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Grand Valley State College

Zumberge to Speak at Commencement

Commencement ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, in the Field House. Guest speaker will be James Zumberge, first GVSC president who served the college from 1960 to 1968.

Edward I. Schalon and John X. Jamrich will receive honorary Doctor of Laws degrees. Schalon is Chairman of Sealed Air Corporation in Muskegon. He has provided active support for GVSC through his membership in the Grand Valley College Foundation. He has been active in a variety of professional organizations and has chaired various fund-

raising projects, including the "New Muskegon" drive and the United Way of Muskegon County. Schalon has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan.

Jamrich, a Muskegon native, has had a long career in education. He has served as both instructor and administrator at Marquette and Northwestern Universities. He was Director of the Michigan State University Center for the Study of Higher Education and President of Northern Michigan University. He has also been

deeply involved in the study of higher education issues and was appointed to survey the need for a four-year public college in west Michigan in the late 1950's. That led to the establishment of Grand Valley State College.

Jamrich holds a master's degree in mathematics from Marquette University and a doctorate from Northwestern University.

GVSC's fall 1984 and winter and spring/summer 1985 graduates are eligible to participate in commencement exercises.

College Improves Life Insurance Program

Effective July 1, the amount of life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance will increase from one-half times base salary to the full base salary amount for faculty and staff. According to Tom Butcher, assistant to the Personnel Officer, "The college determined through a self study that a base salary amount of life insurance is a more appropriate level of coverage for our faculty and staff. While the college intends to increase life insurance for all employee groups, coverage for maintenance/service staff is subject to current contract negotiations. However, the college hopes to be able to add the coverage for them."

Currently, faculty and staff may purchase supplemental life insurance equal to either one-half or one and one-half times their base salary in addition to one-half base salary provided by the college. Because of the increase college-paid insurance, the supplemental option will be changed to permit the purchase of an additional full base salary amount.

The month of May will be open enrollment for faculty

and staff to sign up for or drop supplemental insurance. A memorandum will be sent to each faculty and staff member detailing the options.

According to Butcher, "On July 1, other insurance options, including spouse and dependent insurance, will be available through payroll deduction. More information will be forthcoming.

Faculty and staff who have questions may contact the Personnel Office at ext. 3215.

Physical Plant Changes Announced

Several changes in physical plant positions and responsibilities are being made, according to Ronald F. VanSteeland, Vice President for Administration.

The positions of Director of Housekeeping and Grounds and Director of Utilities, which have been vacated by Daun Slather and Purl Cobb, are being combined into one new position--Plant Operations Manager. This person will be responsible for housekeeping, grounds, and maintenance. VanSteeland said he hopes to fill the position as soon as possible.

Robert Fansler, currently the physical plant officer, will assume responsibility for the Grand Rapids Center, State Special Maintenance Fund projects, and the M-45 expansion project. His new title will be Associate Director of Physical Plant. A Director of Physical Plant will be appointed this summer. Fansler will serve as Acting Director until that position is filled. Because the positions of director of housekeeping and grounds and director of utilities have been combined, these changes do not involve any additional staff positions.

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Severe Weather Procedures

The Campus Safety and Security Office has issued the following precautionary procedures in the event of severe weather.

A tornado or severe thunderstorm watch means that the storms may produce large hail and/or damaging winds. All severe thunderstorms are potential tornado producers, but a severe thunderstorm watch does not mean that a tornado is imminent.

A tornado or severe thunderstorm warning means that a tornado or thunderstorm is imminent or has actually been sighted.

The campus community will be notified of a warning by a Campus Police Officer who will drive through the college campus advising those who are walking or driving to seek cover.

There is a designated person in each building who will be

notified in the event of a warning and who will direct all those within the building to move to a safe area. Building occupants should move away from all window or glass enclosed areas immediately. The safest area is the center of the building as close to the basement or ground floor as possible. When the warning is terminated, everyone on campus will be notified and normal college activities will resume.

Faculty Sketches

Ohio State University has purchased a reprint of **Dallas Henke's** illustrated reprinting of Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot. Henke is a visiting instructor of art and design. Washington University of Saint Louis recently acquired the complete collection of drawings and proofs for Henke's Godot.

Faite R-P Mack, professor of education, presented a paper entitled "Conflict Between School Expectations and Learning Styles of Black Students" at the 84th Annual Meeting of the National Catholic Education Association.

Richard E. Paschke, professor of psychology, conducted a weight control workshop at United Memorial Hospital in Greenville, Michigan, on April 10. The workshop was part of a community health awareness program sponsored by the hospital. Paschke presented a lecture/demonstration on stress management techniques to the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers in March.

Laura Gardner Salazar, associate professor of theatre in the School of Communications, co-chaired the Great Lakes Regional Children's Theatre Association of America Festival held on March 22 and 23 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Salazar is the Governor of Region III of the Children's Theatre Association of America.

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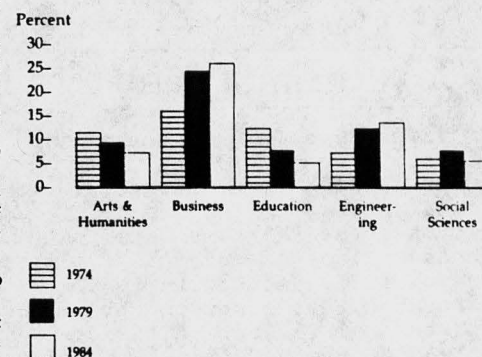
STATISTICS YOU CAN USE

Majors Planned By Entering Freshmen

- Many of today's college freshmen plan to major in career-oriented fields that are in high demand in the labor market. However, the proportion of students who plan majors in the humanities and social sciences has remained stable over the last few years.
- Slightly more than one-quarter (26 percent) of 1984 freshmen planned to major in business; 7 percent planned majors in the social sciences.
- Freshmen today are less likely to major in education than their counterparts a decade ago; in 1984, 7 percent of entering freshmen planned to major in education compared to 11 percent in 1974.
- The proportion of freshmen majoring in the arts and humanities has been relatively stable; in 1979, 9 percent of freshmen planned to major in the arts and humanities; by 1983 and 1984, 8 percent planned on doing so.
- Eleven percent of entering 1984 freshmen planned to major in engineering, compared to 7 percent a decade ago.
- Fourteen percent of 1984 freshmen indicated an interest in the professional fields (e.g., pre-medicine, pharmacy, and nursing).
- Freshmen in 1984 were just as likely to plan to major in the social sciences as their counterparts five years ago: 7 percent of today's freshmen planned to major in the social sciences, as did 8 percent in 1979.

This profile was compiled by the Division of Policy Analysis and Research, American Council on Education. For further information, call (202) 833-4744.

Probable Major Fields of Study for Freshmen, 1974, 1979, & 1984



Source: American Council on Education and University of California, Los Angeles, *The American Freshman: National Norms For Fall 1974, 1979, & 1984*.

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Physical Plant

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According to VanSteeland, the administration has been reviewing plant operations since last fall. The college was considering contracting with ServiceMaster, Inc., for building and ground management.

"We completed that review last week and concluded that it would not be in our best interest to contract these services," said VanSteeland. "Although the company has very impressive credentials in the housekeeping and preventive maintenance areas, they are not as strong as we would like in groundskeeping," he added.

The ServiceMaster contract would have cost the college an additional \$200,000 and would have caused some loss of control of services.

VanSteeland sees the staff changes as important steps in improving teamwork and coordination within the Physical Plant Department.

Job Openings

MGS

Custodian, Physical Plant (second or third shift), \$6.54 per hour.

For more information, call the Personnel Office, ext. 3215.

Coming Events

Final General Education Report to Be Presented

The Executive Committee of the Senate has discussed the Curriculum Committee's report on General Education in detail. The final report will be presented at the All College Academic Senate meeting on Wednesday, May 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Portside Room, Kirkhof Center.

Student Art Exhibit In New Gallery

An exhibit by BFA students will be on display in the Calder Fine Arts Center Art Gallery on May 1 through 8. The show will include sculpture by Lars Chellberg, painting by Valerie Jenkins, and printmaking by Rick Smith. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WGVC/WGVK to Broadcast State of Our Schools

WGVC/WGVK will join with other Michigan public television stations in airing "State of Our Schools" on May 1 from 7 to 8 p.m. The program will feature State Department of Education Director Philip Runkel and other Department of Education representatives answering questions from viewers who call in. The program will be aired live.

Across Campus

Air Conditioning To Start May 13

The college's air conditioning system will be in operation on May 13 unless outside temperatures are below normal, according to Robert Fansler, physical plant officer.

Acknowledging that some areas of the campus have been uncomfortable, Fansler said, "It is difficult and expensive to have both air conditioning and heating available at the same time."

The Physical Plant has been ventilating and cooling the buildings with outside air during the recent unseasonably warm weather.

New Cheerleader Coach Appointed

Darryl Shelton, a senior physical education major from Bloomingdale, has been named GVSC cheerleader coach.

Shelton, who replaces Nancy Bertram, has extensive experience in gymnastics and tumbling.

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

Classes end.

4 p.m.: Baseball. Aquinas at GVSC.

Wednesday, May 1

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Art exhibit. Sculpture by Lars Chellberg, painting by Valerie Jenkins, and printmaking by Rick Smith. Calder Fine Arts Center Art Gallery. Continues through May 8.

10 a.m.: Women's Track. Aquinas at GVSC.

Friday, May 3

10 a.m.: Softball. GLIAC tournament at GVSC.

10 a.m.: Women's Track. GLIAC tournament at Michigan Tech.

11 a.m.: Men's Track. GVSC at GLIAC Outdoor Championships, Houghton.

1 p.m.: Baseball. Wayne State at GVSC.

8 p.m.: "Ladyhouse Blues". Race Street Gallery, Grand Rapids. Tickets: \$4.50, general; \$2.50, student. For more information, call ext. 3485.

Saturday, May 4

10 a.m.: Softball. GLIAC tournament at GVSC.

10 a.m.: Women's Track. GLIAC tournament at Michigan Tech.

1 p.m.: Baseball. Northwood Institute at GVSC.

8 p.m.: "Ladyhouse Blues". Race Street Gallery, Grand Rapids. Tickets: \$4.50, general; \$2.50, student. For more information, call ext. 3485.

Sunday, May 5

10:30 a.m.: Dialogue worship. Kistler Pit.

2 p.m.: Baseball. GVSC vs. GRJC in city tournament. Belknap Park, Grand Rapids.

6:30 p.m.: Catholic mass. 102 Manitou Hall.

Monday, May 6

2 p.m.: Baseball. GVSC vs. Aquinas in city tournament. Belknap Park, Grand Rapids.

Tuesday, May 7

4:30 p.m.: Baseball. GVSC vs. Grand Rapids Baptist College in city tournament. Belknap Park, Grand Rapids.

Wednesday, May 8

4:30 p.m.: Baseball. Hope at GVSC, in city tournament.

Thursday, May 9

Semester ends.

Friday, May 10

1 p.m.: Baseball. University of Detroit at GVSC.

Saturday, May 11

11 a.m.: Commencement.

1 p.m.: Baseball. GVSC at Michigan State.

Monday, May 20

Final registration, spring/summer.

Tuesday, May 21

Classes begin.

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day recess.