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# FORUM

Monday, April 29, 2002

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

## Governor appoints trustee to Grand Valley's board

Gov. John Engler appointed John C. Kennedy to Grand Valley's Board of Trustees on April 24.

Kennedy, of Grand Rapids, is president and chief executive officer of the Autocam Corp., a Kentwood-based auto supply firm. He is a Grand Valley University Foundation trustee and has played important leadership roles in Grand Valley's capital campaigns. He was co-chair of WGVSU-TV's "Expanding Vision" fund-raising campaign in 1993-94, and chairman of the recently completed \$6 million campaign for the Fred M. Keller Engineering Laboratories.

Kennedy is a member of the boards of Comerica Bank, Riviera Die and Tool Company, Sligh Furniture Company and Lacks Enterprises. Kennedy has also served on the State Transportation Commission from 1993-99.

He replaces Paul Hillegonds, of Plymouth, who resigned to accept an appointment to the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Kennedy's term expires December 31, 2004.

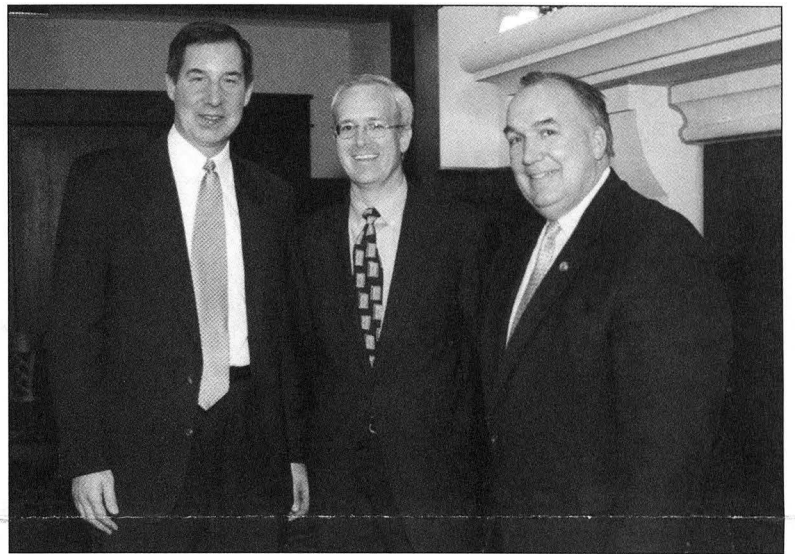


Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

President Mark Murray and Gov. John Engler welcome John C. Kennedy to the Board of Trustees.

## Across Campus

### Autism Center receives state appropriation



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Gov. John Engler held a news conference in the DeVos Center April 25 to discuss signing of the state K-12 appropriations bill. That bill includes a \$500,000 appropriation to Grand Valley's Autism Center program.

Amy Matthews, assistant professor of psychology, joined, from left, Matt McLogan, vice president for University Relations, Sen. Leon Stille, chair of the K-12 budget committee, and Engler.



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Priscilla Kimboko, dean of Graduate Studies and Grants Administration, pictured with President Mark Murray, Engler, and Stille, works closely with the Autism Education Center and its START program.

The April 25-27 autism conference at the Pew Grand Rapids Campus highlighted the first year of the Grand Valley's Statewide Autism Resources and Training program.

### Criminal justice professor testifies before Congress

Terrorism expert James David Ballard, assistant professor of criminal justice, testified on April 25 at a U.S. House of Representatives hearing on the potential for terrorism in relation to the transporting of nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain, the proposed storage facility in Nevada.

Ballard's testimony focused on the risks and impacts of potential sabotage against spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste shipments to the Yucca Mountain repository. Michigan, with five nuclear power plants, is on the proposed waste-shipment route. He addressed the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's joint meeting of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and the Subcommittee on Railroads.

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## Across Campus

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### Grand Valley gets good EPA report

Efforts by all campus departments to properly store and reduce amounts of hazardous waste helped lead to a stellar report from the Environmental Protection Agency, according to David Cox, Facilities Services and Planning safety manager.

EPA inspectors visited Grand Valley as part of a new random inspection program.

"We made it through the inspection without any recommendations," Cox said. "What has really helped us is that we've been actively working together with (the state) Department of Environmental Quality and (Grand Valley's) Chemistry Department to decrease overall the quantity of hazardous waste."

The EPA awarded Grand Valley with the best possible classification for a business or educational institution that produces hazardous waste.

Dale DeKraker, environmental quality analyst at the Michigan DEQ, toured Grand Valley with the EPA inspectors and said specific attention was paid to chemistry labs in Padnos Hall.

"We checked container requirements, to see if they were in good condition, and stored properly to prevent leaks. Also to make sure everything was labeled properly," he said.

Sandy Bacon, chemistry lab supervisor, said she works with DeKraker to meet waste storage and removal requirements.

The Art and Design Department also generates hazardous waste through paint, solvents, and lacquer. Associate Professor Dellas Henke said the environmental learning curve is slow, but steadily improving.

"Slowly, all of us are changing and learning the cleaner, recyclable ways to do things," he said.

### Honorary counselors



*Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker*

Staff members selected by the Counseling and Career Development Center as "honorary counselors" were chosen for their dedication and commitment to working with students. Pictured are Walter Moore, Academic Resources; Vanessa Greene, Continuing Education, Holland Meijer Campus; Bart Merkle, Dean of Students; Andy Beachnau, Housing; and Chris Moore, Living Center director. Not pictured is Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Women's Center.

## What's Ahead

### Reception scheduled for Ward

Faculty and staff members are invited to a farewell reception for Stephen Ward, director of News and Information Services, scheduled for 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, in the Pere Marquette Room of the Kirkhof Center.

Ward will join Huntington National Banks as vice president for public and community relations for the West Michigan Region.

### Carillon bells to join handbells in upcoming concert

GVSU Carillonneur Julianne Vanden Wyngaard will join the Embellish handbell ensemble in a concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, in the Loosemore Auditorium on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

Video cameras placed in the Beckering Family Carillon Tower will enable the audience to see Vanden Wyngaard on a large screen in the auditorium as she performs. Admission is \$5, or \$20 per family.

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## Faculty and Staff Sketches

The following members of the Writing Department made presentations at the Conference on College Composition and Communication, held in Chicago: **Carol Kountz**, "Basic Writing Becomes Elective: An Instructor's View;" **Bob Mayberry**, "Basic Writing Becomes Elective: A Composition Director's View," and **Dan Royer**, "Alternative Instruction/Administrative Structures: Directed Self-Placement."

**Thomas Willey**, associate professor of finance, was the author of an article, titled "The Readability of Graduate Corporate Finance Texts," which will be published in the *Academy of Educational Leadership Journal*.

**Alan Steinman**, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute, presented a lecture, titled "Indicators of Water Quality Impairment," to the Lake Macatawa Coordinating Council's Technical Advisory Committee in Holland; and a lecture, titled "Restoration of Lake Okeechobee, Florida," to the Department of Biology at the University of Texas-

Arlington. Steinman also served on the National Science Foundation's Ecosystems Panel in Washington, D.C.

**Senez Rodriguez-Charbonier**, associate professor of psychology, presented a seminar, titled "Parent's Role in the Development of their Children's Self-Esteem," to parents at Burton Middle School in Grand Rapids.

**Jean Martin**, associate professor of nursing, was accepted into the Management Development Program, at Harvard Institutes for Higher Learning, scheduled for June.

### In the News

**Curtis Dean Smith**, assistant professor of modern languages and literature, was interviewed by the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* about the Chinese Tea ceremony.