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# GRAND VALLEY FORUM

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Grand Valley State College

## Charter Day Celebration To Be Held Friday

Grand Valley's 25th anniversary celebration will culminate this Friday, April 26, with a special academic convocation and luncheon. The day's events will commemorate the chartering of the college by the state on April 26, 1960.

The convocation will honor L. William Seidman, "founding father" of GVSC. Seidman provided the initial leadership needed to rally the public and political forces in support of establishing a public four-year college near Grand Rapids. He served as chairman of Grand Valley's first Board of Control.

Guest speaker at the convocation will be William Edward Simon, who was Secretary of the Treasury and Administrator of the Federal Energy Office under President Gerald R. Ford. Simon served as President of the U.S. Olympic Committee during the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The Silver Anniversary Academic Convocation will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Field House Arena. A special commemorative luncheon will follow.

Following are excerpts from Report of the President, written by Grand Valley's first president James Zumberge, in which he recalls the events surrounding the chartering of GVSC.

"The Michigan State Legislature began to assess the future needs of higher education in the state in the mid-1950's. Knowing full well that the state's public institutions of higher learning would be subjected to extreme enrollment pressures when the "war-babies" of the mid-forties came of age in the mid-sixties, the Legislature sponsored an official study. The results of the study indicated that additional facilities were needed in Michigan. One of the geographical areas cited by the state Legislative Study Committee as being in need of public four-year colleges was the area near Grand Rapids. The need was thus established. By 1960, this need had been translated into action by the State Legislature when it passed an enabling act for the creation of a new college within an area of eight western Michigan counties.

"Act 120, establishing Grand Valley State College, was signed into law on April 26, 1960. The law incorporated an amendment stipulating that the Board of Control . . . shall

raise the sum of \$1,000,000 by a method other than taxation, which amount shall be deemed the minimum amount of assets required in addition to the site, to become a state institution of higher education pursuant to the provisions of this act.

"A successful fund drive cleared the way for the college to receive its first legislative appropriation. When Governor John Swainson signed the appropriations act for higher education on June 2, 1961, it included \$150,000 for Grand Valley State's operations during fiscal year 1961-62."

The first building, Lake Michigan Hall, was erected, and 226 students began classes at GVSC in the fall of 1963. The first students took a liberal arts foundation program of nine courses.

Today, Grand Valley offers over 70 degree programs in scores of areas of study. The campus has grown from one building to a sprawling complex of over 20 buildings. Today's student body numbers over 7,000.

## New Tax Deferred Annuity Program Available

A new tax-deferred annuity program is now available to Grand Valley faculty and staff. Tom Butcher, assistant to the Personnel Officer, says, "In keeping with its philosophy of providing the best possible tax-deferred annuity program, the college has added Fidelity Service Company to its list of tax-deferred annuity alternatives."

Beginning with the April 30 paycheck, faculty and staff will be able to tax-defer salary with Fidelity. "We added Fidelity because responses from the tax-deferred annuity survey indicated faculty and staff wanted to choose from several no load mutual funds," Butcher said. "The Tax-deferred Annuity Committee recommended Fidelity because of its variety of no

load mutual funds which have been among the best performers over the years. Fidelity also has a low annual service fee," added Butcher. "Faculty and staff can realize tax savings using mutual funds or other annuity products through the college's program."

Those interested in the new program should contact the Personnel Office for information. Information and a prospectus are available from Fidelity by calling 1-800-544-6666. Fidelity also offers a discount brokerage service which can be reached at 1-800-225-6190.

Other tax-deferred annuity/financial planning companies available to faculty and staff are: E.F. Hutton, Integrated Resources, Baxter & Associates, and TIAA/CREF.

## GRAND VALLEY FORUM

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## Critic of U.S. Presidency To Visit GVSC

Theodore Lowi, a political scientist, author, lecturer, and professor at Cornell University, will be on campus today and tomorrow. He will give a lecture in Grand Rapids tonight. His schedule of lectures, open to the public free of charge, is as follows:

### Monday, April 22

- 1 p.m.: "The High Cost of Winning the Presidency Versus Presidents." In Kirkhof Center.  
7 p.m.: "How Ronald Reagan Will Fail." At the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

### Tuesday, April 23

- 10 a.m.: "Welfare Policy." In Kirkhof Center.

Lowi has contributed to social knowledge and to the study of American politics in a variety of areas including political theory, public policy analysis, and American political behavior. The American Political Science Association listed him as the political scientist who made the most significant contribution during the 1970's. He has written or edited several books, including The Pursuit of Justice (with Robert F. Kennedy), The Politics of Disorder, The End of Liberalism, and his latest book, The Personal President, which was released last month.

Lowi believes Congress and political parties are in eclipse and that the presidency is the center of a political system that is the result of pathological adjustment to big government. He believes certain reforms would lessen the emphasis on a president's capacity to govern and would restore a constitutional balance to American democracy.

## Job Openings

### COT

Secretary, Field House Management, part-time. \$5.96-\$7.28.

Secretary, Word Processing, part-time. \$5.96-\$7.28.

For details, call Personnel, ext. 3215.

After receiving his doctorate from Yale University in 1961, Lowi joined the political science faculty at the University of Chicago. He has been a professor of American Institutions at Cornell Uni-

versity since 1972.

Lowi's visit is being sponsored by the Social Sciences Division, as part of Grand Valley's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

## Coming Events

### **Two Chemistry Seminars To Be Offered This Week**

Robert Strom, a 1974 GVSC graduate, will give a lecture entitled "After Ten Years--A Comparison of Industrial and Academic Research" at 1 p.m. today in Room 176, Lake Michigan Hall. Strom is a staff scientist at Dow Chemical Company.

On Wednesday, April 24, Terry Balko will present a seminar entitled "The Chemistry of 2-Methoxypyridine." Balko is a 1970 graduate of Grand Valley and is an assistant senior organic chemist at Eli Lilly and Company. The seminar will be held at 2 p.m. in Room 154, Lake Michigan Hall.

### **Dance Alliance Program Scheduled**

The GVSC Dance Alliance will present a program of modern dance and jazz this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Under the direction of Peggy Hunt, the 13 student dancers in the group will perform a variety of choreographical styles ranging from pop and funk to classical. The highlight of the program will be a dance suite set to four musical pieces by jazz violinist Jean-Luc Ponty. Seven students are assisting Hunt in choreographing the program.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on April 25 and 26 and at 3 p.m. on the 27th. All performances will be held in Louis Armstrong Theatre. Tickets are \$3, general admission, and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

### **COT Appreciation Reception**

An Appreciation Reception for clerical, office, and technical staff will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at 3:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center. President Lubbers will be the guest speaker. Those who have not returned a reservation card and plan to attend should call Virginia VanderVeen, ext. 3565, today.

### **Spring Visitation Day**

About 500 high school students will be visiting campus this Thursday, April 25, for the annual Spring Visitation Day. The Admissions Office has planned a variety of activities including classes, seminars, tours of the campus, and recreation in the Field House.

### **Correction**

Professor Milton Ford's lecture, entitled "Life Journey: Images of Meaning in Literature for Life," was incorrectly listed in last week's Forum calendar. The lecture will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 114, Lake Superior Hall.



## Calendar of Events

### Monday, April 22

- Silver Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Art Exhibition.  
Calder Fine Arts Center Art Gallery. Continues through  
Tuesday, April 30.
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Art exhibit. Kim Oregon and Kyle Preston,  
metals. Kirkhof Center Art Gallery. Continues through  
April 26.
- 1 p.m.: Lecture. Dr. Theodore Lowi on "The High Cost of  
Winning the Presidency Versus Presidents." Promenade Deck,  
Kirkhof Center.
- 1 p.m.: Chemistry lecture. Robert Strom on "After Ten Years-  
A Comparison of Industrial and Academic Research."  
Room 176, Lake Michigan Hall.
- 3 p.m.: Softball. GVSC at Hillsdale.
- 7:30 p.m.: Lecture. Dr. Theodore Lowi on "How Ronald Reagan  
Will Fail." Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids.

### Tuesday, April 23

- 10 a.m.: Lecture and discussion. Dr. Theodore Lowi on  
"Welfare Policy." Cabins A and B, Kirkhof Center.
- 1:30 p.m.: Baseball. Sienna Heights at GVSC.
- 8 p.m.: Jazz concert. GVSC Jazz Orchestra and Small Jazz  
Ensembles. Daniel Kovats, conductor. Admission: \$1. Louis  
Armstrong Theatre.

### Wednesday, April 24

- 1 p.m.: Baseball. GVSC at Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne.
- 2 p.m.: Chemistry Seminar. Terry Balko on "The Chemistry of  
2-Methoxypyridine." Room 176, Lake Michigan Hall.
- 3-5 p.m.: Lecture. Milton Ford, on "Life Journey: Images of  
Meaning in Literature for Life." Room 114, Lake Superior  
Hall.
- 3:30 p.m.: COT Appreciation Reception. Kirkhof Center.

### Thursday, April 25

- Spring Visitation Day. High school students visit campus for  
tours, seminars, classes. For details, call the Admissions  
Office, ext. 3344.
- 8 p.m.: Play. "Ladyhouse Blues." Race Street Gallery, Grand  
Rapids. Tickets: \$4.50, general; \$2.50, student. For more  
information, call ext. 3485.
- 8 p.m.: Dance Alliance. Calder Fine Arts Center. Tickets:  
\$3, general; \$2, student. For more information, call  
ext. 3486.

### Friday, April 26

- 10:30 a.m.: Charter Day Academic Convocation honoring  
L. William Seidman. Field House.
- 12 noon: 25th Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon. Field  
House.
- 1 p.m.: Baseball. GVSC at Saginaw Valley.
- 8 p.m.: Play. "Ladyhouse Blues." Race Street Gallery, Grand  
Rapids. Tickets: \$4.50, general; \$2.50, student. For more  
information, call ext. 3485.
- 8 p.m.: Dance Alliance. Calder Fine Arts Center. Tickets:  
\$3, general; \$2, student. For more information, call  
ext. 3486.

### Saturday, April 27

- 3 p.m.: Dance Alliance. Calder Fine Arts Center. Tickets:  
\$3, general; \$2, student. For more information, call  
ext. 3486.
- 11 a.m.: Men's Track. GVSC at Hillsdale Relays.
- 1 p.m.: Baseball. Hillsdale at GVSC.
- 1 p.m.: Softball. Lake Superior State at GVSC.

### Sunday, April 28

- 10:30 a.m.: Dialogue worship. Kistler Pit.
- 3 p.m.: Festival of Praise with seven area church choirs.  
Reception to follow. Field House.
- 6:30 p.m.: Catholic mass. Room 102, Manitou Hall.
- 7 and 9 p.m.: Movie: "Karate Kid." \$1. Calder Fine Arts  
Center.

### Monday, April 29

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Art exhibit. Paintings by Valerie Jenkins.  
Kirkhof Center Art Gallery. Continues through May 3.