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GRAND VALLEY FORUM

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Grand Valley State College

Maintenance, Grounds, and Service Employees Ratify Contract

Grand Valley's maintenance, grounds, and service employees ratified a new three-year contract at a May 31 membership meeting.

The first year of the contract calls for an overall wage schedule increase of 5.4 percent, which includes equity changes. Lump sum payments to custodians, groundskeepers, and material and mail handlers are also included in the contract. The wage increase is retroactive to May 1. The second year of the pact provides for a 5 percent wage increase and the continuation of lump sum payments. The third year of the contract provides for a 6 percent increase in the wage schedule.

Other major changes include: an increase in shift pay in each year of the contract; increased retirement benefits; increased short-term disability benefits; life insurance equal to base salary; holiday pay for days not worked during college closure days between Christmas and New Year's Day; an expedited grievance procedure; and changes in sick leave and vacancies language. In addition, Grand Valley agreed to continue to provide current health and dental coverage and to pick up any rate increases during the three years of the contract.

The 63 MGS employees covered by the agreement have been working with an extended contract since May 1.

"Both bargaining teams worked very hard at putting this package together," said Thomas Butcher, assistant to the Personnel Officer. "It is encouraging to hear that a large majority of the union membership approved the new contract. Now we can put aside the bargaining activities and continue to work together on other areas."

The new contract expires April 30, 1988.

Tuition Rollback Possible

If the state legislature approves two percent more than the governor's recommended increase in the state appropriation for Grand Valley, the college will be able to roll back the tuition increase which was approved at the May 10 Board of Control meeting. The governor has recommended a 9.1 percent appropriation increase for GVSC. Final appropriation figures should be available by the end of June.

Across Campus

Baseball Team Sets Record

The 1985 season was the most successful ever for Grand Valley's baseball team.

The Lakers, under first-year coach Andy Chopp, set 53 school records this spring in winning the Great Lakes Conference title. The team also went to the NCAA playoffs for the first time. The 30 victories were the most wins over four-year schools ever recorded. The Lakers averaged a record 7.1 runs per game, and hit .311 as a team.

Student Orientation Sessions

New GVSC students and their parents are visiting campus throughout the summer for orientation sessions. The Admissions Office asks the cooperation of all faculty and staff in making the visitors feel welcome.

The campus community is invited to join the new students and their parents in the Commons Dining Room where they will be taking most of their meals. Following is a list of dates for upcoming orientation sessions:

Monday and Tuesday, June 24 and 25.

Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9.

Monday and Tuesday, July 22 and 23.

Inventory Schedule

The Main Deck Bookstore and the Laker Pro Shop will close at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, and all day on Friday, June 28, for the year-end physical inventory. No IDC's will be filled on June 27 and 28.

Sabbatical Revision

Professor Robert Clark will be conducting his sabbatical work in Ireland during the winter semester 1986 rather than in South Africa for the 1985-86 academic year as previously announced.

Calendar Information Needed

The Academic Resource Center is gathering information for its 1985-86 Academic Calendar. Anyone wishing to include information on events planned, a notification for faculty or staff, or any other information pertinent to the campus community should send such information in a memo to the Academic Resource Center, 125 Commons, by June 30.

Education Program Receives Funding Renewal

The School of Education's Preprimary Impaired Training Project has received \$67,383 for operation in the 1985-86 fiscal year. Funding is provided through the Training Personnel for the Education of the Handicapped Program.

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Coming Events

Help Wanted for Student Visitation Day

The Admissions Office has scheduled the annual fall Student Visitation Day for Wednesday, September 18. The event is for high school students and their parents and is designed to familiarize them with GVSC's campus and its academic programs.

The admissions staff is seeking faculty members who have space for visitors in their 11 a.m., 1 p.m., or 2 p.m. classes. In past

years, over 700 visitors have attended this event, and the opportunity to visit a variety of classes is extremely beneficial.

Other activities for the day include tours of the Computer Center, WGVC-TV, and the entire campus. Seminars on housing, financial aid, student activities, and other areas will also be offered.

Faculty interested in assisting should call the Admissions Office, ext. 3344, by June 30.

Public Television Documentary Examines Spouse Abuse

"Battered Wives, Shattered Lives," a documentary on spouse abuse, will be aired on WGVC/WGVK, Channels 35 and 52, on Monday, June 17, at 10 p.m. Ed Asner will narrate the program, which will present the issue of domestic violence in the victims' and attackers' own words. The documentary will be repeated on Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

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According to education professor Faite Mack, director of the program, the project's goal is increasing the number of teachers who can work with inner-city, low-income, and minority special needs infants and preschool children.

Mack has been awarded over \$1,000,000 in state and federal grants as a faculty member at GVSC.

Job Openings

EAP

Director of Physical Plant, \$35,000-\$57,750.

Associate Dean, Grand Rapids Center. \$31,800-\$52,450.

For more information, call Personnel, ext. 3215.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Tom Butcher, assistant to the Personnel Officer, was recently elected to serve as chair to the Legislation-Legal Committee of the Michigan College and University Personnel Officers Association.

Donald Klein, professor of accounting, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Curtis B. Menning, associate professor of health sciences, was a participant in a panel discussion, "The Education of Biocommunicators -- Present and Future," at the 27th annual meeting of the Health Science Communication Association in Columbus, Ohio, in May. He was elected co-editor of the newsletter for the Health Education section of that organization.

Lisa Moore and **Mark Orr**, staff members of WGVC/WGVK television, have received national awards for excellence in graphic design for their entries in the 1985 DESI

Awards competition. The contest is sponsored by Graphic Design: USA, a monthly publication for artists and graphic designers.

Moore, graphic designer, was recognized for her design of an invitation to the kick-off party for the television station's annual auction.

Orr, photographer and graphic designer, won an award for a slide he designed for the station's institutional television series.

Judges for the contest were executives from several New York area design firms. Winning entries are on display this month in a New York gallery and will be published in the 1985 edition of the DESI Awards catalog.

Ann M. Rancourt, associate professor of physical education and recreation, presented a paper, "A Critical Perspective on the Undergraduate Therapeutic Recreation Curriculum," at the Therapeutic Recreation Research Colloquium held at the University of Iowa on June 7.