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Forum

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Social Work Students Introduce Service Learning To South African University

Five Grand Valley Master of Social Work students will spend part of this summer in "Winter School." It's all part of a new effort to bring service learning to the University of Natal in South Africa.

The "Second International Winter School" at the University of Natal in South Africa will allow students from other countries and climates to experience South African language and culture during their summer class

breaks. The GVSU students will help pioneer service learning as a component of the program.

"Service learning is new to them," says Ruth Ylvisaker, a professor of Social Work. She spent 1998 at the University of Natal studying international social work education, working with faculty members in the University of Natal's Community Development Disciplines Division. Because of these efforts, next year's International Winter School will include interdisciplinary service learning opportunities for international students.

Three of the Grand Valley students will spend three weeks at the University of Natal, and the other two will be there for six weeks. Each week, they will spend three days in a variety of community development projects, and the other two days in seminars on South African music, culture, and the new South African constitution.

"The University of Natal has been mandated by the new government to develop community development projects in the black communities," Ylvisaker says. "For our students, it's a great opportunity to learn alongside MSW students from South Africa and other countries.

"This program will enable our students to experience first hand the realities of building a democracy where previously none existed," Ylvisaker says. "Students will be part of a community organization, actually working at the grass roots level in the building of a multiracial democracy."

The GVSU students will leave for South Africa on June 25. Upon their return, they will combine their findings and write a report on the application of social work objectives to service learning in South Africa.



Ruth Ylvisaker, left, looks over a map of South Africa with MSW students Amy Anderson, DeWanda Stewart, Takeisha Plowden, Lisa Emmi, and Orlando Milton.

Coming Events

Campus Wellness Center Offers Free Massages

On Tuesday, June 22 and June 29, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., faculty and staff members may receive complimentary chair massages, provided by the

Massage Company, at the Campus Wellness Center and in the lobby of the Kirkhof Center on the Allendale campus.

Massages will also be available at the Eberhard Center on Wednesday, June 23 and June 30, from 3-6 p.m. by the elevators on the fifth floor.

Campus Wellness will be offering 10-minute massages to faculty, staff and students who complete a waiver and interest survey. The massage, which features a form of acupressure massage known as Touch Pro, promises to

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The GVSU *Forum* is published by the Office of University Communications every Monday when classes are in session and biweekly during the summer. The submission deadline is Tuesday noon. Send publication items to Kathleen Adams, editor, c/o the *FORUM* cc:Mail box. From off campus, email forum@gvsu.edu. Telephone: 616-895-2221. Fax: 616-895-2250. Visit *FORUM* ONLINE on the World Wide Web at: www.gvsu.edu/

Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web Site.

Across Campus New Benefits Manager Hired

The Human Resources Office reports an addition to their staff. Mary Warner started her duties as Grand Valley's benefits



manager two weeks ago, replacing Amy Tennis, who left GVSU to work for Herman Miller Corporation. Warner, who worked for 12 years in Blodgett Hospital's human resources department, received her bachelor's degree in human resources management and organizational development from Spring Arbor College.

Warner says she enjoys the human resources field and likes dealing with people on a one-to-one basis. "It's rewarding being able to help faculty and staff members understand their benefit package," says Warner. "I'm happy to be here at Grand Valley."

Reimbursement Rates Change

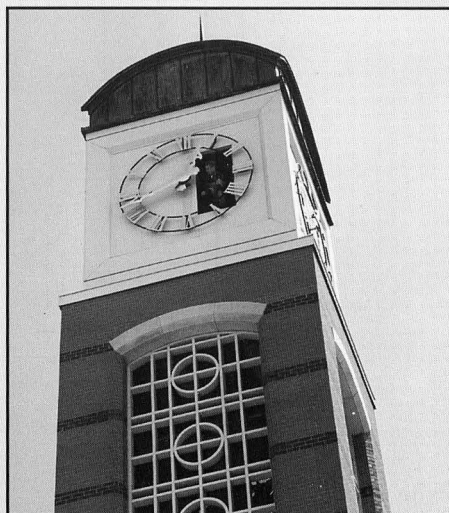
Effective July 1, per diem meal rates will be raised for Grand Valley faculty and staff members. When traveling on university business, breakfast will be reimbursed at \$6; lunch at \$9; dinner at \$17; totaling \$32 for a full day of meals.

Personal vehicle mileage reimbursement will remain at 31¢ per mile. These rates are effective for all travel that occurs after June 30. Travel before June 30 will be reimbursed at the previous rates regardless of when the travel and expense vouchers are submitted for payment.

A new reference sheet has been distributed via campus mail. Contact Maurine VanHuis at x2203 for more information.

Don't Try This at Home

Summertime provides a good time for major maintenance and repair to campus buildings and equipment. A team of experts from the Royal Eijsbouts Bell Foundry of the Netherlands gave an annual tune-up to the Cook Carillon on June 4. They checked the instrument's tuning and various mechanisms in the bell tower and even gave the clock face a quick look.



On June 3, a painting crew from Standard Industrial Painting, hired by Allendale Township, gave the water tower near the south entrance of campus a fresh coat of paint. The crew spent several days painting both the inside and outside of the structure, which supplies water to the Allendale campus.

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W.G. Jackson Tour Focuses On Lake Michigan Management

With recent news stories focusing on tumors in Lake Michigan zooplankton and companies trying to sell and export the Great Lake's water, the time is right for some serious education about one of the world's largest bodies of fresh water.

The *W.G. Jackson*, GVSU's 65-foot research vessel, began an 11-city, three-month "Making Lake Michigan Great" tour on June 15 from its home port in Muskegon.

The purpose of the tour is to educate the public in various Lake Michigan communities about the Environmental Protection Agency's Lakewide Management Plan for Lake Michigan. The tour is a project of the Lake Michigan Forum, a group of representatives from academia, business, and government organized to provide input to the EPA. This year's tour concludes in Milwaukee on September 24-26, in conjunction with the International Joint Commission meeting on Great Lakes issues.

"Increased awareness and understanding of Lake Michigan issues leading to positive actions are the paramount goals of the project," says Janet Vail, a research associate with the

Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute and co-chair of the Lake Michigan Forum. "We hope the tour will involve more citizens in the protection and management of our national treasure, Lake Michigan."

Association Honors Grand Valley Counselor

John Zaugra, senior counselor in the Career Planning and Counseling Center, received the President's Award from the Michigan College Personnel Association for serving as the organization's president from 1998-99. He was given the award in May at the MCPA annual conference in East Lansing.

GVSU Board Notes

Board Complies With State Request on Tuition Restraint

The GVSU Board of Control complied with the state legislature's request that public universities keep their tuition increases below three percent. The Board, which met on June 11 in Allendale, approved a tuition increase of \$58 per semester for undergraduates. Graduate student tuition was not raised. Tuition at Grand Valley for an academic year beginning this fall will be \$4,048 for full-time undergraduates.

The legislature's request that universities keep tuition increases at or below three percent came with the recently approved appropriation bill for state universities. Legislators have indicated that universities that raise tuition higher than that level this year would receive proportionately lower increases in next year's appropriation.

"This state appropriation translates to less than \$4,100 per student, which is less than the \$4,500 minimum funding level that the Governor, the House and the Senate have all said GVSU should receive," said GVSU President Arend D. Lubbers. "Therefore, while the appropriation increase is a generous percentage, we had to raise tuition because Grand Valley remains the lowest funded campus per student in the state. But we kept the increase to a minimum to ensure that GVSU remains one of the most affordable state universities as well."

New MSN-MBA Degree, Other Programs Approved

GVSU's Board of Control also approved a new joint Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration (MSN/MBA) degree. The new hybrid degree recognizes the national move to prepare nurses for administrative positions in the health care industry. The University of Michigan has the only other such program in the state.

The Board also approved a new undergraduate major in Business Economics, allowing GVSU students to earn a Bachelor's of Business Administration with an Economics emphasis. The new major will give students the option of majoring in general Economics or specializing in Real Estate Economics.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Senez Rodriguez-Charbonier, assistant professor of Psychology, spoke on "What It Means to be a Hispanic in America" at the "Cinco de Mayo" celebration in Muskegon.

Joseph Godwin, chairman of the Department of Accounting and Taxation, served on two panels at the Financial Executives Summit in Vancouver, B.C. On one panel, Godwin discussed Securities and Exchange Commission consideration of changes in some of the requirements and responsibilities of corporate boards of directors and audit committees as proposed in February 1999 by a Blue Ribbon Panel of corporate governance experts. The other panel addressed international accounting standards and capital formation.

John Harper Philbin, assistant professor of Communications, served as a juror in the drama category of the 1999 Genesis Awards, an annual student film/video competition at Columbia College in Chicago.

Debbie Morrow, automation librarian, gave a lecture, "Writing to Learn and Learning to Write for Science Literacy,"

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Calendar of Events

Mon., June 21

8:30-11 a.m.: Drama Classes for Children sponsored by the School of Communications. 1506 PAC. Call x3510 for more information.

3-4 p.m.: Student Employee Training Session. Cabins ABC, KC. Call x2215 to register.

Sun., June 27

8 p.m.: Summer Carillon Concert Series, Milford Myhre. Carillonneur, Bok Tower in Lake Wales Fla.

Sun., July 4

2 p.m. & 8 p.m.: Summer Carillon Concert Series, performed by University Carillonist Julianne Vanden Wyngaard.

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with Philip Edward Kaldon, from Western Michigan University, at WAC Conversations: The High School-College Connection, a writing across the curriculum conference at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Nan Schichtel, access services librarian, was a facilitator at MET-NET 99, a three-day seminar for the largest metropolitan chapters of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce held in Seattle. Schichtel, a past national officer of the USJCC, co-facilitated "Metro Chapter Essentials," and facilitated a discussion on chapter-run foundations.

Wayne Kinzie, psychologist in the Counseling Center, presented a paper, "Counseling by Email: Privacy and Confidentiality Issues," at the Michigan College Personnel Association annual conference and at the National Conference of the Association for the Coordination of Counseling Center Clinical Services. Kinzie is on the steering committee for the ACCCCS.

Carl Bajema, professor of Biology, discussed "The Environmental History of the Flat and Grand Rivers" at a meeting of the Lowell Historical Society. Bajema discussed "The History of Logging and Logging Railroads in Alcona County" at the annual dinner meeting of the Alcona County Historical Society. Bajema also reviewed "The History of Logging and Logging Railroads in the Grand Traverse Region" at a dinner meeting of the Grand Traverse Pioneer and Historical Society.

Robert Watson, visiting assistant professor of English, presented a paper on "The Americanization of *Emma* and Thoroughly Modern Dickens: Contemporized Film Adaptations of British Nineteenth Century Novels" at the annual conference of the Popular Culture Association in San Diego.

Terry Sack, general manager of The Meadows Golf Club, was appointed a trustee of the Rockford Education Foundation, which provides special funding to support programs not funded by Rockford School's operating budget.

Eduardo Sanchez-Rojas, assistant director of the Minority Affairs/Multicultural Center, presented four workshops at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education held in Memphis. The sessions were titled

"Latino/a Students' Experiences at Predominantly White Institutions," "How to Move the Latino Agenda Forward in Your Institution: Strategies to Assist Non-Latino Administrators in Working with Latino/a Students," "How Do Latinos Fit Into the Multicultural Model?" and "An Action Plan for Retention of Latinos in Higher Education."

In the News

On March 24, **Polly Diven**, assistant professor of Political Science, was interviewed by **Julie McKeiver**, of WGUV Radio, about U.S. interests and NATO air strikes against the Serbs in Kosovo.

Leroy Hackley, associate director of Health, Recreation and Wellness, and **Barb Hackley**, from the Academic Resource Center Dean's Office, were interviewed on the WGUV Morning Show on May 25 about interracial marriages in west Michigan.

Joe Helgert, associate professor of Communications and coordinator of the East Asian Studies program, was featured in a *Grand Rapids Business Journal* article on May 17. The article, "Building Cultural Bridges," focused on Helgert's grass-roots movement to develop a West Michigan Japan and America Society to connect Americans interested in learning about Japan with Japanese foreign nationals living in the area.

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