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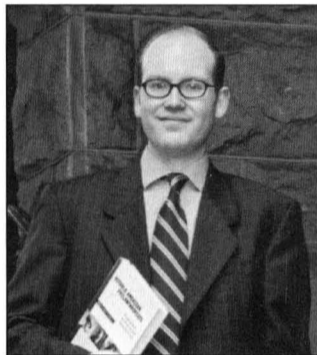
A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

GVSU launches nationwide education initiative

Helping teachers incorporate philanthropic values into their lesson plans is the goal behind the Learning to Give Summer Institute, a nationwide education initiative sponsored by Grand Valley's School of Education.

More than 80 teachers from the United States (including teachers from 12 West Michigan districts) and a small Korean delegation will attend the institute, June 21-24, at the Pew Campus. The institute will kickoff with an opening lunch at noon on Monday, June 21, in the Lubbers Exhibition Hall in Grand Valley's DeVos Center.

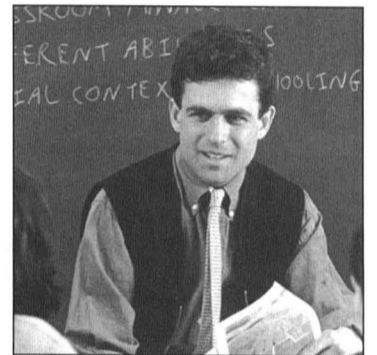
Learning to Give is a project of the Council of Michigan Foundations. Based in Muskegon and developed in 1995, LTG is a K-12 curriculum designed to create citizens who are knowledgeable, responsible and involved in their communities. Grand Valley, through the School of Education and the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, is the lead university as LTG is piloted in more schools. (Currently, there are 10 area partner schools.)



Robert T. Grimm



Thomas H. Sander



Joel Westheimer

Elaine Collins, School of Education dean, said participants in the summer institute will develop curriculum for their classrooms and learn methods of developing philanthropic experiences.

"With more and more people insulating themselves from the social environment through technology and other means, Learning to Give helps children increase their social awareness and civic engagement, reviving the concept of community," she said.

The institute's keynote speakers are Thomas H. Sander, executive director of the Saguro Seminar at Harvard University; Joel Westheimer, co-director of Democratic Dialogue: Collaborative Research in Democracy, Education and Society, University of Ottawa, Canada; and Robert T. Grimm, director of the Department of Research and Policy Development for the Corporation for

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Across Campus

Grant administrators pay site visit to ALERT Labs

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Education visited campus in mid-June to review Grand Valley's substance abuse prevention program and make recommendations about a pending grant.

Nancy Harper, director of the Alcohol Education, Research and Training (ALERT) Labs, said the \$125,000 grant would be used to help disseminate the program nationally and enhance its current recovery program.

"With the Passport program, we've been successful in helping those students develop a community," Harper said. "We would like to do the same for the recovery program."

ALERT Labs runs Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for students six days a week. Passport is a six-year-old mentoring program that matches freshmen with upperclass students to increase awareness of social activities not involving alcohol or drugs.

Many campus departments were involved in the site visit. Representatives from Housing, School of Communications, Public



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

U.S. Department of Education representatives visited campus. Pictured are, clockwise, Barbara Bergers, Public Safety; Mike Gillen, ALERT recovery educator; Shannon Welsh, graduate assistant for ALERT; site visitors Betty Straub and Dolores Cimini; and Nancy Harper, ALERT director.

Safety, Counseling, Provost's Office and University Counsel made presentations. Harper said she expects to hear next month if the grant is approved.

Across Campus

Seeking 'Success Stories'

From an alumnus who helps Washington's political wheels turn to a student who decorated the Fresh Food Company with giant-sized spaghetti and cupcake artwork, the online "Success Stories" give viewers a glimpse into the lives of Grand Valley students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are doing interesting and amazing things.

The site, on the university's homepage in the upper right corner, contains more than 60 stories of award-winning students and faculty, cutting-edge research and university involvement in the community.

More suggestions of people and programs to profile are needed. Anyone can submit a story idea; an online form is at www.gvsu.edu/successstory/. All submissions are reviewed by the Success Story Committee.

Questions can be directed to Institutional Marketing at x12525.

Grand Valley's athletic program wins national award

Athletic excellence continues at Grand Valley as it was named the Division II winner of the United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup, the national all-sports awards program. GVSU is the first Michigan college or university to win the award.

Grand Valley was runner-up in both 2001-02 and 2002-03. GVSU is the first university or college from Michigan to win the Directors' Cup in any NCAA division. Developed by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and *USA Today*, the Directors' Cup is the first cross-sectional all-sports recognition award for men and women. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 14 sports — seven women's sports and seven men's.

The Lakers totaled 810 points, beating runner-up University of California-San Diego, which had 663 points. Truman State (Mo.) and North Dakota finished third and fourth, respectively. Stanford University won among Division I universities, Williams College (Mass.) won the Division III award and Simon Fraser (British Columbia, Canada) won the NAIA Division.

The trophies were presented during the NACDA Convention at the USSA Directors' Cup Awards Luncheon on June 13 in Dallas. Grand Valley Athletic Director Tim Selgo accepted the award.

"I think this says we have a well-rounded sports program that is strong across the board with outstanding coaches and student-athletes," Selgo said. "Success breeds success and that has helped us build a tradition within our athletic programs to compete nationally and win championships."

Grand Valley won the national football title in December, and was runner-up in baseball, third in women's cross country, tied for third in women's volleyball, sixth in women's golf and tied for ninth in women's basketball. Sixteen of 19 Laker teams advanced to NCAA Division II postseason play.

GVSU is the first Division II university east of Colorado to win the Directors' Cup. Also, the Lakers won their sixth straight GLIAC Presidents' Cup Award.

Geography conference attendees



Photo courtesy of Kin Ma

Central Asian scientists stand in Frey Courtyard of Pew Campus during the first international workshop on the Human Dimensions of Climate and Environmental Change in Central Asia in late May. Grand Valley faculty pictured are Elena Lioubimtseva (front row, second from left), Melvin Northup (front row, third from right), Kin Ma (front, fourth from left) and Roy Cole (front, first from right).

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web at www.gvsu.edu/online/forum/form.html.

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'Today' on campus



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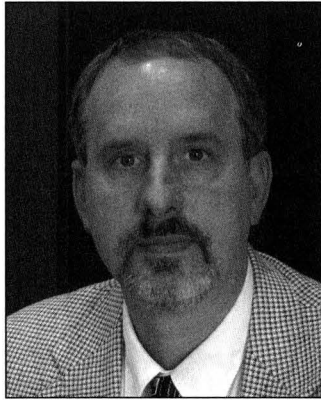
NBC 'Today Show' national correspondent Melissa Stark interviews library staff member Bob Kozminski for a taped segment on *Paws With a Cause*. Kozminski acquired his first service dog from the organization in 1990. Weaver, his black Lab, is in the foreground.

Across Campus

Professor explores how ordinary people can do horrible things

For everyone struggling to understand the latest news coming out of Iraq, *Unmasking Administrative Evil* by Dan L. Balfour and Guy B. Adams will be eye-opening reading.

This book provides startling insights on how ordinary people within their normal professional roles can engage in acts of evil without being aware that they are doing anything wrong. Further, under conditions of moral inversion, people may even view their evil activity as good.



Dan L. Balfour

“The book can help the reader understand why the abuse in Iraq can occur with no direct orders given,” said Balfour, professor and director of the School of Public and Nonprofit Administration. “What emerges as evil is perpetuated in the early stages as being mundane, normal and even good.”

Balfour and Adams believe that administrative organizations have a tremendous inherent capacity for inflicting pain and suffering — not inadvertently or accidentally, but willingly. This administrative evil is organizational and rational — not the work of a crazy leader, personal failings, lax controls, or racist ideologies. Though these factors might be involved, they would have far less impact without modern organizations and their efficiency and professionalism, the authors said.

Unmasking Administrative Evil exposes the consequences of this destructive capacity. The authors show how modern organizations frequently allow evil to be administratively “sanitized” — accepted as rational and proper — and that this masking may be inadvertent. To demonstrate how this works they cite many compelling examples — from the efficient and depersonalized system of exterminating the Jews in Nazi Germany to the failure of NASA’s lock-step organizational culture that led to the Challenger disaster to a landmark Stanford University experiment with simulated “prisoners” and “guards” that has astonishing parallels with the stories from Iraq. Such events are not isolated or aberrant, the authors say, but illustrate how the forces that unleashed them are part of modernity and are thus present in all contemporary public organizations. The book goes on to lay the groundwork for building more effective and humane professions.

Unmasking Administrative Evil is revised from the book’s original edition

published in 1998, which won several awards from the National Academy of Public Administration and the Academy of Management. In addition to receiving numerous academic honors, Balfour served as managing editor of the *Journal of Public Affairs Education* from 1995-2000. Adams is professor and associate director of the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Become a part of Laker Welcome

Laker Welcome, part of Transitions orientation program, is designed to welcome students back to campus on August 24-September 3.

Student Life is seeking organizations or departments to host events during Laker Welcome. Examples of some planned events are Meijer Madness, Aerobics at the Clocktower, Late Nighter, Campus Life Night and Rock the Vote. Events can last an hour or a half-day.

Contact Aaron Haight at haighta@gvsu.edu or x12345 for more information.

M-45 ribbon cutting



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

President Mark A. Murray, Allendale Township and Michigan Department of Transportation officials cut a ribbon on June 14 to celebrate completed improvements along M-45, leading into the main university entrance. Grand Valley partnered with Allendale Township, URS and M-DOT to secure enhancement grants for the project.

‘Learning to Give Summer Institute’ will focus on methods to teach civic engagement

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National and Community Service, Washington, D.C.

As director of the Saguaro Seminar, a program of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Sander coordinates programs that bring leading scholars together for discussions that develop and strengthen civic action. Sander had served as director of the Fund for Social Entrepreneurs

at Youth Service America and as a senior policy adviser on national service for the U.S. Senate’s Labor and Human Resources Committee.

At the University of Ottawa, Westheimer directs Democratic Dialogue, a research collaboration for inquiry into democracy, education and society. Westheimer is author of the 1998 book *Among Schoolteachers* and is now involved in a three-year study, “Civic Intentions: Schools that Teach Democratic Values,” funded by the Social

Science and Humanities Research Council.

Grimm is the author of *Notable American Philanthropists: Biographies of Giving and Volunteering*. He has written on a variety of topics related to philanthropy and charitable behaviors and taught philanthropy and nonprofit management at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, was interviewed by WZZM-TV Channel 13 about CIA Director George Tenet's resignation. He also spoke with many media outlets about President Reagan's death including Red Kingman, WWJ, WMUZ, WOOD-TV Channel 8, WOOD-AM, *Lansing State Journal*, the *New York Times*, Michigan Radio News, WGVU Radio and KNTV.

Geography and Planning faculty members **Elena Lioubimtseva** and **Kin Ma** were interviewed by WGVU Radio about the Human Dimensions of Climate and Environmental Change in Central Asia Workshop held at the DeVos Center.

Steve Glass, associate professor of movement science, was interviewed by *Alure Magazine* about a study he published that highlights the need for initial instruction for novice weight lifters in order for them to achieve the strength improvements they desire.

Sketches

Gordon Alderink, assistant professor of health professions, presented a paper, titled "Finite Helical Analysis of the Thoracic Spine," at the Eighth International Symposium on the 3-D Analysis of Human Movement held in Tampa, Florida. He also conducted a workshop, "Accreditation Update," during the Ninth Annual Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society Meeting held in Lexington, Kentucky. Alderink is chair of the Accreditation Committee and member of the society's Executive Committee.

Bopi Biddanda, assistant professor at the Annis Water Resources Institute, wrote a chapter, titled "Techniques for Study of Carbon Flow through Bacteria in Pelagic Food Webs," for the book *Pelagic Ecology Methodology*, published by Balkema Publishers.

Biology faculty members **Michael P. Lombardo** and **Patrick A. Thorpe** presented a paper, titled "Repeated Sampling Affects Tree Swallow Semen Characteristics," and posters "Comparison of Digit Ratio in Male and Female House Sparrows" and "A Direct Test of the Sexually Transmitted Hypothesis of Avian Copulation in Tree Swallows" at the Annual Meetings of the Wilson Ornithological Society and the Association of Field Ornithologists at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Joel J. Orosz, distinguished professor of philanthropic studies, wrote a book, *The Insider's Guide to Philanthropy: How Foundations Find, Fund and Manage Effective Programs*, that has been translated into Japanese. The book was translated into Chinese and published in China in 2001. He also conducted a workshop, "How to Approach Foundations for Funding," at the Grant Writing for Land Use Workshop held at the Kent/MSU Extension office.

William Lucksted, Facilities Services supervisor, graduated from the 2004 Institute for Facilities Management in Tampa, Florida.

Ellen Yeziarski, assistant professor of chemistry, gave a presentation, titled, "Active Learning in Chemistry Lectures: Implementation Logistics," at the American Chemical Society's 227th National Meeting and Exposition in Anaheim, California.

Nancy Mack, associate professor of mathematics, gave a presentation, titled "Connecting and Reasoning to Help Children Understand Fractions," at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Philadelphia.

Mathematics faculty members **Esther Billings** and **David Coffey** gave a presentation, titled "What the Heck is a Rekenrek? A Tool for Exploring Whole Number Computation," at the

annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Char Beckmann, professor of mathematics, gave a presentation, titled "Integrating the Thinking of Students into Mathematics Methods Courses," at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Jon Hodge, assistant professor of mathematics, and a student co-presented a poster at the Undergraduate Research Posters on the Hill session sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research in Washington, D.C.

Kirkhof School of Nursing faculty members **Jean Nagelkerk** and **Kay Reick** co-presented a paper, titled "Perceived Barriers to Treatment Regimens of Adults with Type 2 Diabetes," at Kappa Epsilon Chapter-At-Large, Sigma Theta Tau and Lakeshore Chapter of Michigan Nurses Association Meeting at the University Club of Grand Rapids.

Annis Water Resources Institute faculty member **Don Uzarski** and director **Alan Steinman** co-wrote an article, "The Importance of Hyporheic Sediment Respiration in Several Mid-Order Michigan Streams," published in the journal *Hydrobiologia*.

Diane Jill Rayor, associate professor of Classics, presented a paper, titled "Translating Aphrodite," and read from her latest book, *The Homeric Hymns*, at the Contexts in Classics Translation Award Ceremony held at The University of Michigan.

Rick Albrecht, associate professor of movement science, gave a presentation, titled "Lies Your Coaches Told You — And You Keep Telling Yourself and Others," to a USA Hockey Advanced Level Coaching Clinic in East Lansing.

GVFaces

Annita List Affiliate Professor of Social Work

For the past three years, social work faculty member Annita List has traveled to El Salvador to train professionals to recognize and help prevent domestic violence.

As a result of her two- or three-day training sessions with social workers, judges, psychiatrists and attorneys, the country's Supreme Court has established 65 men's therapy groups (totaling 1,625 clients) as an alternative to jail sentences.

For List, the news got better recently. El Salvador officials sent her an evaluation report stating none of the men who participated in therapy sessions had been sent to jail.

"That made me feel very good, that no one had gone back into the system. They made me the first honorary member of their social work association," List said.

Domestic violence occurs in El Salvador for the

same reasons it occurs in the United States, List said. "There is still a patriarchal ideal, that women can be allowed to be battered," she said.

List, a native of Ecuador, facilitates group sessions for area Hispanic men charged with domestic violence at her private practice, Diversity Counseling and Therapy Center in Grand Rapids. It's one of three Spanish-speaking counseling centers in Michigan (others are in Holland and Niles).

Her trips to El Salvador began four years ago after an earthquake hit the country. The School of Social Work sponsored a faculty trip to counsel some of the 4,000-plus residents who lost their homes. List plans to continue working with the El Salvador Supreme Court, but hopes to travel to Peru, where the rate of domestic violence cases is the highest among South and Central American countries.

"It's a lot of hard work. You're just one person training all these people," she said. "But if it saves one woman, it's worth it."



Annita List