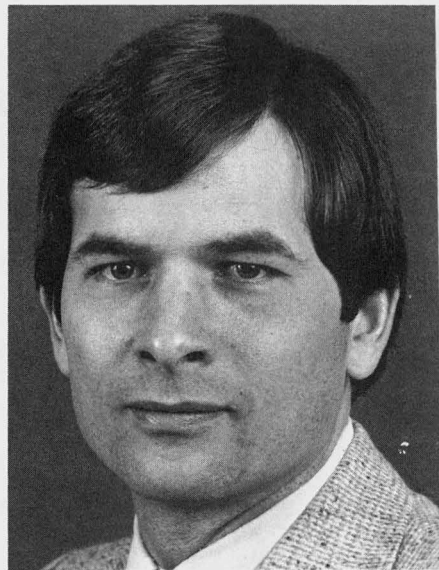
The recent MEA action is disturbing because, in addition to using suspect and conflicting data about teacher supply and demand, it also directly contradicts

a 1977 State Board of Education request to the MEA and local districts to maintain opportunities for freedom of choice among prospective teachers while providing accurate supply and demand information to students.

Grand Valley and other teacher preparation institutions in Michigan will resist efforts by the MEA to deny equal opportunity to Michigan students while permitting out-of-state teacher education candidates to compete for in-state teaching positions.

It is true that teacher supply has declined by 48.5 percent since 1970-71. Nevertheless, at least 7,500 new teaching positions opened in 1979-80 and many experts predict that there will be a shortage of qualified teachers by 1985.

Grand Valley is not unsympathetic to the plight of teachers who have been displaced. The School of Education will make every effort to provide retraining



Ty Wessell

opportunities for teachers seeking to obtain endorsement and/or certification in areas of under-supply. In addition, we will counsel our students toward these areas. We will cooperate with the MEA as much as possible, but we will not participate in actions which will have a negative impact upon the quality of public schools, or the educational rights of Michigan students.

Ty Wessell
Director, School of Education

WJC Students Author City Guide

William James College has published a 56-page aural and visual guide to Grand Rapids. The publication, *Grand Rapids: Sights and Sounds*, was developed by William James students whose efforts were coordinated by faculty members Dick Paschke and Ron Poitras.

Collection of the material for the book was "largely slow, pioneering work" Poitras and Paschke said, because, to their knowledge, Vancouver is the only other city on this continent in which an effort has been made to study the city's "soundscape." Even that study was of limited use, they said, because it emphasized sound almost exclusively.

"With the exception of studies of noise pollution, the sound environment of cities is virtually unexplored," the introduction to *Grand Rapids: Sights and Sounds* explains. "One reason for this un-

equal emphasis on sensory properties of cities in favor of that which can be seen may be found in the frequently heard statement that the eyes are our single most important source of information about the world around us."

However, the booklet points out, the absence of other sensory properties, such

as sound or touch, can often change the meaning of visual input.

Subjects featured in the book vary from sculptures, wall graphics, and details of building architecture to civil defense sirens and church bells.

The book is on sale in the bookstore for \$3.95.

Nursing Students Start New Detection Program

Four senior nursing students from Grand Valley are working on a pilot project to detect spinal abnormalities in Grand Haven adolescents. The students examined seventh through ninth graders at Grand Haven Junior High School for scoliosis, which is the lateral curvature of the spine. The examinations were conducted on May 28, with assistance from the Ottawa County Health Department and area orthopedic doctors. The screening program, the first of its kind in Ottawa County, served as a pilot project for future programs.

Students involved in the project, Debra Hibbard, Rebecca Iftner, Barbara Liszewski and Denise Slag, are currently

teaching health promotion and wellness to seventh and eighth graders at the junior high school as part of their senior nursing leadership experience.

"Scoliosis develops most often in the adolescent years when the spine is growing rapidly," Hibbard said. "If abnormalities are detected in the early stages, the process can be kept from getting worse and serious spinal damage can be prevented. However, scoliosis is often not detected until after major damage is done. That's why it's important to have early screening and detection programs."

Claire Pinsonneault, a Grand Haven resident and assistant professor in community health nursing at Grand Valley, is supervising the senior nursing students.

Channel 35 Highlights

Special. "Picasso: A Painter's Diary." The world-famous artist produced over 6,000 paintings. In addition to presenting a wealth of visual material — Picasso's drawings, paintings and sculpture, rare film sequences and photographs of the artist, including many unpublished photos from European and private sources — this 90-minute special features interviews with family members, close friends and art historians. Monday, June 2, 8 p.m.

Soundstage. "Sixth Anniversary Show." This special celebration features such musical stars as Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie, the Doobie Brothers, The Temptations, Gordon Lightfoot, Harry Chapin, Benny Goodman, Dion, Phil Everly and many more. Tuesday, June 3, 10 p.m.

Search for Solutions. Man's adventures in science are the subject of a new three-part series premiering this week. Highly praised by scientists, educators, and

critics alike, *Search for Solutions* is an odyssey that takes a fresh, thoughtful look at innovations in science. Tuesday, June 10, 9 p.m.

Great Performances. "Trailblazers." The history of the modern dance movement beginning at the turn of the century is chronicled with rare film footage. Wednesday, June 11, 8 p.m.

Special. "Exit 10/Nomadic Lives." Two films independently produced by Mark Obenhaus and Stephen Gyllenhaal that deal with couples experiencing tensions and frustrations in their lives. Saturday, June 14, 9 p.m.

Special. "Choosing Suicide." This one-hour documentary focuses on Jo Roman's determination to end her life with dignity on her own terms. Following this program will be a special "Choosing Suicide National Follow-up." Monday, June 16, 8 p.m.

Events On and Around the Campus

Monday, June 2

- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Pottery exhibit — Painting and pottery by students Julie Porter and Terry Richards. Free. TJC Art Gallery.
- 11 a.m.—5 p.m.: Art exhibit by Carol Raczkowski. Free. Campus Center Gallery. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and William James College art departments.
- 3 p.m.: Dedication of TJC memorial plaque and bench outside Lake Huron Hall. Reception and pottery exhibit by Julie Porter and Terry Richards following the dedication, second floor, Lake Huron Hall.

Tuesday, June 3

- 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.: Workshop — “Stress Management.” Repeated by popular demand. Advance registration required. Fee: \$60. Muskegon Community College, 221 S. Quarterline Road, Muskegon. Sponsored by Muskegon Community College. For more information, call the conference department at 895-6611, ext. 565.
- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Pottery exhibit. See June 2 for details.
- 4—6 p.m.: TJC Showcase Finale — Dance Alliance and Claire Porter will perform; photography exhibit of TJC people and activities by Jim Gillette. Party, with other performers, following showcase.

Wednesday, June 4

- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Paintings and pottery exhibit by Arthur Cadieux and Bill Strickland. TJC Commons, second floor, Lake Huron Hall.

Thursday, June 5

- 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.: Workshop — “Stress Management.” Repeated by popular demand. Advance registration required. Fee: \$60. Continuing Education Center, College Drive, Northwestern Michigan College. For more information, call the conference department at 895-6611, ext. 565.
- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Paintings and pottery exhibit. See June 4 for details.

Friday, June 6

- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Paintings and pottery exhibit. See June 4 for details.
- 1 p.m.: Board of Control meeting. Campus Center.
- 2:45—3:45 p.m.: GVSC Studio Jazz Orchestra at Festival '80. Old Kent Bank Stage.

Saturday, June 7

- 11 a.m.: Commencement — Arend D. Lubbers Stadium.

Monday, June 9

- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Painting and pottery exhibit. See June 4 for details.

Tuesday, June 10

- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Paintings and pottery exhibit. See June 4 for details.

Wednesday, June 11

- 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.: Workshop — “Stress Management.” Repeated by popular demand. Advance registration is required. Fee: \$60. Grand Center, 245 Monroe, N.W., Grand Rapids. Sponsored by William James College. For more information call the conference department at 895-6611, ext. 565.

Friday, June 13

- 6:30 p.m.: Registration for Women’s Weekend Conference in Robinson Hall.
- 7—10:30 p.m.: Women’s Weekend Conference. Multipurpose Room, Campus Center. Fee: \$25.

Saturday, June 14

- 9 a.m.—5 p.m.: Women’s Weekend Conference. Workshops and other events. See June 13 for details.

across campus

POLACH NAMED TO STATE MESPA BOARD

Grand Valley Clerical, Office and Technical employees sent seven delegates to the Michigan Educational Support Personnel Association Representative Assembly in Mt. Pleasant on May 17. The Assembly, comprised of delegations from member locals across the state, is the union’s governance body and determines the organization’s policies, dues and budget each year.

Between Representative Assemblies, the statewide union of education support staff is governed by a fifteen-member Executive Board. Patricia Polach, president of the Grand Valley Clerical, Office and Technical Association—MESPA, won a seat on the statewide board.

Polach, an administrative assistant in Kirkhof College who recently earned her B.A. in philosophy and English from Michigan State University, had previously served on the board as a member appointed to fill a vacancy in an at-large seat. The fifteen members of the board represent geographic regions and employee groups such as custodians and office personnel. Members serve two-year terms.

Other Grand Valley delegates included Ruth Ann Stone of the School of Nursing, Jude Ruch of Accounting, Jeanine Rossback of Admissions, Bonnie Hecker of the Library, Barbara Karpanty of the Computer Center, and Diane Dennis of Kirkhof College. Delegates were elected last March.

The Grand Valley group was one of more than 80 local MESPA-affiliated unions represented by 247 delegates to the Assembly. Agenda items included adoption of a budget for 1980-81, a proposal to affiliate with the National Education Association, and a proposal to investigate a percentage dues structure.

COUNTY STUDIES PARK PLAN

At a meeting held earlier this month, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners referred a proposal for a riverfront park on Grand Valley property on the Grand River to its Parks Advisory Committee. The recently-established committee, which is chaired by Jean Laug, was directed to conduct a feasibility study of

the plan. Ronald F. VanSteeland, vice president for administration, said Grand Valley will cooperate with the committee on the study.

SUMMER HOUSING NEEDED

Visiting faculty members who will be teaching Performing Arts Center workshops this summer are seeking housing for the five-week session. Persons who have information about apartments or houses which may be available for subletting from July 14—August 15 are asked to call Tom Leabhart, ext. 426, between 10 a.m. and noon weekdays.

INSURANCE QUESTIONS?

Howard Weyers and Greg Hagbom of Equitable will be on campus today to answer questions from faculty and staff concerning GVSC’s health and life insurance programs. They will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the South Conference Room of the Campus Center.

SUMMER FIELD HOUSE HOURS

The Field House will be open from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 6—8 p.m. Monday through Thursday during summer semester. The Equipment Issue Room will be open 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 6—8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Racquetball courts will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Equipment Issue Room will not be open during breaks.

Forum Will Move To New Summer Publishing Schedule

The *Forum* will be published on alternate weeks during June, July and August. Scheduled publication dates are June 16 and 30, July 14 and 28, and August 11 and 25. Weekly publication will resume with the September 8 issue.

“The decision to publish every other week reflects the reduction in administrative and academic activity on campus during the summer months, as well as a smaller campus population resulting from vacations and leaves of absence,” Jock Bliss, director of public relations, said. “In the past, the *Forum* has been published in an abbreviated form — two pages rather than four — during the summer.

The alternate-week publishing schedule is a logical means for us to effect a small savings in both expenses and staff time with the least effect on the campus population.

“However, should a major news event or activity requiring the timely support of the *Forum* occur, we will depart from the above schedule to produce an extra edition.”

The deadline for submission of the copy for the *Forum* will continue to be Tuesday noon of the week before publication. Persons with questions about the summer publication schedule should call the Public Relations Office, ext. 222.

Jobs On Campus

Clerical, Office and Technical

Clerical Aide — Financial Aids. Salary range, C-1, \$3.68-\$5.18/hr. To perform general clerical work. Must have knowledge of office procedures and equipment. One year of training and/or experience required.

Laboratory Assistant (part-time) — School of Health Sciences. Salary range, T-1, \$4.36-\$5.89/hr. Maintenance of laboratory equipment, inventory, preparation of standardized solutions and record keeping. A bachelor’s degree in biology, chemistry or health sciences is required. MLT certification or eligible.

Clerical Assistant — Audio Visual. Salary range, C-3, \$4.09-5.73/hr. To perform a variety of office duties requiring discretionary actions. Must have ability to perform duties which involve a significant portion of a complete operating procedure. A minimum of two years of related experience or training.

Bookkeeper — Business and Finance. Salary range, C-3, \$4.09-\$5.73/hr. To perform various bookkeeping and accounting functions. A minimum of two years of related experience and/or relevant training in bookkeeping is required. Must have ability to work under pressure and cope with a variety of situations.

Clerical Aide — Records and Registration. Salary range, C-1, \$3.68-\$5.18/hr. To perform general clerical work. Must have knowledge of office procedures and equipment. One year of training and/or experience required.

Secretary (part-time) — Career Placement and Counseling. Salary range, C-2, \$3.78-5.28/hr. To perform a variety of secretarial duties. Must have good skills and a knowledge of office procedures, systems and equipment. Two years of related experience/training and ability to type 50 wpm accurately required.

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