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## **It's never too late to learn the piano**

***Sign-up for the 12-week adult course continues through January 19***

Piano lessons aren't just for kids! Adults who would like to learn how to tickle the ivories will have that opportunity this winter in Adult Group Piano Lessons for Beginners, a new class offered at Grand Valley State University. The class is designed specifically for adults who want to experience the pleasure of making music in a casual, group setting. Participants will learn to read music and chord charts, and to play solos, duets and ensemble pieces in a variety of music styles.

**The 12-week class is held on Monday evenings, 7-8 p.m., from January 19 to April 5 at the Performing Arts Center, room 1406, on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus. The class will be taught by Jill Kloosterman, an experienced teacher who is currently earning her certification in piano pedagogy at Grand Valley.**

Cost is \$220. To register, call the GVSU Division of Continuing Education at (616) 331-7180 or (800) 690-0314. Registration is available until the class begins.

Text for the course is *Adult Piano Adventures, Book 1*, and *Keys to Success, Book 1*, by Kevin Olson, FJH music publishers. These books may be purchased at local music retailers such as Meyer Music, Malecki Music and Marshall Music.

**Source: Helen Marlais, associate professor of music, (616) 331-3390**



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## **Johnson Center appoints new research staff**

***Research program addresses area philanthropy and nonprofit leadership***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Mary B. Mc Donald has been appointed to the position of senior researcher at Grand Valley State University's Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership. According to Dr. Donna Vanlwaarden, director of the Johnson Center, the new appointment reflects an increasing demand for the Johnson Center to generate and apply research with philanthropic and nonprofit organizations.

"It is essential that research geared towards our communities' nonprofit sector be academically rigorous and responsive to nonprofit needs," Vanlwaarden said. "Mary's background makes her an excellent person to accomplish those goals."

Dr. Mc Donald will direct the Michigan Nonprofit Research Program (MNRP), a partnership of the Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, the Johnson Center for Philanthropy, and the Michigan Nonprofit Association. It was created to improve understanding of the Michigan nonprofit sector through high-quality research and convenings. In its seven years of operation, the program has awarded \$700,000 in support of 32 research projects to improve the effectiveness of Michigan nonprofits and inform public policy related to the state's nonprofit sector. MNRP is one of only two statewide programs to support research on nonprofit organizations; the other program is in California.

Mc Donald has worked in nonprofit organizations in a number of capacities, most recently serving as director of the Muskegon Family Coordinating Council. She was previously director of Every Woman's Place in Muskegon, where in the mid-'80s she conducted a successful capital development campaign, and development manager at Hackley Hospital, also of Muskegon. She received her baccalaureate degree from Eastern Michigan University, master's degree from Western Michigan University, and her Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

The MNRP is currently funded by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and is governed by an Advisory Committee composed of Michigan-based nonprofit practitioners, policy experts, and university-based researchers. At the committee's semi-annual meeting in December, Mark E. Neithercut, vice president of Program for the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, was elected chair, replacing Elizabeth Sullivan, vice president-Program for the Kresge Foundation. Ann Marsten, president of the Michigan League for Human Services, serves as the MNRP vice-chair.

**Sources:**

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## January 2004 Events at GVSU

### ART GALLERY

*Art Gallery hours: M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays open until 7 p.m.  
(616) 331-2564 • All events open to the public free of charge.*

#### **On exhibit now through March 5**

**"Inspiring Thought. Perfecting Practice. The School of Communications Celebrates 20 Years."** The exhibit features the work of students, alumni, and faculty encompassing twenty years of teaching and practice in Grand Valley's School of Communications. All majors within the school are represented with such pieces as photographs, journalistic text, video works, advertising campaign work, and a one-act play. The exhibition will change midway in order to showcase more works, and will be complemented by guest speakers and special events. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Ctr.

### MUSIC

*All events free of charge unless noted. Contact number is (616) 331-3484. PAC=Performing Arts Center, Allendale.*

#### **1/13 Tuesday**

**Arts at Noon Series. The Grand Rapids Symphony**, under the direction of David Lockington, will present a concert featuring works by Respighi, Wagner, and Serge Prokofiev. 12 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **1/14 Wednesday**

**Guest Artist Series. Michigan Chamber Brass**, a professional brass ensemble performing the best in traditional and contemporary music, will be joined by **Avatar Brass**. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **1/16 Friday**

**New Jazz Conceptions**, a new series at GVSU, kicks off with a performance showcasing Grand Valley's jazz faculty. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **1/22 Thursday**

**Into the Soundscape IV**, fourth concert in a multi-channel sound projection series this year, features electroacoustic compositions from Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, etc. 8 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.

#### **1/27 Tuesday**

**Arts at Noon Series. Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neiweem**, piano-duo extraordinaire, will dazzle audiences as they perform Schubert, Brahms, Poulenc and Milhaud. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

**1/30 and 1/31 Friday and Saturday**

**"An English Ladymasque": Music History Show #6 from the Old Vienna Comedy Project.** A lecture-recital based on plays by Adolf Bäuerle. English professor Leigh Eicke will speak about three notable 17th-century women poets and other curious characters. With musical illustrations by music faculty **Lisa Feurzeig**, soprano, **Pablo Mahave-Veglia**, Baroque cello, and **Gregory Crowell**, harpsichord, assisted by a comedy troupe of GVSU students. 7:30 p.m. Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

**THEATER**

*Performances are presented in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus  
Box Office: (616) 331-2300*

**January 23-25**

***The Real Inspector Hound.*** Witty, contemporary British dramatist Tom Stoppard places two eccentric and rival theater critics onstage in this hilarious play-within-a-play. Although they've come to the theater to review the latest murder mystery, the critics become caught up in the action and one of them is murdered. The other must then discover who the murderer is before he too gets the ax! A delight for the entire family directed by theatre senior Patrick Holt. The fully-staged student-designed production runs approx. one hour. All tickets \$6, available at the door one hour prior to performances, or at Tickets PLUS (616) 222-4000. For more information call (616) 331-2300.

**January 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.**

**January 25 at 2 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center**

**SPECIAL EVENTS & SPEAKERS**

*All events are free of charge.*

**1/19 Monday**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** Grand Valley's annual **MLK March** begins at 1:45 p.m. at Zumberge Library. Activities follow at the Cook-DeWitt Center (Allendale Campus) with featured speaker **Susan L. Taylor**, editorial director of *Essence* magazine. 331-2177.

**1/26 Monday**

**Guest Writers.** Featuring readings by three up-and-coming writers who are visiting faculty in the Writing Department: **Ander Monson, Anthony Neil Smith, and Alison Stine.** 7 p.m. 174 Lake Superior Hall, refreshments. 331-3411.

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## February 2004 Events at GVSU

### *Art, Music, Theatre and Special Events*

#### ART GALLERY

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#### Wed., Feb. 11

**Re-opening Reception for "Inspiring Thought. Perfecting Practice."** 5-7 p.m. Art Gallery.

**Special Performance.** Alumnus Gary Morrison will present his one-act play, "Hi, I'm Ernie Pyle." The play, a moving tribute to the men and women who fought in WWII as told through the dispatches of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ernie Pyle, combines Morrison's interests in theatre and journalism. A question and answer period follows the performance. 7 p.m. Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale. Open to the public free of charge.

#### MUSIC

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PAC=Performing Arts Center, Allendale*

**2/4 Wednesday – Arts at Noon Series.** Classical guitarist **Carlos De la Barrera**, a new member of the GVSU music faculty, will present his debut recital on this series. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

**2/16 Monday – GVSU Jazz Ensemble** directed by Kurt Ellenberger. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**2/19 Thursday – Into the Soundscape V**, fifth concert in a multi-channel sound projection concert series this year, featuring electroacoustic composers from USA. 8 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.

**2/20 Friday – Guest Artist Series. The Mala Quartet**, resident string quartet of the University of Iowa School of Music, has established itself nationally as an ensemble of innovation and versatility. Praised by critics for its "sparkling musical intelligence," the Maia Quartet has appeared in major concert halls throughout the U.S. including New York's Alice Tully Hall, the Kennedy Center Terrace Theatre, and the Aspen Music Festival. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

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**2/22 Sunday – The 13th Annual High School Honors Band Concert** with the **GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble** under the direction of Barry D. Martin. 3 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**2/22 Sunday – University Singers, Select Women's Ensemble and Madrigal Ensemble** directed by Ellen Pool. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**2/23 Monday – University Concert Band** under the direction of Dr. Kevin Tutt. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**2/24 Tuesday – Varsity Men** conducted by Charles Norris, **Festival Women's Chorale** conducted by James Borst, and **University Arts Chorale** conducted by Ellen Pool. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**2/26 Thursday – Arts at Noon Series. The Baird Trio**, acclaimed by critics and audiences alike, will present a program than spans four centuries. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

**2/26 Thursday – GVSU Symphony Orchestra.** Daniel Boico, conductor. The program will feature winners of the 2003 GVSU Concerto Competition and a performance of *The Seasons* by Alexander Glazunov. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

## **THEATER**

*Box Office: (616) 331-2300*

### **February 6-15**

**GVSU Opera Theatre.** One of America's best-loved musicals, *Guys and Dolls*. Presented by Dale Schriemer, GVSU Opera Theatre director, and Broadway theater veteran Karen Babcock, stage director, the production provides fun for the entire family.

**February 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. • February 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. • Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC**

Tickets: general public \$12; all students \$6. Call Tickets PLUS at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737.

Tickets may also be purchased at the LAT Box Office, open weekdays and one hour prior to performances. For more information call the Box Office at (616) 331-2300.

### **Feb. 12, 13 and 14**

**The Vagina Monologues.** The award-winning play by Eve Ensler is performed for the third Valentine's Day at Grand Valley, with script additions by the author. Three performances by Grand Valley students and staff and members of the community will benefit programs working to end violence against women. Additional monologues depict a Native American woman, and a powerful portrayal of Iraqi women affected by the recent war. Sponsored by the GVSU Women's Issues Volunteer Corps and the Women's Center.

**8 p.m. • Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy St. in Grand Rapids**

Tickets: \$8 students; \$16 general public. Available at Tickets PLUS, (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. For information, call the GVSU Box Office at 331-2300.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS / SPECIAL EVENTS**

*All events free of charge unless noted otherwise.*

### **Feb. 5 – Thursday**

**Guest Speaker** celebrating the School of Communications' 20th anniversary. Featured is **Rory Kennedy**, award-winning documentary filmmaker known for taking on social issues ranging from AIDS to mental illness. Kennedy, co-founder and president of Moxie Firecracker Films, has had her films featured on HBO, A&E, Lifetime, and PBS. 7 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. 331-3668.

### **Feb. 12 – Thursday**

**Grand Valley Student Film Festival** celebrating the School of Communications' 20th anniversary. Featured is a screening of six student films produced in the School of Comm's Summer Film Project. 7–10 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. 331-3668.

### **Feb. 25 – Wednesday**

**Guest Writer.** Reading by nationally-known fiction writer and poet **Rosellen Brown**, followed by refreshments and book signing. 7 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center. 331-3411.



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## **Tipsheet: GVSU events for Jan. 19-26**

**Mon., Jan. 19 — MLK celebration**

Grand Valley's silent march will begin at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, January 19, at Zumberge Library at the Allendale Campus and end at the Cook-DeWitt Center. Following the silent march Susan L. Taylor, editorial director of Essence magazine, will deliver keynote speech at the Cook-DeWitt Center. Call 616-331-2177 for more information.

**Thurs., Jan. 22 — Electroacoustic concert: Into the Soundscape IV**

Grand Valley's Music Department presents Into the Soundscape IV. The fourth concert in a multichannel sound production series this year features electroacoustic compositions from Taiwan, China, and Hong Kong. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 616-331-3484 for more information.

**Fri., Jan. 23- Sun., Jan. 25 — Theater comedy is fun for the whole family**

A zany tale of murder and misunderstanding will be presented this week as theater students in the School of Communications present "The Real Inspector Hound." The production runs January 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m., and January 25 at 2 p.m. at the Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC. The hilarious "play within a play" by contemporary British dramatist Tom Stoppard features two rival and eccentric theater critics who are reviewing the latest murder mystery. The comedy, directed by theater senior Patrick Holt, is a delight for the entire family. All tickets are \$6, available at the door, through the LAT Box Office (616-331-2300), or by calling Tickets PLUS at 616-222-4000.

**Mon., Jan. 26 — Three writers read from their works**

Three up-and-coming writers who are teaching in Grand Valley's Writing Department this semester will be featured in a public reading on Monday, January 26. The writers — Ander Monson, Anthony Neil Smith, and Alison Stine — will read from their works at 7 p.m. in Lake Superior Hall, room 174. Refreshments will follow. The reading is open to all. For more information, call 616-331-3411.





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## **“Guys and Dolls” takes the stage at GVSU**

*The Opera Theatre production runs February 6-15*



*Students perform scenes for the upcoming “Guys and Dolls.”  
Featured are, left to right, Sarah Lowe, Josh Zoerhof, Sara Schrier, and Mark Krieger.*

*To have photos emailed to you, call 331-2228.*

missionary, and Sky Masterson, a gambler with a reputation for making outrageous bets. Added are the struggles of Miss Adelaide, the singing and dancing star of the “Hot Box” nightclub, and Nathan Detroit, the organizer of the oldest floating crap game in New York, as they negotiate marriage plans after a 14-year engagement. What ensues is a hilarious evening of complications.

Directing the cast of 33 students is visiting stage director **Karen Babcock**, a veteran Broadway performer who recalls being a cast member in “Guys and Dolls” herself many years ago. An original member of the cast of “Cats,” Babcock has also performed on Broadway and around the world with such shows as “Chess,” “Damn Yankees” (starring Jerry Lewis), “A Chorus Line,” “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and “The Wizard of Oz” (with Mickey Rooney and Jo Anne Worley). She met her husband, Bill Brassea, while both were performing in “Cats.”

As a natural progression from performing professionally, Babcock, who holds a B.F.A. in musical theater from Carnegie-Mellon University, is now active in teaching, directing, choreographing and writing. She directs an annual summer theater workshop for young adults in Austria, teaches acting, dancing and song study at the Action Theatre Conservatory in New Jersey (where she lives), and directs other teen and young adult theater efforts. Directing and teaching has been an “extraordinary” journey, she said.

Grand Valley State University’s Opera Theatre will present one of America’s best-loved musicals, “Guys and Dolls,” in six spectacular shows held February 6 through 15. The song-and-dance-filled musical production provides fun for the whole family.

Performances will be February 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m., and February 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. All shows are held in the Louis Armstrong Theatre of the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus.

Tickets are \$12 general public, and \$6 for all students. To purchase, call Tickets PLUS at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. Tickets may also be purchased at the Louis Armstrong Theatre Box Office, open weekdays and one hour prior to performances. For more information call the Box Office at (616) 331-2300.

“Guys and Dolls,” with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, originally opened on Broadway in 1950. The plot revolves around two love stories, including the unlikely match of Miss Sarah Brown, a pure-at-heart Salvation Army-type

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*Director Karen Babcock, a veteran Broadway performer, works with students Josh Zoerhof and Sara Schrier in a rehearsal for "Guys and Dolls," opening February 6.*

"It's the beginning of a second career for me. I never thought I would enjoy anything like this, and it's turned out to be more fulfilling because I can use more of who I am," she said. "Working with kids who are focused and serious about what they're doing has been wonderful," she said of her experience at Grand Valley.

The last several times Babcock visited Grand Rapids was to perform in a touring musical-theater show at DeVos Hall.

Grand Valley's production of "Guys and Dolls" is set in 1951, with extensive cityscape sets designed by Babcock's East Coast colleague Ethel Green, a retired set designer who has painted sets for New York City's Metropolitan Opera, among other professional companies, and was the first woman scene artist at ABC-TV. Period costumes are from the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, with scores more created by GVSU costume designer Jill Hamilton.

The Opera Theatre production is a large-scale collaboration between Grand Valley's Theatre and Music/Dance Departments, produced by Dale Schriemer, associate professor of music. Main cast members are listed below:

- **Miss Sarah Brown** — Sara Schrier, a sophomore in vocal performance from Jenison.
- **Sky Masterson** — Josh Zoerhof, a dance senior from Zeeland who has worked extensively with past Opera Theatre productions and has danced principal roles in shows throughout the U.S. and abroad. Zoerhof has received four first-place awards at National Association of Teachers of Singing voice competitions.
- **Miss Adelaide** — Anne Zimmerman, a vocal performance senior whose theater credits include past Opera Theatre and Theatre productions.
- **Nathan Detroit** — Michael Houser, a 2003 theatre graduate from Boyne City.

"Guys and Dolls" was written by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser. The story was adapted from short stories — "The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown" in particular — by early 20th-century journalist Damon Runyan, whose 1930s compilation of stories was titled "Guys and Dolls." The Broadway show ran for 1,200 performances. The 1955 film version featured Marlon Brando, Vivian Blaine, Frank Sinatra and Jean Simmons. In 1976, a Broadway revival was staged with an all-black cast. "Guys and Dolls" remains one of the most-performed theater productions today.

**Interviews:** To arrange an interview with Karen Babcock or any of the cast or crew members, please contact Nancy Willey at (616) 331-2221.



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## **GVSU Experts Available to Discuss State of the Union Address**

The following Grand Valley State University professors and program directors are experts in their field and can be available to comment on President Bush's State of the Union Address, broadcast tonight at 9 p.m. EST. They can discuss a wide range of topics including the war in Iraq, the economy, and Bush's social security proposal.

**Gleaves Whitney, 616-331-2770, director of the Hauentein Center for Presidential Studies**  
Whitney is a Presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speechwriter. He is currently writing two books on American presidents.

**William Byl, 616-331-7180, director of the Public Policy Institute**  
Byl served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1995-2000. Before being elected to state government, Byl served as a Kent County Commissioner from 1987-94.

**Kedron Bardwell, Ph.D., 616-331-8523, assistant professor of political science**  
Bardwell is an expert on American elections, campaign advertising, campaign finance reform, and state politics. He is currently conducting classes on American politics, elections and voting, and mass media and politics.

**Kevin Den Dulk, Ph.D., 616-331-2320, assistant professor of political science**  
Den Dulk is an expert on American politics, religion and politics, and political parties and theory.

**Roger Moiles, 616-331-3283, assistant professor of political science**  
Moiles is an expert on American politics/elections, public policy/administration, and international relations.

**Deborah Orth, Ph.D., 616-331-3163, associate professor of political science**  
Orth is an expert on American politics, public policy, and state politics.

**Randall Doyle, Ph.D., 616-331-3164, visiting assistant professor of history**  
Doyle is an expert in U.S. politics and election campaigns. He has worked in state and national election campaigns, and was a special assistant to three U.S. congressmen. He was also a delegate in the 2000 election.

**Paul Lane, 616-331-7470, chair of the Seidman School of Business marketing department**  
Lane can discuss business issues related to the election season.

**Paul Isely, 616-331-7418, associate professor of economics/Seidman School of Business**  
Isley is an expert on the economic effects of government policies in research and development, international aid, and the benefits and costs of regulations.

**Gregg Dimkoff, 616-331-7428, chair of finance department**



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## **Media Advisory: GVSU expert available to comment on water proposal**

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Tuesday announced a number of changes to protect the state's water supply and the Great Lakes, including management of new water withdrawals and a statewide code for sanitary systems.

Dr. Alan Steinman, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute at Grand Valley State University, is available to provide expert commentary on the proposal. To arrange an interview with Steinman, contact Brian J. Bowe at (616) 331-2221 or boweb@gvsu.edu.

The Annis Water Resources Institute is a multidisciplinary research organization. The mission of the institute is to integrate research, education, and outreach to enhance and preserve freshwater resources. Steinman will have direct input into the proposal as a member of the state Groundwater Advisory Board. As the only member of the board affiliated with a university, he is charged with representing conservation issues.

According to an Associated Press report, Granholm said her six-point plan is intended to address major concerns facing the Great Lakes, including water diversion, invasive species, pollution, wetlands protection and restoration. Granholm sent her proposal to state lawmakers on Tuesday in a special message. Some parts of the plan will have to be approved by the state Legislature and Granholm said she would sign executive orders to implement other parts.

To arrange an interview with Steinman, contact Brian J. Bowe at (616) 331-2221 or boweb@gvsu.edu.



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## **Presidential Politics in the Roaring '20s**

### ***Actor brings Calvin Coolidge to Grand Rapids***

Blogs, Iraq and same-sex marriages are on the minds of presidential candidates and voters. Radio, Prohibition and women voting are on the mind of Calvin Coolidge, as portrayed by actor Jim Cooke.

Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Ford Museum and Ford Foundation are sponsoring Cooke's appearance at the Ford Museum in Grand Rapids on **February 5 at 8 p.m.** His performance is in conjunction with the 1920s exhibit, "All that Jazz," which opens at the Ford Museum January 31.

Cooke has portrayed the 30th president of the United States in various productions since 1975. Those performances include Cooke in the Emmy Award-winning docudrama, *Campaign Fever*.

"Calvin Coolidge is Jim Cooke's obsession," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center. "Those gathered in the Ford auditorium that night will think they are actually with President Coolidge. Cooke's show combines learning and entertainment. He's fabulous."

Cooke's performance, *Calvin Coolidge: More Than Two Words*, has taken him around the country to colleges, presidential libraries, the National Archives, the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress. Cooke says he began to appreciate his level of expertise on Coolidge when producers of the TV show *Jeopardy* gave him a call.

Coolidge was known as "Silent Cal," yet held more news conferences than any other president. He frequently spoke on radio. More people heard his voice than heard the combined voices of the 28 presidents who preceded him. The show, *Calvin Coolidge: More Than Two Words*, comes from an anecdote of a lady seated next to President Coolidge at dinner. She says, "I've made a \$5 bet I can make you say more than two words." Coolidge replied, "You lose."

**Jim Cooke's *Calvin Coolidge: More Than Two Words*  
February 5 8 p.m.  
Ford Museum Auditorium, 303 Pearl St., Grand Rapids  
Media availability - 5 p.m., University Club, DeVos Center**

Cooke is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Television and Radio Actors and Actors Equity of America. He can be reached for interviews prior to February 5 at **617-472-5587**.



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## **Political experts discuss 2004 primaries and caucuses**

### ***Lively exchange with audience planned***

Interested in hearing what the pundits have to say about the 2004 Democratic primaries and caucuses? A lively discussion is planned among political experts from Grand Valley State University and Calvin College, including questions from the audience. The forum on the 2004 Democratic nominations is being co-sponsored by the political science department at Grand Valley and the GVSU chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

Kedron Bardwell, assistant professor of political science at Grand Valley, said the forum will be both informative and practical. "We will talk about the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate and why the New Hampshire and Iowa caucuses are so important. Some panel members will even share their predictions," he said. Participants will also discuss the significance of the Michigan caucus set for February 7.

**Roundtable on 2004 Presidential Nominations: Iowa, New Hampshire and Beyond  
Wednesday, January 28, 3-4:00 p.m. in 215/216 Kirkhof Center on the  
Allendale Campus of Grand Valley State University**

The panel of political experts will share their specific areas of expertise which include foreign policy, campaign finance reform, advertising, religion and politics, and gender influence. The panel includes:

- John Constantelos, chairman of the political science department at GVSU
- Kedron Bardwell, assistant professor of political science at GVSU
- Kevin Den Dulk, assistant professor of political science at GVSU
- Kathleen Underwood, coordinator of Women and Gender Studies at GVSU
- Corwin Smidt, professor of political science at Calvin College



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## **Grand Valley Experts offer analysis of State of the State Address**

The following Grand Valley State University professors and program directors are available to comment on Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State Address, Tuesday, January 27. They can discuss a wide range of topics including but not limited to the state economy, the budget, health care issues, education and public safety.

**Gleaves Whitney, 616-331-2770, director of the Hauentein Center for Presidential Studies**  
Whitney served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speech writer. He wrote several State of the State Addresses.

**Harl Singh, 616-331-7420, chair of the economics department at Grand Valley's Seidman School of Business**  
Singh's annual economic forecast has become a benchmark of the regional economy. He can discuss the industrial, office, investment and retail markets.

**Gregg Dimkoff, 616-331-7428, chair of the finance department**  
Dimkoff can discuss all financial issues related to the state.

**William Byl, 616-331-7180, director of the Public Policy Institute at Grand Valley**  
Byl served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1995-2000. Before he was elected to state government, Byl served as a Kent County Commissioner from 1987-94.

**Kedron Bardwell, 616-331-8523, assistant professor of political science**  
Bardwell is an expert on state politics, mass media and politics, and elections and voting.

**Deborah Orth, 616-331-3163, associate professor of political science**  
Orth is an expert on American politics, public policy, and state politics.

**Elaine Collins, 616-331-6820, dean of the School of Education at Grand Valley**

**Phyllis Gendler, 616-331-7185, dean of the Kirkhof School of Nursing at Grand Valley**  
Gendler is an expert on caring for the aging. She can also discuss a wide range of health care issues.



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## **College-bound seniors learn how to get money!**

### ***Financial aid professionals will assist families with application forms***

Filling out college financial aid applications can be a very complex and confusing task, but help has arrived. Area financial aid professionals are hoping to relieve some of the stress by offering college-bound seniors free assistance at **Michigan College Goal Sunday 2004**. The event is a statewide program taking place on the same day in 10 different locations.

**Michigan College Goal Sunday is February 8 at 2 p.m.**

**In West Michigan the event will be held at City Hope Ministries, 1975 Jefferson SE, in Grand Rapids.**

Representatives from area colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and help students fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA form. "We can make sure students have filled out the form correctly, or we will help them fill out the application step by step," said Jo Ann Litton, assistant director of financial aid at Grand Valley State University. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans at schools nationwide.

Michigan College Goal Sunday is targeted to families of current high school seniors and other moderate-income residents planning to attend college. "Families shouldn't be put off from their college dreams," said Calvin College's Ed Kerestly, president of the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association. "Financial aid is there to build a bridge between families' financial resources and their student's educational goal," he said.

Bryan Taylor of Partnership for Learning, a sponsor of the event, said many students don't realize they can afford college. "Those who are most confused by financial aid are often eligible for the most money. Unfortunately, they get lost in the forms," he said.

#### **Congressional Fact Sheet by the United States Student Association, 2001**

- \*25% of eligible students do not know financial aid is available**
- \*23% of eligible students do not know how to apply for financial aid**
- \*80% of students who have early information about financial aid go on to college**

Seniors in high school, the class of 2004, should attend with a parent or guardian and bring their parents' most recent federal income tax return and other income and benefits information. Everything else, including FAFSA forms will be provided.





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## Guest filmmaker, festival showcase films at GVSU

*Rory Kennedy speaks on Feb. 5; six student shorts screened on Feb. 12*



**Rory Kennedy.** To have this photo emailed to you, call 331-2228.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A presentation by an award-winning documentary filmmaker and a three-hour festival of locally produced films will be featured at Grand Valley State University in upcoming weeks. The two events, both held on the Grand Rapids Campus, continue the School of Communications' 20th anniversary celebration and are open to the public free of charge.

### Documentary filmmaker Rory Kennedy featured February 5

Rory Kennedy, well known for shedding light on difficult social issues, will speak on the topic "Social Change Through Documentary Filmmaking" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St.

Kennedy, co-founder and president of Moxie Firecracker Films, Inc., is widely considered one of the nation's most prolific independent documentary filmmakers. Her films have tackled such issues as AIDS, rural poverty, drug addiction, domestic abuse, and mentally retarded parents. Her honest and unflinching portrayals of everyday people caught up in weighty social problems have garnered numerous awards and been featured on HBO, A&E, MTV, Lifetime, The Oxygen Network, Court TV, TLC, and PBS.

Kennedy's film "American Hollow" about an Appalachian family caught between century-old tradition and the encroaching modern world premiered to critical acclaim at a previous Sundance Film Festival, was broadcast as part of HBO's "America Undercover" series and received a Non-Fiction Primetime Emmy Award nomination. Most recently, Kennedy directed and produced "Pandemic: Facing AIDS," which follows the lives of five people living with AIDS. Her other films include "Epidemic Africa," "Fire in Our House" (on drug addiction), "The Changing Face of Beauty," "Different Moms" (about mentally retarded parents raising children), and many others.

Kennedy's films have won the CINE Golden Eagle, top prize at the U.S. International Film and Video Festival, and other prestigious awards. A graduate of Brown University, Kennedy is a committed social activist serving on the boards of a number of nonprofit human rights organizations and continues to participate in human rights work in many countries. In 1999, she was a member of the Presidential Mission on AIDS in Africa.

Also an experienced public speaker, Kennedy is expected to use scenes from her documentaries as part of her presentation on February 5.

**To arrange an interview with Rory Kennedy, please contact Etta Spear at Greater Talent Network at (800) 326-4211 or [ets@greatertalent.com](mailto:ets@greatertalent.com).**

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## Six films featured in Student Film Festival on February 12

Six short films produced in the School of Communications' annual Summer Film Project will be featured in one fun and thought-provoking evening on Thursday, February 12. The Student Film Festival will be held 7-10 p.m. at the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. Admission is free.

Featured are films produced in the past six Summer Film Projects, annual summer classes in which students shoot, edit, and produce a complete film, usually between 20 and 35 minutes in length. The screenplay for the movie is selected through an annual, nationwide contest.

Directing the 12-week Summer Film Project is John Harper Philbin, associate professor in GVSU's School of Communications. In the past two years, students have also benefited from the expertise of Hollywood actor James Karen and cinematographer Jack Anderson, who each spent six weeks or more working with students on the summer films. At least one of the films, "The Freezer Jesus," has garnered awards at several Michigan film festivals and in November it was accepted into the International Film Festival in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The six films screened on February 12 explore a wide variety of topics and range from coming-of-age stories to comedies. Descriptions follow:

- **"My Life Among the Gopis"** (1998, 38 minutes)  
Three 15-year-old schoolgirls form a secret club based on Hindu art and religion.
- **"Survival of the Fattest"** (1999, 18 minutes)  
Four hungry castaways are shipwrecked on a desert island.
- **"With You Always"** (2000, 35 minutes)  
A suspicious wife dabbles in black magic in order to spy on her husband.
- **"The Lucas Files"** (2001, 29 minutes)  
A 10-year-old boy turns sleuth to track down the hit-and-run driver who killed his dog.
- **"The Freezer Jesus"** (2002, 32 minutes)  
A farmer's wayward son comes home after many years away. Meanwhile, seekers flock to see the image of Christ that appears on a neighbor's porch freezer.
- **"Flickering Blue"** (2003, 23 minutes)  
A lonely old man turns off his TV and ventures out on a walk through the city in hopes of reconnecting with people.

***For review copies of films and more information about the Student Film Festival, contact John Harper Philbin at (616) 331-3668.***

Rory Kennedy's visit and the Student Film Fest are presented by Grand Valley's School of Communications in celebration of its 20-year anniversary. For more information on anniversary events and speakers, see the SOC website at [gvsu.edu/soc](http://gvsu.edu/soc) or call (616) 331-3668.



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## **Tipsheet: Grand Valley events Jan. 26- Feb. 1**

**Mon., Jan. 26 — Black Abolitionist Women: An Elusive Story**

The Department of English Colloquia Series presents "Black Abolitionist Women: An elusive story," presented by Veta Tucker, associate English professor. The event takes place from 12 noon-12:50 p.m. in 161 Lake Huron Hall. For more information call 616-331-3405.

**Tues., Jan. 27 — Member of the Mississippi Band of the Anishinabe Nations speaks**

Nee-Gon-Nway-Wee-Dun, "Thunder Before the Storm," also known as Clyde Howard Bellecourt, speaks at Grand Valley. Clyde, a member of the Mississippi Band of the Anishinabe Nations (Crane Clan), is a founder and the director of the American Indian Movement, and a major figure in the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973. A formal lecture will take place from 8:30-9:45 a.m. in 176 Lake Michigan Hall. Following will be an informal discussion from 10-11:30 a.m. in room 142 Kirkhof Center. Call 616-331-2325 for more information.

**Tues., Jan. 27 — Piano-duo extraordinaire performs**

Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neiweem, piano-duo extraordinaire, will dazzle audiences with their musicianship as they perform Schubert, Brahms, Poulenc and Milhaud. The pianists perform in the Arts at Noon Series in the Cook-DeWitt Center. Call 616-331-3484 for more information.

**Wed., Jan. 28 — Woman shares personal life stories**

Grand Valley's Women's Center's "Her Story" series continues with a talk by Pat Oldt, vice president for Planning and Equity. Oldt will share stories of her life at 12 noon at the University Club in the DeVos Center. The Her Story series began last year to give the Grand Valley community an opportunity to learn more about women in leadership positions at the university. For more information call 616-331-2748.

**Wed., Jan. 28 — Roundtable on the 2004 Democratic Nomination**

Interested in hearing what the "pundits" have to say about the 2004 Democratic primaries and caucuses? The Department of Political Science and the GVSU chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha (the national political science honor society) are co-sponsoring a forum on the 2004 nominations from 3-4 p.m. in rooms 215/216 Kirkhof Center. A panel of professors from GVSU and Calvin College will discuss the 2004 presidential election. Call 616-331-8523 for more information.



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## **NEWS ADVISORY: Grand Valley to unveil a new biotech initiative**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Grand Valley State University will unveil an exciting new initiative that will enhance the West Michigan economy through science and technology.

The initiative will be based out of the new Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences in Grand Rapids and will enhance the ability of local businesses to develop cutting edge technology and products.

- **Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2004
- **Time:** 10-11 a.m.
- **Location:** Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, 301 Michigan St. N.E., Grand Rapids
- **Speakers:** Grand Valley President Mark A. Murray and Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell.
- **Media Considerations:** A mult box will be available for broadcast outlets. Parking is available on site.

For more information, contact Brian J. Bowe at (616) 331-2221 or [boweb@gvsu.edu](mailto:boweb@gvsu.edu).



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## **Writer/director will discuss 'Black 14' at Grand Valley**

*PBS show recalls 1969, when 14 football players were kicked off a team because of their beliefs*

During the tumultuous 1960s, it was a blip on the Civil Rights timeline. A coach kicked 14 black football players off his team because of their beliefs and protest against a Mormon Church policy. But the events in Wyoming in 1969 led to questions about freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

'Niyi Coker, Jr., produced and directed a PBS documentary, "The Black 14," which recalls events at the University of Wyoming and includes current interviews with the players, all now successful businessmen.

Coker, director of African American Studies at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, will show his film and discuss it at Grand Valley on **Thursday, February 5, at 6 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center** at the Allendale Campus. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and part of GVSU's Black History Month celebration, the event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 616-331-2177.

On October 18, 1969, 14 Wyoming football players wore black armbands on their uniforms to protest a Mormon Church policy against allowing African-Americans to become priests. The coach refused to let them wear armbands and kicked them off the team. His decision led to a unique U.S. Constitution issue: whether or not black armbands violate the separation of church and state.

Coker received a MFA degree in directing from City University of New York and a doctorate in African American Studies from Temple University. An accomplished director and actor, Coker also wrote a book, *The Life and Music of Fela Kuti*, about the Afrobeat musical legend.



*'Niyi Coker, Jr.*

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## Turning Passion into Profession

***American Humanics recognized for preparing students, community members for nonprofit careers***

Grand Valley State University's American Humanics (AH) program, an innovative, new course of study that links students from many different career paths to nonprofit opportunities in the community, has been recognized as the best new American Humanics program in the country.

The program was selected for the Program Launch Award at the national American Humanics Management Institute, held in January in Kansas City. Six GVSU students and Annie Davies-MacLachlan, director of Grand Valley's AH program, accepted the award.

"We were very pleased," said Amy Clough, a psychology senior in the program. "Those of us who stepped up into leadership roles this year really didn't know what we were getting ourselves into. We all believed in the mission of American Humanics and therefore committed ourselves to making it a strong presence on Grand Valley's campus. It means a lot to have our efforts recognized."

Housed within Grand Valley's School of Public and Nonprofit Administration, AH was initiated in the Fall 2003 semester as an 18-credit certification program that requires internships in the community and helps prepare students for careers in the nonprofit sector. Designed to complement a variety of majors, AH attracts many students studying for degrees in business, psychology or other career fields.

**It is also open for enrollment to members of the community.** One of the program's goals, said Davies-MacLachlan, is to reach out to those in the community interested in making a career switch to the nonprofit sector, as well as those just getting started who could benefit from additional nonprofit management skills. The overall goal is to equip people to become skilled professionals and leaders in nonprofit organizations.

Nationally, more than 80 colleges and universities offer American Humanics certification including only two others in Michigan: Eastern and Western Michigan universities.

The internship experience, along with participation in Grand Valley's American Humanics Student Association, are what make AH stand out from many more traditional academic programs, said Davies-MacLachlan. "Our strength is in our emphasis on experiential education. Students are not just sitting in the classroom, but instead spend at least 300 hours of internship time working at nonprofits, volunteering in the community, and participating in service learning, an education tool that helps students to link their classroom learning and real life experience," she said.

Currently, 23 students participate in the AH program and are working with more than 20 nonprofit organizations in the region, including the Grand Rapids Community Media Center, the Humane Society, the United Way of Ottawa County, the Nokamis Foundation, Michigan Trails Girl Scouts, Every Woman's Place, and Michigan Right to Life. Students have also formed a recruitment committee and will visit area community colleges and high schools to educate students about opportunities in the fastest growing sector in Michigan: the nonprofit sector, said Davies-MacLachlan.

To learn more about American Humanics, contact Annie Davies-MacLachlan at 616-331-2362 or [maclacan@gvsu.edu](mailto:maclacan@gvsu.edu). Additional information can also be found at [www.humanics.org](http://www.humanics.org) or [www.gvsu.edu/spna/ah.html](http://www.gvsu.edu/spna/ah.html).

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## **Super Bowl ads will be creative but will they be effective?**

### ***Grand Valley experts offer analysis of the good, the bad and the funny***

Super Bowl XXXVIII fans are getting ready for the big game in Houston Sunday, with some paying \$2,000 for a ticket, and others paying more than \$5,000 for a night of lodging. But the most expensive costs connected to the Super Bowl are the television commercials that will run during the game.

Marketing experts say this year's Super Bowl ads will be the most expensive of all time. The cost of a 30-second spot is averaging \$2.25 million. Many people will be looking forward to watching the commercials just as much as the game between the New England Patriots and the North Carolina Panthers.

The following Grand Valley advertising and public relations experts are available to comment on creativeness and effectiveness of the ads.

•**Joe Helgert, 616-331-3645, associate professor of communications**

Helgert is an expert in advertising. He was an international marketing manager at Motorola Corporation and continues to research the Japanese advertising industry. His students are required to watch the Super Bowl ads for class projects.

•**Tim Penning, 616-331-3478, assistant professor of communications**

Penning specializes in public relations and can comment on the advertisers' ability to effectively launch a new brand in a short advertisement. Penning is also a freelance writer for a variety of publications and is president of the West Michigan Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

•**Roy Winegar, 616-331-3668, assistant professor of communications**

Winegar is an expert in advertising and has a special interest in the Internet's interactive marketing and advertising capabilities.

•**Ben Rudolph, 616-331-7473, professor of marketing in the Seidman School of Business**

Rudolph is an expert on marketing strategy and management and is the past president of the West Michigan Chapter of the American Marketing Association.



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## **“Vagina Monologues” returns with new scenes**

***The benefit shows will be presented on Feb. 12, 13 and 14***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—“The Vagina Monologues,” the internationally acclaimed play by Eve Ensler, will be presented by Grand Valley State University for the third year in a row in recognition of the worldwide V-Day campaign to end violence against women and girls. Two current monologues and local “Vagina Warriors” are new features of the ground-breaking play.

**“The Vagina Monologues” will be performed at 8 p.m. on February 12, 13 and 14 at Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy Street. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$16 general public. Purchase in advance by calling Tickets PLUS at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737, or at the GVSU box office in the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus. For information, call the box office weekdays after noon at (616) 331-2300. Tickets are also available at the door; however, due to past sell-outs, advance tickets are recommended.**

This year’s production will feature two new monologues: one featuring Native American women and the second on the war in Iraq from the perspective of women living in Baghdad. Both scenes were added by Ensler, who continues to base the play’s stories on the lives of real women she meets.

This year’s production also features V-Day’s 2004 theme, “Celebrating Vagina Warriors,” which honors women (and sometimes men) throughout the world who have experienced violence or who have witnessed it in their communities and are now working to end it. As Ensler writes, “Every woman has a warrior inside waiting to be born. In order to guarantee a world without violence, in a time of danger and escalating madness, we urge them to come out.” Four local Vagina Warriors have been chosen to read the statement, including two GVSU students who have experienced violence in their own lives, and representatives from the YWCA in Grand Rapids and the Center for Women in Transition in Holland.

Proceeds from the performances will benefit local programs working to end violence against women, with 10 percent going to the V-Day campaign’s national spotlight cause: “Missing and Murdered Women in Juarez, Mexico.” According to V-Day statistics, in the past decade, 300 women and girls have been killed or have disappeared in Juarez, located just across the border from El Paso, Texas.

“The Vagina Monologues” is sponsored by the Women’s Issues Volunteer Corps (a GVSU student organization), with funding from The Nokomis Foundation and additional sponsorship from the GVSU Women’s Center.

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## **U.S. drops from top position in sending students to college**

### ***College Goal Program announced to increase college participation***

Lansing, Mich.—The official announcement of a new College Goal Program will take place in Lansing in hopes of attracting more Michigan high school seniors to college. The U.S. has dropped to 11th when it comes to sending students to college. The College Goal Campaign involves more than a dozen organizations statewide coming together to help students understand and fill out financial aid forms. Tommy Amaker, head basketball coach at the University of Michigan, is the campaign spokesperson.

**The announcement of the College Goal Program is Wednesday, February 4  
at 10 a.m. at Partnership for Learning, 321 North Pine, Lansing, Michigan.**

The announcement precedes Michigan College Goal Sunday, set for February 8 at 2 p.m. This is a statewide event taking place in 10 different regions that offers free financial aid assistance to students. High school seniors will be assisted with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, form.

In West Michigan, the event is being held at City Hope Ministries, 1975 Jefferson SE in Grand Rapids. "Financial aid experts from area colleges and universities will be on hand to help students fill out the forms step by step," said Jo Ann Litton, assistant director of financial aid at Grand Valley State University.

Speakers at the Lansing event include Michigan First Gentleman Daniel Granholm Mulhern, Michigan Student Financial Aid Association President Ed Kerestly, and Partnership for Learning President Bryan Taylor. Partnership for Learning, a non-profit organization, is sponsoring the event.

A giant balloon with \$1,000 inside will be popped. The cash will be provided as a scholarship to an eligible participant at College Goal Sunday. Taylor said one of the main goals of the event is to open doors for the economically disadvantaged. "Those who are most confused by financial aid are often eligible for the most money. Unfortunately, they get lost in the forms. We hope to change that," he said.



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## **Encouraging Careers in Health Care**

### ***Forum reaches out to high school students***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich — Health care is a new frontier for employment. The West Michigan Healthcare Workforce — a collaboration of West Michigan area hospitals and other health care organizations — holds its first ever forum on February 18 at the Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center from 4 to 8 p.m.

The forum will include interactive simulations and information to entice high school students into the health care industry.

"This is a nationwide problem and especially within West Michigan," said Tom Karel, Director of Human Resources for Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center of Grand Rapids.

As West Michigan makes the transition from a manufacturing dominate area to one of the nation's leading health care research and delivery providers, it will be necessary to introduce local juniors and seniors to all their future job opportunities.

Dr. Jane Toot, Professor and Director of Grand Valley State University's School of Health Professions said, "It is imperative that we start educating our future workforce at an earlier age to develop a seamless world service organization for the aging baby boomers."

Students from Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties will be invited to participate in an interactive simulation of a brain tumor cancer diagnosis and car accident resulting in a close head injury. In addition, students will be able to talk with area health care professionals, learn more about college admissions and financial information and have the opportunity to be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Organizations are participating or supporting this initiative include: Spectrum Health, Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center, Mary Free Bed, Metropolitan Hospital, MMPC, Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center, Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Kent ISD, Grand Valley State University as well as other area colleges and universities.

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## **Tipsheet: GVSU events for Feb. 2-8**

**Thurs., Feb. 5 — Writer/director will discuss 'Black 14' at Grand Valley**

As part of Grand Valley's Black History Month Celebration, 'Niyi Coker, Jr., writer/director of the PBS documentary "The Black 14," discusses his film which recalls 1969, when 14 black football players were kicked off a team because of their beliefs. Coker, director of African American studies at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, will show his film and discuss it at Grand Valley at 6 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center at the Allendale Campus. For more information call 616-331-2177.

**Thurs., Feb. 5 — Award-winning activist filmmaker talks about her films**

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**Thurs., Feb. 5 — Actor brings Calvin Coolidge to Grand Rapids**

Blogs, Iraq and same-sex marriages are on the minds of presidential candidates and voters. Radio, Prohibition and women voting are on the mind of Calvin Coolidge, as portrayed by actor Jim Cooke. Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Ford Museum and Ford Foundation are sponsoring Cooke's appearance at the Ford Museum in Grand Rapids at 8 p.m. His performance is in conjunction with the 1920s exhibit, "All that Jazz," currently at the Ford Museum. For more information call 616-331-2770.

**Fri., Feb. 6-Sun., Feb. 8 — Opera Theatre production of "Guys and Dolls"**

Grand Valley's Opera Theatre will present one of America's best-loved musicals, "Guys and Dolls." The production will take place February 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m., and February 8 at 2 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre of the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus. Tickets are \$12 general public, and \$6 for all students. To purchase, call Tickets PLUS at 616-222-4000 or 800-585-3737. For more information call 616-331-2300.



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## **Grand Valley Political Experts available to discuss Michigan Caucuses**

The following Grand Valley State University political science professors and program directors are experts in their field and can be available to comment on or before the Michigan caucuses Saturday, February 7.

**Gleaves Whitney, 616-331-2770, *director of the Hauentein Center for Presidential Studies***

Whitney is a presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speech writer. He is currently writing two books on American presidents.

**Paul Cornish, 616-331-3502, *assistant professor of political science***

Cornish is an expert in political philosophy and just war doctrines. He also teaches American government courses.

**Kevin Den Dulk, Ph.D., 616-331-2320, *assistant professor of political science***

Den Dulk is an expert on religion and politics. He can also discuss political parties and theory.

**Kedron Bardwell, Ph.D., 616-331-8523, *assistant professor of political science***

Bardwell is an expert on state politics, mass media and politics, elections and voting, campaign advertising and campaign finance reform.

**William Byl, 616-331-7180, *director of the Public Policy Institute***

Byl served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1995-2000. Before being elected to state government, Byl served as a Kent County Commissioner from 1987-94.

**Randy Doyle, Ph.D., 616-331-3164, *visiting assistant professor of history***

Doyle is an expert in U.S. politics and election campaigns. He has worked in state and national election campaigns and was a special assistant to three U.S. congressmen. He was also a delegate in the 2000 election.



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## Model-turned-activist speaks about mass media's depiction of women

***Media Watch founder Ann Simonton at GVSU Feb. 18***



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Ann Simonton was once a top model featured in such beauty-conscious magazines as Glamour, Vogue, and Cosmopolitan. Today, decades after turning her back on her lucrative modeling career, Simonton travels nationwide to expose what she calls mass media's blatant propaganda. The model-turned-activist will speak on the issue of "Media and Power" and its pernicious effects on society on February 18 at Grand Valley State University.

**Simonton's multi-media presentation begins at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, in the Pere Marquette Room (2nd floor) of the Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus. The event is open to the public free of charge. Free parking is available.**

More than two decades ago, Simonton appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated and Seventeen and on the pages of Glamour, Vogue, Cosmopolitan, Women's Day, Bride, and many other national magazines. She also acted in dozens of national television commercials before becoming disillusioned with the way media images — dictated by corporations — glamorize dangerous stereotypes of both women and men. Now one of the nation's leading authorities on the effects of media images, Simonton travels nationwide to present her compelling exposé on the disturbing

consequences of those images and to encourage people to become critical consumers of the media. She has been arrested and jailed 11 times for her nonviolent and often humorous protests:

In 1984 Simonton founded Media Watch, the organization behind the vociferous and flamboyant MYTH California Protest and foe of the Miss America Program. She remains its director, and has been interviewed on CNN, ESPN News, Inside Edition, numerous national talk shows, and for scores of newspaper and magazine articles. She is listed in 1995's Who's Who in America and her media-literacy videos have garnered national acclaim.

More information can be found at [www.mediawatch.com](http://www.mediawatch.com). Simonton's visit is sponsored by the GVSU Women's Center, the Counseling Center, the Women's Issues Volunteer Corps (student group), the Center for Women in Transition, and other organizations.



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## **ADVISORY: Sharpton speaks at GVSU**

***Democratic presidential candidate speaks at voter registration event on Feb. 5***

Democratic Party presidential candidate Rev. Al Sharpton speaks on the importance of voter registration at Grand Valley State University. The event takes place at the Cook-DeWitt Center on the Allendale Campus at 12:30 p.m.

The program's sponsors are the Iota Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and The Laker Zone. The Iota Epsilon chapter is supporting a national program in sequence named "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People." This national program encourages college students and the entire community to involve themselves in the voting process.

Sharpton will bring awareness on voting in addition to informing the public on the Democratic Presidential Caucuses in which the public has the ability to vote for a Democratic candidate to run for president. The date to vote in Michigan is Saturday, February 7, 2004.

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## **Minister teaches how to care for 'mind, body, spirit'**

### ***Event continues celebration of Black History Month at GVSU***

Many women of color have nurtured their siblings, partners, parents and friends — everyone, it seems, except themselves. During a program designed to celebrate and rejuvenate women of color, the Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill will help participants find time for themselves.

Gill presents "Black Women in History. Becoming Empowered by Being Whole: Taking Care of Mind, Body and Spirit" on **Wednesday, February 11, at 7 p.m.** at the Cook-DeWitt Center at Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus.

The program continues GVSU's celebration of Black History Month. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Women's Center, Positive Black Women, Delta Sigma Theta and Black Student Union, the program is free but participants are asked to RSVP by calling the Women's Center at 616-331-2748 or sending an e-mail to [womenctr@gvsu.edu](mailto:womenctr@gvsu.edu). Prior to Gill's presentation, Voices of GVSU Gospel Choir will perform.

Since 1999, Gill has served as pastor and teacher at Webster United Church of Christ in Dexter. She was the first African-American woman to serve the 169-year-old church. She has written four books, most recently *Vashti's Victory: Biblical Women Resisting Injustice*.

She is a popular speaker, workshop leader and, prior to her call to the ministry, a radio and television producer. Gill holds a bachelor's degree from Howard University, a master's of business administration from Rutgers University and two graduate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is currently an intern in the Spiritual Direction Program at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt.



*The Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill. To have this photo emailed to you, call News and Information Services at 616-331-2221.*



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## **Negro Baseball League expert to speak at GVSU for Black History Month**

The days of segregation in sports will be relived during a multimedia presentation on the history of the Negro Baseball League.

Byron Motley, a Los Angeles singer/songwriter, will lecture on "Hitmakers, Heroes and Homeruns" at Grand Valley State University's Kirkhof Center on **Thursday, February 12, beginning at 1 p.m.** Motley's presentation is sponsored by Grand Valley's Office of Multicultural Affairs and continues the celebration of Black History Month.

The son of a former Negro League umpire, Motley is also a filmmaker and recently produced a TV documentary, "Oh How They Lived: Stories of Negro League Baseball." Motley said the goal behind "How They Lived" was to educate viewers on the significant contributions Negro League players made in the 20th century.

His fast-moving lecture does the same. Using videos, slides and musical performances, Motley chronicles the league's history and the impact it had on American society. His performance, in the Pere Marquette Room, is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 616-331-2177.

Motley received a master's degree in music from the University of Southern California and has performed with Boston Pops, Natalie Cole, Dionne Warwick, Celine Dion, Barbra Streisand and Joe Cocker. He currently tours with Barry Manilow.



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## **Murray will ask board to support governor's tuition restraint plan**

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray said today he will recommend that the university limit its tuition increase for next year's in-state undergraduates to 2.4 percent. This move is in response to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's request in her State of the State address that universities cap any tuition increase at inflation.

Participation means that tuition would increase by only \$67 next fall. For example, a full-time Michigan resident freshman would be charged \$2,891 per semester.

"In these very challenging fiscal times, the Governor has shown that higher education is a high priority for her," said Murray. "While it will be very difficult for us to comply, I believe we owe it to our students to meet the governor's request — it means more state support for Grand Valley and tuition relief for our students. Both are important outcomes."

Granholm has said that a university that agrees to hold its tuition rate hike to inflation (2.4 percent) in the 2004-05 academic year would receive a partial refund of the budget reduction that occurred last December. Under terms of the governor's plan, the university's appropriation would be raised to \$57.9 million and held at that level during fiscal year 2005. The university began the current 2004 fiscal year with an appropriation of \$59.1 million; that was cut to \$56.1 million in December.

"If the Legislature passes and the governor signs a higher education appropriation with these features, I will recommend to our Board of Trustees that Grand Valley participate," Murray said. "Grand Valley's participation would remain in force over the coming year so long as the state's financial support also remains unchanged."

Murray will discuss the matter with the Board of Trustees at its next meeting on February 13. Formal board action would come later in the spring, or early summer as the state budget moves toward completion.

"It is particularly difficult for Grand Valley to adopt this plan because it receives the lowest state appropriation per student and has the state's second lowest overall cost of educating students," explained Murray. "Grand Valley also has fewer out-of-state and graduate students than do some of the other campuses that have so far indicated interest in the plan. Nevertheless, our students and their families expect us to go the extra mile."



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## Acclaimed novelist to read from her work

*Rosellen Brown will be featured at GVSU on February 25*



*Rosellen Brown. To have this print-quality photo e-mailed to you, please call Nancy Willey at 331-2228.*

Rosellen Brown, called "one of our most talented writers" by fellow novelist Annie Dillard, will be a featured guest at Grand Valley State University. The public is invited to hear the nationally acclaimed author read from her work.

The event takes place at 7 p.m. on February 25 at Grand Valley's Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus. A reception and book-signing session will follow. There is no admission charge; parking is free.

Brown is the author of five novels including the New York Times bestseller "Before and After" (1992), which was translated into 23 languages and made into a film starring Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson. Her latest novel, "Half a Heart," and three previous books, "Civil Wars," "Tender Mercies" and "The Autobiography of My Mother," received acclaim from book critics at The New York Times Book Review, Newsday, Time magazine, People, and many other reviewers and authors.

Brown is also the author of three collections of poetry and numerous essays and stories. She has published widely in magazines and her short stories have appeared frequently in "O. Henry Prize Stories," "Best American Short Stories," and "Pushcart Prizes." One is included in the recently published bestseller, "Best Short Stories of the Century," edited by John Updike.

Recognition of Brown's work includes awards from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, among others, and being selected as one of Ms. Magazine's 12 "Women of the Year" in 1984. She currently teaches in the graduate creative writing program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

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## **Former NBA player will promote study abroad programs**

***Steve Kerr will talk to GVSU students on February 18***

Five-time NBA champion Steve Kerr will emphasize the importance of study abroad programs and international understanding when he speaks to Grand Valley students.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Kerr went to school in several regions of the Middle East when his father, Malcolm Kerr, was a university professor. Named president of the American University of Beirut in 1982, Malcolm Kerr was assassinated in 1984.

Despite his family's tragedy, Steve Kerr remains committed to a global education. Grand Valley's Office of International Education is sponsoring his visit. Interim Dean Mark Schaub said it's important to bring in someone students will listen to.

"Students who might normally skip a program about study abroad might listen to a five-time NBA champion," said Schaub, who had taught with Malcolm Kerr.

Kerr will speak at Grand Valley's Cook-DeWitt Center, at the Allendale Campus, on **Wednesday, February 18**, beginning at 2 p.m.

Now a NBA analyst for Turner Sports, Kerr won championships as a player with the Chicago Bulls (1996, 1997 and 1998) and San Antonio Spurs (1999 and 2003). Kerr played basketball for 14 years and remains the NBA's all-time best three-point shooter with a 45 percent average (726-of-1,599).

Through the Office of International Education, more than 400 Grand Valley students participate in 40 study abroad programs.



*Former San Antonio Spur Steve Kerr will speak at GVSU on February 18.*

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## **Innovative concerts take the stage at GVSU**

***Electroacoustic music featured Thursday, Feb. 19; Maia Quartet performs Friday, Feb. 20***

### **"Into the Soundscape" series showcases electroacoustic music**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—"Into the Soundscape V," the fifth concert in a multi-channel sound projection concert series featured this academic year, will be held at 8 p.m. February 19 in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. Admission is free.

Exactly what is a multi-channel sound projection concert?

"If you don't know what the concert is about, you should come!" said Chin-Chin Chen, director of Grand Valley's Music Technology Center and producer of the series. "As far as I know, no other places in Michigan are doing multi-channel sound projection concerts. It's free and it's right here."

The concert will feature five electroacoustic compositions on CDs and one video and audio piece on DVD, according to Chen. The works will be played over 16 speakers, one subwoofer, and a mixer. No human performers will take the stage, although a sound projectionist will be at the mixer to feed signals to the speakers.

Electroacoustic music, by definition, is music which can only be heard through speakers, said Chen. Using sound itself as an instrument, it makes use of sound recordings and playback technology (reel-to-reel tape recorders, computers, synthesizers, DAT machines, etc.) to make compositions which have no analogies in the world of acoustic instruments.

"If you want to be surrounded by sounds and never know where the sound is coming from, you should come," urged Chen. It's certain to be a new musical experience.

Thursday's concert, the first concert of the series to be held on the Grand Rapids Campus, is curated by Professor Anna Rubin of the University of Maryland and features music from the United States. The final concert of the series, held March 25 at the Loosemore Auditorium, will feature compositions from East European countries.



*The Maia Quartet. Call 331-2228 to have this print-quality photo (300 dpi) emailed to you.*

### **Maia Quartet celebrated for its innovation**

The Maia Quartet, a string quartet praised by critics for its "sparkling musical intelligence" and innovation, will perform at Grand Valley at 8 p.m. on February 20 in the Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus. Admission is free.

The string quartet of the University of Iowa School of Music, the Maia Quartet has appeared in major concert halls throughout the United States, including a 1999 concert at the German Embassy in Washington on the eve of the NATO summit, in honor of the Czech Republic's entry into NATO. The four women musicians have also collaborated with leading chamber musicians including violist Michael Tree of the Guarneri Quartet, violinist Peter Zazofsky, renowned concert pianist Ann Schein, and others.



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## **Grand Valley and CMU begin new partnership**

***Cooperative effort combines resources***

Health professions students from Central Michigan University will be able to make an easy transition to graduate studies at Grand Valley State University. Under a new agreement signed February 11, up to three CMU students will be automatically accepted into Grand Valley's master of science in Occupational Therapy Program after fulfilling pre-admission requirements.

"Grand Valley is developing a strong relationship with CMU students," said Christopher Lewis, outreach coordinator for the School of Health Professions at Grand Valley. "Students can apply in their junior year at CMU and then, binding an academic review of their senior year, can be accepted into our program before they graduate," he said.

The agreement was signed February 11 at 9 a.m. in Room 2217 at Central Michigan University's Health Professions Building.

"It's a timely partnership because the health care field is bursting with a need for practitioners," said Jane Toot, director of the School of Health Professions at Grand Valley. "All of the health programs are very expensive to implement. The agreement makes better use of resources while still providing services for students and future patients, especially at a time when there is a need for careful spending across the state," she said.

"CMU is very pleased to have developed this working relationship with Grand Valley State University to help students interested in graduate studies in occupational therapy," said Marvis Lary, dean of The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions. The partnership has been a year in the making. Grand Valley faculty members will visit CMU at least once a year to advise students.



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## March 2004 Events at GVSU

### *Art, Music, Theatre and Special Events*

#### MUSIC

*All events are free of charge unless noted. Contact number is (616) 331-3484.*

#### **3/11 Thursday**

Arts at Noon Series. **The Amsterdam Guitar Trio**, considered one of the finest guitar ensembles in the world, will present classical as well as contemporary music. A real Dutch treat! 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

#### **3/12 Friday and 3/13 Saturday**

**University Arts Chorale, Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus and Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra** perform William Walton's *Balshazzar's Feast* conducted by David Lockington. 8 p.m. Devos Hall, Grand Rapids. For ticket information, please call TicketMaster at (616) 456-3333.

#### **3/14 Sunday**

The **Perugino String Quartet** will perform a concert featuring works by Beethoven and Shostakovich. 3 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St.

#### **3/17 Wednesday**

Arts at Noon Series. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the **Perugino String Quartet**, quartet-in-residence at GVSU. Members are Eric Tanner and Diane McElfish, violins; Robert Byrens, viola; and Stacey Bosman Tanner, cello. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

#### **3/21 Sunday**

Small Ensembles Concert featuring the **Madrigal Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra**. 1:30 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Ctr.

#### **3/25 Thursday**

Arts at Noon Series. Harpsichordist/fortepianist **Penelope Crawford** returns to GVSU. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

#### **3/25 Thursday**

**Into the Soundscape VI**, a multi-channel sound projection concert featuring electroacoustic compositions from East European countries, curated by Julia Dmitrioukova. 8 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St.

#### **3/26 Friday**

**Dave Spring, jazz bass**. Spring has performed in a wide variety of musical settings and with many of the world's great jazz musicians. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

#### **3/28 Sunday**

The **GVSU Early Music Ensemble** with guest artist **Patricia Ahern**, baroque violin, and GVSU music professor **Pablo Mahave-Veglia**, director. Featuring works by Telemann, Corelli, Biber and Vivaldi performed on period instruments. The concert includes a performance of Vivaldi's *Spring Concerto* from *The Four Seasons* featuring guest artist Patricia Ahern, a critically acclaimed baroque violinist currently recording and touring internationally with the Toronto-based Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. 2 p.m. Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

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George Feydeau's *A Flea in Her Ear*. This farcical masterpiece set in turn-of-the-century Paris is probably one of the funniest plays ever written. To test her husband's fidelity, Yvonne sends a letter from an imaginary admirer suggesting a hotel rendezvous, and in so doing touches off a dizzying string of hilarious mixups in the notorious Hôtel Pussycat! All ages welcome. Directed by Roger Ellis.

March 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. • March 21 and 28 at 2 p.m.

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale

Tickets: general public \$12; all students \$6. Call Tickets PLUS at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. Tickets may also be purchased at the LAT Box Office, open weekdays and one hour prior to performances. Box Office: (616) 331-2300.

**GUEST SPEAKERS / SPECIAL EVENTS**

*All events free of charge unless noted otherwise.*

**3/11 Thursday****Susan Gubar, "A Feminism of One's Own"**

1 p.m., 215 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

How might Virginia Woolf address the situation of women, were she to write "A Room of One's Own" today? Drawing on Woolf's irony, lyricism, and humor, author Susan Gubar contemplates the startling transformations effected by the second wave of the women's movement by invoking Virginia Woolf as her muse.

Gubar is best known for the highly acclaimed "The Madwoman in the Attic: The Woman Writer and the 19th-Century Literary Imagination." For more information call the GVSU Women's Center at 331-2748.

**3/18 Thursday**

The Women and Gender Studies Program and the Women's Center feature writer and activist **Rebecca Walker**, author of "Black, White, and Jewish," a contributing editor to *Ms. Magazine*, and co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, the only national, activist, philanthropic organization for young women. Walker, named by *Time* magazine as one of the 50 future leaders of America, will speak on "Feminism and the New Masculinity: Putting Down the Gun and Waking Up to Who We Really Are." 7 p.m. Kirkhof Center, Grand River Rm, Allendale Campus. 331-3730.

**3/18 Thursday**

School of Communications 20th Anniversary Event. **Stuart Elliott**, media writer and "Advertising" columnist for the *New York Times*. 7 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. 331-3668.

**3/20 Sunday****Women's Retreat with Tess Marshall, "Flying By the Seat of My Soul"**

10 a.m.-2 p.m., 204 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Tess Marshall is an expert on helping others reinvigorate their lives and work with joy and meaning. She has dedicated her life to teaching people how to be outrageously happy at home and at work. This women's retreat will be based on Tess' book, *Flying By the Seat of My Soul*. Participants will receive practical advice in a fun workshop format and enjoy lunch. Please RSVP to the Women's Center at 331-2748 or e-mail at [womenctr@gvsu.edu](mailto:womenctr@gvsu.edu). Free.

**March 25th****Advocacy Training with Jean Doss (lobbyist)**

7-8:30 p.m., 215 Kirkhof Center, Allendale

Sharpen your grassroots lobbying skills and increase your understanding of current public policy issues of concern to women in Michigan. Lobbyist Jean Doss will review the legislative process and give an in-depth exploration of grassroots advocacy planning, strategies and tools, hands-on advocacy, etc. Free Admission. 331-2748.

Co-Sponsors: GVSU Women's Center and Grand Rapids National Organization for Women (NOW) Chapter.

**3/30 Tuesday**

School of Comm 20th Anniversary Event. **David Travis**, curator of photography for The Art Institute of Chicago, will speak about "Photography and the Pleasures of Deception." 7 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. 331-3668.

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## **Grand Valley asks board to close one Detroit charter school**

### ***Second resolution requests a board change at another Detroit charter school***

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today approved a resolution terminating the charter contract with Detroit Advantage Academy. The termination will be effective one year from the date of notice.

The Board of Trustees heard facts outlining the school's underperformance from Edward Richardson, Grand Valley's special assistant to the president for Charter Schools. Richardson cited concerns over the school's student performance, governance and operations, compliance reporting and communication.

"I am very disappointed to make this recommendation," said Richardson. "But Grand Valley must take the action to close Detroit Advantage Academy to preserve charter schools as a viable option for a quality education."

Grand Valley State University has a legal and educational responsibility as an authorizing body for Charter Schools in Michigan to monitor and oversee a school's performance. "We have determined that despite many positive efforts, Detroit Advantage Academy has consistently not been able to meet required performance standards and it is our decision to terminate our contract," continued Richardson.

Detroit Advantage Academy is a public school with approximately 780 K-8 students. It's located at 9881 Mendota St., Detroit, MI 48204. The academy opened in September 2000.

Grand Valley's Board of Trustees also took action on a resolution to modify the terms of service to all remaining members of the Metro Charter Academy Board of Directors to end on Friday, February 13, 2004.

"This action comes after numerous parent complaints regarding the deterioration of board member relationships and the inability of the Metro Board to lead the school," stated Richardson.

Two Metro Charter Academy board members have already resigned. Grand Valley's Board of Trustees has authorized Richardson to appoint interim board members to serve Metro until the next GVSU board meeting in April.

Metro Charter Academy is a K-8 public school with approximately 615 students. It is located at 34800 Ecorse Rd., Romulus, MI 48174. It opened in September 2000.





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## University chefs battle it out in the kitchen

*The "Iron Chef"-style competition includes culinary teams from Grand Valley, Central Michigan, and Saginaw Valley*

ALLENDALE, Mich.— In the spirit of the Food Network's popular "Iron Chef" TV show, teams of university chefs will spend a frenzied hour this week competing against each other in the kitchen. The public is invited to come and see who wins the "Chef's Challenge" trophy... and to get a meal in the process.

The Chef's Challenge begins at 5 p.m. this Wednesday, February 18, at the Fresh Food Company, located in The Commons on Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus. Admission is \$7 per person, which includes a full view of the cooking contest and an all-you-can-eat meal prepared by the Fresh Food Company.

The culinary competition is modeled after "Iron Chef," with teams working side-by-side in a high-pressure atmosphere to produce four menu items in one hour. Each team will create five servings, plus one presentation plate, of an appetizer, soup, salad, and entrée. What's the catch? All teams will be required to incorporate a mystery ingredient that will be revealed to them right before the clock starts ticking.

Chef's Challenge competitors are from Grand Valley, led by Executive Chef Ryan Jones, Central Michigan University, and Saginaw Valley State University. Judging the meals will be Grand Valley administrators and local culinary wizards including Massieux Guillaume Hazael, executive chef of Toulouse in Saugatuck, and an instructor from Grand Rapids Community College's culinary arts program. Besides bragging rights, the winning team will go home with a trophy.

The Chef's Challenge began last fall when a culinary team from Central threw down the gauntlet (in this case, probably an oven mitt) and challenged teams from the two other universities to a test of cooking skills and food savvy. Central won that match; GVSU came in second. This week's rematch should be fun and tasty — but also intense, said Deb Rambadt, marketing manager for campus dining at GVSU.

"It's very much fun, but the chef teams are extremely serious about this. They want to win, and they're very competitive," Rambadt said. "It's going to take a lot of creativity and skill."

Grand Valley's Allendale Campus is located 12 miles west of Grand Rapids off Lake Michigan Drive (M-45). The Commons is on the left side of Campus Drive, between Manitou Hall and Padnos Hall. Free parking is available across Campus Drive in Lot F. For more information, call Deb Rambadt at (616) 331-3008.

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## **Laker football team will visit lawmakers**

***National champions will be recognized by both state House and Senate***

Michigan's lawmakers will formally congratulate Grand Valley's 2003 national championship football team in the state Capitol on **Wednesday, February 18.**

About 60 members of the coaching staff, including new football coach Chuck Martin, athletics administration and team are expected to make the trip to Lansing. Media coverage is available at the following times:

- 10 a.m.: on Senate floor for formal recognition
- 10:15-11 a.m.: tour of building
- 11-11:15 a.m.: with state Rep. Mike Sak (D-Grand Rapids) in House for photos
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: lunch with legislators
- 1 p.m.: in House gallery for full House recognition.



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## **Hoekstra to meet with GVSU Student Senate**

***Thursday event in Allendale to cover recent intelligence committee mission to Middle East,  
higher education and the federal budget***

ALLENDALE, Mich. — U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, will meet with Grand Valley State University's Student Senate on Thursday to discuss his recent Intelligence Committee oversight mission to the Middle East, as well as domestic issues such as those impacting higher education and the 2005 Fiscal Year federal budget.

"I anticipate a lively talk with Grand Valley's student senators on what our congressional delegation learned during our visits to Libya, Iraq and Afghanistan," Hoekstra said. "Thursday's event will provide an ideal opportunity to discuss the issue of peace and stability in the Middle East from a student's perspective, as well as the many issues in higher education that directly concern them."

Hoekstra returns this week from a House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence delegation to Tripoli to meet with Libyan leader Moammar Ghadafi. The diplomatic mission was designed to demonstrate to the Libyan people that the decision to abandon its weapons programs and renounce support for terrorism carries significant benefits for their country.

"The Grand Valley Student Senate is very excited to be hosting Representative Hoekstra on our campus for a discussion of issues that affect us as students," said Rachael Voorhees, Student Senate president. "There are several items of interest to us at the federal level, and we will have several questions about the Middle East we will be able to pose to a source with firsthand knowledge of these issues."

Hoekstra is chairman of both the House Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence and the House Subcommittee on Select Education.

The Student Senate meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. at the GVSU Kirkhof Center in Pere Marquette Room 204. Media is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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## **Nursing students work to improve resident's dental health**

***Students, volunteers will hand out 1,000 packets in SW Grand Rapids on Thursday***

Grand Valley nursing students and volunteers from several community organizations will distribute 1,000 dental health packets on **Thursday, February 19**, in southwest Grand Rapids neighborhoods.

Marilyn Vander Werf's community health class teamed with Other Way Ministries and Servant's Community Reformed Church to create packets containing tubes of toothpaste, floss and a book about dental health. Vander Werf's class takes on a community project each semester; she said dental health was chosen based on a community survey. The students created the book themselves as part of their class.

The group will meet at Servant's Church, 53 Delony St. SW, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. They will spend the morning walking through the neighborhood to distribute packets and talk to residents about dental health.



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## **WGVU-TV wins top award**

### ***MAB gives nod to Gerald R. Ford documentary***

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters awarded **Best News Special** to WGVU-TV for the documentary **Gerald R. Ford: Turning 90**. Included in the honor are the special's executive producers, Ken Kolbe and Matt McLogan. The special was written and researched by Mike Grass and taped and edited by Rob Byrd. It celebrates President Gerald R. Ford's 90th birthday with a local look at the life of President Ford, his childhood in Grand Rapids, and the influence that West Michigan has had on his life.

"It is such an honor to be recognized by our peers," said Michael T. Walenta, station manager for WGVU-TV. "I am proud of our whole production team, which includes staff and a number of students," he said.

"This was a birthday tribute to President Ford, said Kolbe. "We are now working on a full length 60-minute piece on President Ford's political career and how his values affected his presidency and his place in history."

The program features interviews conducted by Matt McLogan, Grand Valley's vice president for University Relations, and Jane Bryerly. Both McLogan and Bryerly covered Ford while they were working as journalists in Grand Rapids. Those interviewed included Vice President Dick Cheney, former President George Bush, Sr., biographer James Canon, former Grand Rapids Press editor Warner Vitte and Dennis Daellenbach, director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids and the Gerald R. Ford Library in Ann Arbor. McLogan also hosted the documentary.

"We're pleased to get recognition from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters," said McLogan. "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all those involved and gives the hour-long project in the works an added boost."

WGVU-TV will be recognized at The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Awards Ceremony on Monday, March 8, 2004, in Lansing.



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## **Mel Gibson's "The Passion" stirs a passionate response**

### ***Grand Valley experts available to comment on the movie***

Mel Gibson's controversial movie "The Passion of the Christ," an account of the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ, will be released in theaters Wednesday, February 25, 2004. The following Grand Valley faculty members can be available to comment on the movie.

**William Morison, 616-331-2154, *visiting assistant professor of history***

Morison has been following the controversy surrounding the movie for the past year. He is an expert in ancient studies.

**Stephen Rowe, 616-331-2119, *professor of philosophy***

Rowe is an expert on the philosophy of religion and inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue.

**Michael DeWilde, 616-331-3612, *assistant professor of philosophy***

DeWilde is an expert on international religions and New Testament studies.

**Luke Galen, 616-331-2904, *assistant professor of psychology***

Galen is an expert in clinical psychology and research as it relates to religion. He can comment on the effect of religion on behavior.

**John Philbin, 616-331-3668, *associate professor of film/video production, School of Communications***

Philbin directs Grand Valley's annual Summer Film Project. He is available to comment on the movie after its release.

**Barbara Roos, 616-331-3465, *associate professor of film/video production, School of Communications***

Roos can compare current reactions to a previous movie generating controversy over its depiction of Christ: Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ" (1988).



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## **Expert on 'Buffalo Soldiers' to speak, display artifacts**

### ***Event continues GVSU's celebration of Black History Month***

A descendent of a Civil War-era soldier will serve as a guide through America's old West during two presentations on "Buffalo Soldiers" as part of Grand Valley's celebration of Black History Month.

Legislation in 1866 officially designated six African-American Army units to serve as peacetime soldiers. Cheyenne Indians recognized their fighting spirit and began calling the men "Buffalo Soldiers" out of respect.

Retired educator John Bell will transport audience members back to the late-1800s during his presentations on **Thursday, February 26**. Bell will speak at noon in Loosemore Auditorium at the DeVos Center and at 6 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center at the Allendale Campus. The presentations are free and open to the public.

Along with his presentation, Bell will display several original Civil War artifacts. He possesses one of the largest collections in the country, including a weapon that belonged to Gen. George Custer, plus period guns, slave chains and uniforms.

Bell is a descendent of former Buffalo Soldier Addison Taylor. He now lives in Colorado and lectures around the country.

For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 616-331-2177.



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## **Tip Sheet: GVSU events for Feb. 23-29**

### **Mon., Feb. 23 — West Michigan Career Connections**

Grand Valley students will meet representatives from business, communications, computer science, engineering, and other careers at the West Michigan Career Connections 2004, from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on the second floor of the Eberhard Center, Pew Campus. Call 616-331-3311 for more information.

### **Mon., Feb. 23 — Relationship of English to Ghanaian Languages in Education**

As a part of the Department of English Colloquia Series, speakers explore the relationship of English to Ghanaian languages in school settings in Ghana today. Laura Vander Broek and Shinian Wu will discuss their visit to schools in Ghana at noon in Lake Huron Hall, Allendale Campus. Call 616-331-3405 for more information.

### **Wed., Feb. 25 — Acclaimed novelist to read from her work**

Rosellen Brown, called "one of our most talented writers" by fellow novelist Annie Dillard, will read from her works at 7 p.m. at Grand Valley's Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus. Brown is the author of five novels including the New York Times bestseller "Before and After." A reception and book-signing session will follow. Call 616-331-3411 for more information.

### **Thurs., Feb. 26 — Expert on 'Buffalo Soldiers' to speak, display artifacts**

A descendent of a Civil War-era soldier will serve as a guide through America's old West during two presentations on "Buffalo Soldiers" as part of Grand Valley's celebration of Black History Month. Retired educator John Bell will transport audience members back to the late-1800s during his presentations on Thursday, February 26. Bell will speak at noon in Loosemore Auditorium at the DeVos Center and at 6 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center at the Allendale Campus. The presentations are free and open to the public. Call 616-331-2177 for more information.

### **Thurs., Feb. 26 — Who was Herbert Hoover?**

Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies presents George Nash, who will discuss "Who Was Herbert Hoover: The Political Odyssey of a Misunderstood Man." Nash's discussion takes place at 8 p.m. in the Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium. The event corresponds with the Gerald R. Ford Museum's exhibit, "All That Jazz: America in the 1920's." Call 616-331-2770 for more information.





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## **Harvard scholar brings 'brainy, quirky' Herbert Hoover to Grand Rapids**

### ***Hauenstein Center and the Ford sponsor look at the Great Depression***

America's current preoccupation with food involves a war between carbs and fat. Herbert Hoover lived and led during a time when America's preoccupation with food involved life and death and world war.

"Food will win the war," argued Hoover. At the time he made that proclamation, he was an engineer running the U.S. Food Administration during World War I. The agency was responsible for making sure America's troops overseas were fed and able to fight.

Historian and author George H. Nash has written volumes on the man who went from that post to the presidency. The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University and the Gerald R. Ford Museum and Foundation are bringing Nash to the Ford Museum to present, "**Who was Herbert Hoover? The Political Odyssey of a Misunderstood Man.**"

**Thursday, February 26  
8 p.m.**

**Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium**

**Opportunities to tour the Museum's corresponding exhibit, *All That Jazz: America in the 1920s***

"President Hoover was misunderstood because he was independent," explains Gleaves Whitney, the director of the Hauenstein Center. "Hoover was a brilliant thinker, not easily pigeon-holed. He was one of the greatest humanitarians of the 20th century. George Nash is the premier authority on the man and his place in our nation's history."

Nash earned his doctorate at Harvard University and was a research fellow at Harvard's Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History. In 1975, he was commissioned by the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association to prepare the definitive, multi-volume scholarly biography of Hoover.

The country went from WW I to the Great Depression, the greatest domestic crisis since the Civil War. The 31st president was alternately championed and criticized by liberals and conservatives for his management during the depression.

In his work, Nash shows how Hoover became a hero to some but was derided by farmers and livestock producers who saw him as an insensitive outsider, a reputation that followed him to the White House. In his February 26 appearance at the Ford, Nash will discuss the half-century long career of this brainy, quirky president who made enormous contributions to the United States at a very difficult time.

Seating for the lecture is limited. Call the Hauenstein Center at 616-331-2770 to reserve a seat. For more information on this event and others, visit the Center's website at [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org).



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## **NEWS ALERT: Pinewood Derby Day**

***Grand Valley engineering students help Grand Rapids 5th graders build  
and race pinewood derby cars as part of service project.***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Students from Grand Valley State University's Padnos School of Engineering are working with the students in Sibley Elementary 5th grade classes to build and race pinewood derby cars. Each child makes his or her own car.

Around 80 fifth graders from three classes at Sibley have built the small wooden race cars and will put them to the test on **Thursday, February 26**.

GVSU engineering professor Shirley Fleischmann stresses community service as a part of learning. This is the fourth year she has spearheaded this project. She encourages each engineering student to be involved in at least one service-related project here during their four years at Grand Valley.

**COVERAGE DETAILS: The race will be Thursday, February 26 from 9-11 a.m. in Grand Valley's Keller Engineering Labs building (right next to the Eberhard Center in downtown Grand Rapids).**

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## **Grand Valley names new Director of Public Safety**

*Barbara Bergers is one of only three local women to hold top law enforcement positions*



*Barbara Bergers. Please call  
331-2221 to have photo e-mailed  
to you.*

Grand Valley State University has promoted Barbara Bergers to director of Public Safety Services at the Allendale campus, effective March 1. Bergers has been assistant director for the past five years.

"Barb has done a very good job managing the campus police operation, with a focus on community policing and preventative and educational programs," said Tim Schad, vice president for Finance and Administration at Grand Valley. "Her rich experience provides perspective in dealing with any type of issue that may arise."

Before coming to Grand Valley, Bergers spent 22 years with the Detroit Police Department, earning the title of lieutenant. She was impressed with Grand Valley's independent police force from the start. "This department is extremely professional at all levels. Our focus is providing excellent service to the students, staff, faculty and visitors of our community."

Bergers will oversee a staff that includes 13 sworn officers, three clerical workers, and up to 70 student employees. "I've been mentored for this position since I came to Grand Valley by the former director, Alan Wygant," said Bergers. Wygant is the director of public safety for Pew Campus Security. "I look forward to and anticipate the challenges of this new responsibility," Bergers said.

Bergers joins the city of Walker's police chief and Grand Rapids Community College's public safety director as the only women in West Michigan to hold such a position. "The university is very conscious to promote diversity of all kinds," said Bergers. "The field of law enforcement is still predominantly male, so this is significant for women to see that this is a viable profession."

The official ceremony for her appointment will take place Friday, February 27 at 9 a.m. at The Meadows on Grand Valley's Allendale campus.

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## GVSU celebrates Women's History Month

*A variety of free events in March pay tribute to women past and present*

"Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility" is the theme of the 2004 National Women's History Month, and Grand Valley State University will celebrate that theme with a number of special events in March. Included are a presentation by a human rights researcher who has unearthed and written about terrifying evidence of Guatemala's civil war, an author who ponders what Virginia Woolf would make of today's feminism, a noted activist focusing on the younger generation of women, a four-hour women's retreat addressing happiness at work and home, and a lobbyist from NOW with tips for sharpening grassroots lobbying skills.

Those and more events are described below in chronological order. More information will be given as events draw near. **All events are free of charge.** Please call the number above if you would like more information and contact numbers, or to have photographs e-mailed to you.



*Susan Gubar, March 10 and 11*

**Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.**

**Susan Gubar, "The Long and Short of Holocaust Poetry"**

**Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids**

Writer Susan Gubar will address her recently published "Poetry After Auschwitz: Remember What One Never Knew," a study of North American and English poets who have responded to the Holocaust in their work. (More on Gubar below.)

**Thursday, March 11, 1 p.m.**

**Susan Gubar, "A Feminism of One's Own"**

**215/216 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus**

How might Virginia Woolf address the situation of women were she to write "A Room of One's Own" today? Drawing on Woolf's irony, lyricism, and humor, author Dr. Susan Gubar contemplates the startling transformations effected by the second wave of the women's movement by invoking Virginia Woolf as her muse.

A pioneer in feminist literary studies, Gubar is best known for her collaboration with Sandra Gilbert. Their highly acclaimed "The Madwoman in the Attic: The Woman Writer and the Nineteenth-Century Literary Imagination" (1979), was a runner-up for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Gubar's recent works include "Critical Condition: Feminism at the Turn of the Century" (2000).

Gubar's appearances are sponsored by the Joseph Stevens Freedom Endowment, GVSU Honors College, the Arts and Humanities Division, the Women's Center, and Women and Gender Studies. 331-2748.

**Wednesday, March 17, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Victoria Sanford, "Truth, Human Rights and Advocacy"**

**Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus**

Dr. Victoria Sanford, author of the highly-acclaimed book, "Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala" (2003), will discuss her investigations into massacres committed during Guatemala's civil war and share her fight for

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Victoria Sanford with Latin American youth working for peace, March 17

justice in Latin America.

Sanford is a senior research fellow at the Institute on Violence and Survival, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. In the 1990s, a team from the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation began excavations to reveal a time of terror during the height of Guatemala's civil war, when thousands of people were "disappeared" and never heard from again. Sanford, a member of the Guatemalan Truth Commission, will come to GVSU from Guatemala to share her forensics work and engage the audience in lively discussions about human rights for indigenous populations. Sponsored by the Latin American Studies program. 331-2325.

**Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.**  
**Rebecca Walker, "Feminism and the New Masculinity: Putting Down the Gun and Waking Up to Who We Really Are"**  
**Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, Allendale Campus**

Named by *Time* magazine as one of the 50 future leaders of America, author Rebecca Walker is an important younger

voice calling for social change and personal transformation. She is also widely known as co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, the only national, activist, philanthropic organization for women ages 15 to 30. Sponsored by the Women and Gender Studies program and the Women's Center. 331-2748.



Rebecca Walker, March 18

**Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Women's Retreat with Tess Marshall, "Flying By the Seat of My Soul"**  
**204 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus**

Tess Marshall is an expert on helping others reinvigorate their lives and work with joy and meaning. She has dedicated her life to teaching people how to be outrageously happy at home and at work. The women's retreat will be based on Marshall's book, "Flying By the Seat of My Soul." Participants will receive practical advice in a fun workshop format. Lunch is included. Reservations are required; contact the Women's Center at 331-2748 or [womenctr@gvsu.edu](mailto:womenctr@gvsu.edu).

**Thursday, March 25, 12 noon**  
**Women Pioneers Panel**  
**104 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus**

Faculty members from GVSU's History Department explore women pioneers in a variety of historical roles, including Josephine Perry, the wife of the famous explorer, and Grace Eldering and Pearl Kendrick, who created and tested the whooping cough vaccine in Grand Rapids in the 1930s. Kathleen Underwood, coordinator of the Women and Gender Studies program, will give a presentation titled "Strong Minded Women: The Struggle of Higher Education in the United States," which illustrates the importance of higher education to women and the means they used to achieve access to colleges and universities. Sponsored by the Women's Center and Phi Alpha Theta (a history honor society). 331-2748.

**Thursday, March 25, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Advocacy Training with lobbyist Jean Doss**  
**215/216 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus**

Attendees can sharpen their grassroots lobbying skills and increase their understanding of current public policy issues of concern to women in Michigan. Lobbyist Jean Doss will give a brief review of the legislative process and provide an in-depth exploration of grassroots advocacy planning, and strategies and tools for optimal results. Sponsored by the Women's Center and the Grand Rapids Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). 331-2748.



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## **Grand Valley promotes directors**

***Three staff members earn title of assistant vice president***

**Mary Eilleen Lyon** has been promoted to **Assistant Vice President for News and Information Services**. She came to Grand Valley in October 2002 as director. Lyon has 21 years of experience in television news as a writer, producer and anchor. She is an award-winning journalist having held anchor positions at both WZZM TV 13 in Grand Rapids and WWMT Channel 3 in Kalamazoo. Lyon oversees a staff of writers and photographers to produce the *Forum*, *Grand Valley Magazine*, Web site "GV Now" and university news releases. She also writes, produces and narrates special campus videos including the award-winning "Around Grand Valley."



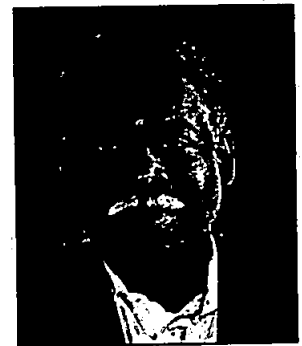
*Mary Eilleen Lyon*

**Tim Thimmesch** has been promoted to **Assistant Vice President for Facilities Services**. Thimmesch came to Grand Valley in January 1995 as director. He has 25 years experience in higher education. Before coming to Grand Valley, Thimmesch worked as an accountant and business manager at Kansas Newman College and as facilities manager for the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. His duties include overseeing maintenance, custodial, grounds, mailroom, plant engineering, safety, central utilities, and motor pool at the Allendale Campus.



*Tim Thimmesch*

**James Moyer** has been promoted to **Assistant Vice President for Facilities Planning**. He came to Grand Valley in January 1996 as director. Moyer has served as director of Facility Planning for the county of Arlington, Virginia, and as vice president for Environmental Management Consultants in Washington, D.C. Moyer is responsible for university construction, facility renewal, furniture and equipment, and other capital improvements. He served as project manager for the Calder Art Center, DeVos Center, and the Center for Health Sciences.



*James Moyer*

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## Human rights researcher shares her fight for justice

*Dr. Sanford will discuss her work unearthing atrocities of Guatemala's civil war*



*Sanford poses with youth in Central America, above. An excavation site in Guatemala, below.*

Victoria Sanford has led excavations in Guatemala that uncovered terrifying evidence of the country's civil war. On March 17, the leading human rights researcher and author will travel to Grand Valley State University to share her forensic work and her fight for justice in Latin America. Her presentation, "Truth, Human Rights and Advocacy," and ensuing discussion are open to the public free of charge.

**Victoria Sanford, PhD, "Truth, Human Rights and Advocacy"**  
**Wednesday, March 17, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus**  
Free parking in lots G and H

Sanford is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute on Violence and Survival, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy, and author of the highly-acclaimed book *Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala* (2003). She will share with

her audience what it is like to dig up the remains of people massacred and "disappeared" at the height of Guatemala's 36-year civil war, which ended in 1996 with 150,000 dead and 50,000 missing — most of them Guatemalan civilians.

In the 1990s, a team from the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation began excavations in Guatemala to strip bare the decades of terror, gently retrieving its secrets — even amid death threats. As a member of the Guatemalan Truth Commission, Sanford led excavations and tells the story of violence and reconciliation in her new book. Her work also includes an analysis of hundreds of testimonies from local friends and family of the disappeared. At GVSU, Sanford will show depictions of her forensics work, discuss indigenous rights in Guatemala and elsewhere, and share her fight for justice in Latin America. Her lecture and audience discussion will be followed by a public reception. During her visit, Sanford will also speak with faculty and address classes of students.

Sanford's visit is sponsored by the GVSU Latin American Studies program along with other academic departments. For more information call (616) 331-3018.



Source: Russell Rhoads, Latin American Studies Program, (616) 331-3018 or rhoadsr@gvsu.edu

Victoria Sanford is available for interview. Photographs of Sanford, excavated artifacts, and her work in Guatemala are available by e-mail. Call Nancy Willey at 331-2228 for contact information and/or photographs.



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## **WGVU Morning Show host receives top award**

### ***Irwin wins prestigious Gracie Allen Award***



*Shelley Irwin. Call Dottie Barnes at 331-2221 to have photo e-mailed to you.*

The American Women in Radio and Television organization, or AWART, seeks out the best and brightest in radio, television, cable and new media. Shelley Irwin has won the Gracie Allen Award for Individual Achievement in the local market category for her work as host of The WGVU Morning Show on WGVU radio 88.5 FM/1480 AM.

"I am honored and stunned. I love what I do," said Irwin. "This career is truly the following of a dream. I spent much of my prior days working as a sports medicine physical therapist. Something was missing and I decided to go for it," she said.

Irwin not only hosts the two hour talk show, but is responsible for lining up guests as well. She came to Grand Valley in December, 2001 as producer of the show and took over as host in July, 2003.

"Shelley has been a dynamo since coming to the station," said Ken Kolbe assistant general manager for operations. "We are excited and proud that she has won this award. She does a great job for us."

A record number of entries were submitted for the AWART awards. Irwin was selected for her superior writing, producing and programming. National winners of the Grace Allen Award for 2004 include Sarah Jessica Parker, Courteney Cox, and Larry King. Irwin will be honored with other local market winners at an AWART luncheon on June 21 in New York City.





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## Feminism and the new masculinity

*Third Wave founder Rebecca Walker speaks on March 18*



Rebecca Walker. Call Nancy Willey at 331-2228 to have photo e-mailed to you.

Named by *Time* magazine as one of the 50 future leaders of America, author and women's issues activist Rebecca Walker is considered one of the most audible voices of the young women's movement. On March 18, she will speak at Grand Valley State University on the topic of her latest book: feminism and masculinity.

**Rebecca Walker, "Feminism and the New Masculinity: Putting Down the Gun and Waking Up to Who We Really Are"**

Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, Allendale Campus

Open to the public free of charge

The daughter of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Alice Walker, Rebecca Walker grew up in San Francisco and New York City and attended Yale University, from which she graduated Cum Laude in 1992. After college she founded Third Wave Direct Action Corporation, a national nonprofit organization devoted to cultivating young women's leadership and activism. In their first summer, Third Wave initiated an historic emergency youth drive that registered over 20,000 new voters in inner cities across the United States. In 1998, this organization became the Third Wave Foundation.

Walker's first book, the anthology *To be Real: Telling the Truth and Changing the Face of Feminism* (1995), explores young women's struggles to reclaim and redefine feminism. Her recent anthology, *Putting Down the Gun: The New Masculinity* (2003), takes a look at how feminism has helped to shape the other gender.

Walker, a contributing editor to *Ms.* magazine, has been published in many national magazines and featured on CNN, MTV, and in *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Times*, *Working Woman*, *Elle*, *Esquire*, and *U.S. News and World Report*, among others. Her awards include the "Feminist of the Year" award from the Fund for the Feminist Majority.

Walker's appearance is sponsored by the GVSU Women and Gender Studies program and the Women's Center in celebration of Women's History Month. Call (616) 331-2339 for more information.

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## **French farce "A Flea in Her Ear" opens March 19 at GVSU**



*GVSU students Amy Larink and Claire Walsh star as Raymonde and Lucienne in "A Flea in Her Ear." Call Nancy at 331-2228 to have photo e-mailed to you.*

For its final stage production of the season, Grand Valley State University's theatre program will leave audiences laughing with George Feydeau's "A Flea in Her Ear," considered by some to be one of the funniest plays ever written.

The comedy runs for seven performances, March 19-28, at the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center on the Allendale Campus. **Show times are at 7:30 p.m. March 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27, and at 2 p.m. on March 21 and 28.** All ages are welcome, although the zany, racy plot involves some adult language.

Tickets are \$12 general public and \$6 for all students, available at Star Tickets Plus, (616) 222-4000, 800-585-3737, or [www.starticketsplus.net](http://www.starticketsplus.net). Tickets may also be purchased at the PAC box office, open weekdays and one hour before performances. For more information, call the box office at 331-2300.

The plot of "A Flea in Her Ear" is set in motion by the suspicions of a jealous wife, Raymonde, and her harebrained scheme in Act One to test the fidelity of her husband, Victor Emmanuel, with the assistance of her friend Lucienne. Together the women pen a passionate message from an imaginary admirer inviting Victor Emmanuel to a delicious rendezvous at a posh local beach club. When the ladies secretly turn up at the resort in Act Two to learn whether or not Raymonde's husband presents himself, they discover instead their friends, family, household servants, Lucienne's insanely jealous husband, and others also having afternoon rendezvous at the spa. The resulting confusion explodes in hilarious misunderstandings, mistaken identities, and scandalously embarrassing encounters that require the entirety of Act Three to unravel and put to rest.

Although the play was originally written in 1907 and set in Paris, GVSU's production is relocated to the extravagant, ultra-rich world of the contemporary French Riviera, and all Feydeau's characters are either members or hangers-on of high society.

Veteran GVSU Theatre professor Roger Ellis will direct the farce. Sets and lights are designed by GVSU faculty member Alfred Sheffield, and costumes by Jill Dole Hamilton. Choreography is by faculty artist Robin Reese, actress and director from New York.

The 22-member student cast includes Amy Larink and Scott Lange in the leading roles of Raymonde and Victor Emmanuel; Claire Walsh and Patrick Holt as Raymonde's confidant Lucienne and her husband Don Homenides; Susan Block and Kristin Ellison as the two saucy French maids; and Scott Rosendall portraying Herr Schwarz, the German playboy.



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## **Third annual conference will focus on current issues in autism**

Grand Valley's Austim Education Center will host its third annual conference for educators, health care workers, families and friends of students with autism on April 28.

The daylong conference, "Building a Mosaic of Support for Students with Autism," will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, in the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.

Keynote speakers are Pat Mirenda and Janice Fialka. Mirenda is an associate professor of educational psychology at the University of British Columbia. She specializes in school-wide discipline practices, computer technology for students with autism and augmentative communication for people with developmental disabilities. Fialka is a social worker, national speaker and longtime activist for people with developmental disabilities. She is the author of several books, including "Inclusion — It Matters: Lessons from My Son," and "Inclusion — Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Breakout sessions in the afternoon will cover a myriad of issues related to autism including self-care issues, speech and language skills, behavior assessment and Asperger syndrome.

Registration is \$85 and includes conference materials and lunch. A registration form is downloadable from the center's Web site, [www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter](http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter). For more information, call the Autism Education Center at 616-331-6483.

The Autism Education Center is home to the Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START) Program. The START Program at GVSU was funded by a \$1.25 million grant from the Michigan Department of Education to serve students with autism by supporting their schools and parents.



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## **Advertising guru Stuart Elliott speaks at GVSU**

***The popular NY Times advertising columnist is featured on March 18***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—What strategy will Martha Stewart’s advertising and public relations companies come up with following her conviction? How are Janet Jackson’s imagemakers handling the fallout from her “wardrobe malfunction”? And how about those Superbowl ads?

No one is better equipped to talk about those issues and many more than Stuart Elliott, longtime writer of the popular “Advertising” column in *The New York Times*. Stuart will speak at Grand Valley State University on **Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids**. The lecture is open to the public free of charge.

Elliott began his journalism career on a manual typewriter several decades ago. Now considered one of the nation’s top and most-read authorities on American advertising, his views on the creative and technological changes taking place in that industry are sought by major networks, firms, and thousands of marketers. He was recently seen on the *Today Show* and other national programs talking about the Superbowl ads and Janet Jackson’s halftime spectacle. Always current, he is planning to address Martha Stewart’s advertising strategies in upcoming articles.

At Grand Valley, Elliott will reflect on the past 20 years in advertising and offer his perspective on current practices and future trends. His visit is sponsored by Grand Valley’s School of Communications in celebration of its 20-year anniversary.

For more information on anniversary events and speakers, see the School of Communications website at [gvsu.edu/soc](http://gvsu.edu/soc) or call (616) 331-3668.

**[INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY: Elliott will meet with classes on the afternoon of March 18, and is available for interview prior to his 7 p.m. lecture on the Grand Rapids campus.]**

**Source: Tim Penning, assistant professor, GVSU School of Communications, (616) 331-3478**



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## **Women's retreat stresses happiness at home and work**



*Grand Rapids psychologist Tess Marshall, above, will facilitate the workshop, styled after her book, "Flying by the Seat of my Soul."*

Tess Marshall has dedicated her life to teaching people how to be outrageously happy at home and at work. The Grand Rapids psychologist invites all women who would like to reinvigorate their lives to join her in an upcoming women's retreat on **Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Kirkhof Center, room 204, on GVSU's Allendale Campus.**

At the retreat, which is based on Marshall's book "Flying By the Seat of My Soul," participants will receive practical advice in a fun workshop format. Marshall has a master's degree in counseling psychology and a private practice in Grand Rapids.

The four-hour workshop includes lunch and is free. Reservations are required; RSVP by contacting the Women's Center at (616) 331-2748 or [womenctr@gvsu.edu](mailto:womenctr@gvsu.edu).

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## **Tip Sheet: Grand Valley events for March 15-21**

**Wed., March 17—Author lectures on truth, human rights and advocacy**

Grand Valley's Latin American Studies Program presents Victoria Sanford, author of "Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala." Sanford's lecture, "Truth, Human Rights and Advocacy," will explore her forensic investigation into massacres committed during Guatemala's civil war and share her fight for justice in Latin America. The event takes place at Grand Valley from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Auditorium, Allendale Campus. Call 616-331-2325 for information.

**Thurs., March 18 — Voter registration drive with Secretary of State Land and President Murray**

To coincide with March as National Young Voter Awareness Month, Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land will join President Mark A. Murray and Grand Valley's Student Senate to promote voting. The Secretary of State's Mobile Branch Office will be parked outside of the Kirkhof Center beginning at 10 a.m.

**Thurs., March 18—Popular NY Times advertising columnist speaks at GVSU**

Grand Valley's School of Communications in celebration of its 20-year anniversary sponsors Stuart Elliott, longtime writer of the popular "Advertising" column in the *New York Times*. Stuart will speak on future trends in advertising at 7 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center. Call 616-331-3668 for more information.

**Thurs., March 18—Rebecca Walker will speak about feminism and masculinity**

Named by *Time* magazine as one of the 50 future leaders of America, author and women's issues activist Rebecca Walker is considered one of the most audible voices of the young women's movement. On Thursday, she will speak on the topic of her latest book: feminism and masculinity. Walker's talk, "Feminism and the New Masculinity: Putting Down the Gun and Waking Up to Who We Really Are," takes place at 7 p.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center. Call 616-331-2748 for more information.

**Fri., March 19-Sun., March 21—Theater presentation of "A Flea in Her Ear"**

Grand Valley's theater program presents "A Flea in Her Ear." Show times are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20, as well as at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. Tickets are available at Tickets PLUS, 616-222-4000, 800-585-3737 or at Grand Valley's box office at 616-331-2300.

**Sat., March 20—Women's retreat stresses happiness at home and work**

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## **Public television pioneer honored for longtime service**

### ***Chuck Furman receives Silver Circle Award***



*Chuck Furman*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—WGUV-TV's Chuck Furman is being recognized for his outstanding contributions to the television industry that have spanned more than 30 years. Furman, assistant general manager in charge of Community Relations for WGUV, has been selected to receive the **Silver Circle Award** by the **Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences**.

"It is overwhelming. I am proud and honored to be nominated for this award," said Furman. "I'm delighted that my colleagues felt I deserved such an award."

The Silver Circle honors those who have devoted a quarter century or more of service to the television industry. In 1972, Furman helped launch WGUV-TV, West Michigan Public Television. He developed the station's initial operation components and became its first program director. Furman was responsible for all on-air program schedules, including ITV, Instructional Television for schools and home-school families. Today, WGUV offers Michigan's only full-service Instructional Television serving more than 200,000 school children.

"I am the only remaining person on board that was at WGUV when the station first began," said Furman. "I remember when video recording and cable were new technologies," he said.

"I'm so delighted for Chuck and his family. There isn't anyone more deserving," said Matt McLogan, vice president for University Relations at Grand Valley. "Chuck is a mentor, friend, and colleague to everyone who works at WGUV."

After serving as program director, Furman became assistant general manager in charge of Community Relations in 1980, a position he still holds today. In 1984, WGUV-TV expanded to include Kalamazoo and Southwest Michigan. Furman helped to develop initial operation components for the new station, WGVK-TV.

"PBS is so fortunate to have Fred Rogers, WGUV has Chuck Furman," said Michael T. Walenta, general manager of WGUV Public Broadcasting. "Chuck represents the integrity, values, and commitment that WGUV stands for. He is the face of public television in West Michigan."

**Furman will be honored at a ceremony at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Sunday, March 14.**



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## **Initiative names space-age tenant**

*GVSU and West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative  
name Sordal Inc. as first tenant of the Grand Rapids Product Development Center*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The Grand Rapids Product Development Center, part of the West Michigan Science and Technology Initiative, has signed a NASA licensee for its first tenant, Sordal Inc.

Sordal Inc. is a five-year-old NASA licensee company that focuses on the research and development of high-tech materials for application in diverse markets. Sordal is currently completing development and commercialization of SORLEX®, a high temperature insulating foam. The foam is lightweight, non-flammable, stable, durable and it has a performance temperature range of -300 degrees to 600 degrees Fahrenheit. The research to develop SORLEX® foam has been conducted with Small Business Innovation Research grants through the U.S. Navy Warfare Center for use as pipe insulation on military vessels. In May, Sordal will be participating in the highly selective U.S. Navy Transition Assistance Program, to accelerate transition of SORLEX® foam into the naval fleet.

"The state-of-the-art incubator laboratory facilities, as well as business development services, are critical for us to successfully launch SORLEX® into the market," said Dale Danver, Sordal president and chief operating officer. "We're at a critical stage of commercialization, and the opportunity to access community commercialization resources through the initiative gives us the edge we need."

Beyond the Defense Community, Sordal will be expanding SORLEX® foam into automotive, office furniture, specialty insulation, aircraft, aerospace and clothing markets.

"Sordal is doing outstanding technology development work. It is very exciting for the local economy to have NASA technology commercialized in the Grand Rapids area," said Matt Dugener, executive director of the initiative.

Both the initiative and the Product Development Center are located in the Grand Rapids SmartZone in downtown Grand Rapids. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. created the zones in 2001 as part of an effort to promote and attract high-technology business development in the state. Grand Valley was the only university in the state to be granted two SmartZones — one in Grand Rapids and one in Muskegon.

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## **COVERAGE OPPORTUNITY: GVSU voter drive**

*Secretary of State Land and GVSU President Murray to boost young voter registration in March 18 event*

ALLENDALE, Mich. — In conjunction with National Young Voter Awareness Month, Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and Grand Valley State University President Mark Murray will join members of the Grand Valley Student Senate in a voter registration event. A mobile Secretary of State branch office will be on Grand Valley's Allendale campus March 18 and 19, 2004. The office will be open for business from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

National Young Voter Awareness Month was designated to help reverse the low voter-turnout rate among 18-to-24 year-olds. The Student Senate invited the mobile office to make it easier for students to register to vote or change their registration addresses. In addition, the mobile office will perform any of the other functions of a regular Secretary of State branch, so people can sign up for a Grand Valley license plate.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

- **WHO:** Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, Grand Valley State University President Mark Murray, and members of the Grand Valley Student Senate.
- **WHAT:** Young Voter Registration Drive, which coincides with the observance of National Young Voter Awareness Month in March.
- **WHEN:** Thursday, March 18, at 10 a.m.
- **WHERE:** In front of the Secretary of State's Mobile Branch Office, which will be parked outside of the Kirkhof Center on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus. *Note: In case of inclement weather, the event will be in the Kirkhof Building lobby.*

Land and Murray will speak to Grand Valley students about the importance of voting, and encourage them to register at the Secretary of State's Mobile Branch Office that will be on site. Secretary Land and President Murray also will assist students with the registration process and distribute related information. In addition to voter registration, the Mobile Branch Office serves as a full-service Secretary of State Office that allows customers to conduct other business such as renewing driver's licenses and vehicle registrations.

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## Upcoming music events at GVSU

**Friday, March 26**

### **Jazz bassist Dave Spring**

8 p.m., Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale

Open to the public free of charge. For more information, (616) 331-3484

Dave Spring, director of jazz combos at Grand Valley State University, will feature jazz bass in performance with the **GVSU Faculty Jazz Trio**, with Kurt Ellenberger on piano and Tim Froncek on drums. A variety of instrumental combinations will be featured, including solo bass, piano and bass duo, and a trio format. The recital will include new arrangements of classic standards as well as recently composed material by Spring, and a song or two from his recent CD, "A Spring Thing." Also highlighted will be a new composition by Ellenberger, director of jazz studies at GVSU.

Spring has played with such artists as Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Williams, Red Skelton, and Bob Hope. He has also been featured with Leo Noccentelli and Zigaboo Modiliste, founding members of the renowned New Orleans group The Meters, and has played with these musicians and many others in New Orleans, Florida, and Michigan. Spring's roots in jazz began under the guidance of Ray Gill and flourished when he played for many years with Dr. Bruce Early. His teaching experience includes six years of bass instruction at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. In addition to GVSU, he presently teaches at Middleton Music and Grand Rapids Community College.

**Sunday, March 28**

### **The Early Music Ensemble**

2 p.m., Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale

Open to the public free of charge. For more information, 331-3484

The debut of the Early Music Ensemble, led by baroque cellist **Pablo Mahave-Veglia**, features period instruments such as baroque strings, lute, natural horn, and harpsichord. Guest artist **Patricia Ahern**, critically acclaimed baroque violinist currently touring internationally with the Toronto-based Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, will join the ensemble in Vivaldi's *Spring Concerto* from *The Four Seasons*. Works by Stradella, Corelli, Telemann, Handel, and others are also featured. Faculty, students, and guest artists perform in the ensemble.

**Wednesday, March 31**

### **Piano Recital** featuring students from professor Aviram Reichert's Piano Studio

8 p.m., Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale. Free.

**Thursday, April 1**

### **Master Class by acclaimed percussionist Evelyn Glennie**

11 a.m., Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale

Admission \$5, payable at the door. Call the Music Dept. at 331-3484 for more information.

The master class is open to the public. Participants include students from GVSU and other area schools.

**Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3**

### **Spring Dance Concert**

Three performances: April 2 at 8 p.m.; April 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale

Tickets \$10. Call Star Tickets Plus at 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737; also available weekdays at the LAT box office, 331-2300.

Featuring students from GVSU's Dance Ensemble performing a varied program of modern dance, jazz, and ballet.

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## **Period instruments featured in concert**

***The Early Music Ensemble makes its debut on March 28***

The Early Music Ensemble, Grand Valley State University's newest musical group, will make its debut this month on period instruments of the kind Bach himself might have used.

The Early Music Ensemble will perform on Sunday, March 28, in the Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus. The concert begins at 2 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.



*Pablo Mahave-Veglia*

Led by director **Pablo Mahave-Veglia**, assistant professor of music at GVSU, the dozen musicians in the concert will be playing period instruments such as baroque viola and cello, lute, natural horn, and harpsichord. Guest artist **Patricia Ahern**, a critically acclaimed baroque violinist currently recording and touring internationally with the Toronto-based Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, one of the world's leading ensembles of period instrument performance, will join the ensemble in Vivaldi's *Spring Concerto* from *The Four Seasons*, among other works.

Part of the appeal of the old-style instruments is that music by such composers as Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel was written with them in mind. Designed for the more intimate halls of the 16th-18th centuries, the instruments had less projection than today's, but much more articulation and nuance, said Mahave-Veglia, who plays baroque cello with Chicago's acclaimed Ars Antigua and the Wisconsin-based L' Ensemble Portique, and has also appeared with the Kingsbury Ensemble, the St. Louis Early Music Festival and the Ars Femina Ensemble.



*Patricia Ahern*

"People have been playing Bach for centuries, yet these instruments that Bach wrote for have only come back in fashion in the last 30 years," Mahave-Veglia said. "The exciting thing about this is that although it's old music, playing it on period instruments is a fairly new discipline."

Using period instruments and original versions of the centuries-old compositions has become a successful and growing phenomenon, with early-music ensembles in most large cities, said Mahave-Veglia. Students who learn to play them not only gain new insight into the music, said Mahave-Veglia, "it makes them very marketable. This is at the forefront of musical scholarship."

The Early Music Ensemble features GVSU students, faculty members, and guest artists. Along with Mahave-Veglia on baroque cello are Andrew Uhe and Jennifer Alman, baroque violin; Nancy Yagiela, baroque viola; Ryan McLaughlin, natural horn; Gregory Crowell, harpsichord; Jonathan Marshall, lute; and Ryan Stumpo, Paul Melcher and Victoria Lusher-McCarthy, harpsichord.

The program on March 28 includes works by Vivaldi, Stradella, Corelli, Telemann, Handel, and others. For more information, call the GVSU Music Department at 331-3484.

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## **Grand Valley celebrates 20th Science Olympiad**

### ***Area teams gear up for March 27 tournament***

Over 1,800 middle school, junior high and high school students along with coaches, judges, parents, and volunteers will converge on Grand Valley's Allendale campus for the **Region 12 Science Olympiad Tournament**. Along with the student competition, special events will be taking place this year, as Grand Valley celebrates its 20th anniversary hosting the tournament.

"We at Grand Valley are actively engaged in Science and Mathematics education at all levels," said P. Douglas Kindschi, dean of Science and Mathematics at Grand Valley. "Thousands of students have been involved in our program; many are motivated to go on in the Mathematics and Science fields, often at Grand Valley. Teams from our Region are most often state winners and for at least four years have become national champions."

**The Michigan Science Olympiad Region 12 Tournament takes place  
Saturday, March 27, at the GVSU Fieldhouse, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

This year's all-day competition includes 54 teams from area junior high and middle schools, and 28 high school teams from Kent and Ottawa counties.

**Special 20th anniversary features include:**

**2:30 p.m. — An informal reception for event supervisors and special guests**

**3:15 p.m. — Recognition of longstanding GVSU and community volunteers, followed by a chemistry and physics demonstration extravaganza**

**4:30 p.m. — Awards ceremony**

Competitive events open to the public include the Naked Egg Drop, Wright Stuff, Mission Possible, Robot Ramble, Tower and Bridge Building, Robo Billiards, Wheeled Vehicle and Storm the Castle. New events this year are Naked Egg Drop and Storm the Castle. In the Naked Egg Drop event, students will build on site "egg catchers" and then drop raw eggs from ever greater heights until the egg breaks. In Storm the Castle, students build and calibrate a trebuchet and then attempt to hit a target using counterweight and projectiles provided by the judges.

For more information and a full schedule of events, contact Dottie Barnes at 331-2221.



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## **Associated Press recognizes WGVU-TV**

### ***WGVU-TV wins three first place awards***

Members of WGVU-TV will be honored by the Associated Press in April with first place awards in three non-commercial television categories.

The documentary, ***Turning 90-Gerald R. Ford***, won **Best News Documentary**. The piece was produced by Ken Kolbe and Matt McLogan, written and researched by Mike Grass, and taped and edited by Rob Byrd. This documentary also won **Best News Special** in the Michigan Association of Broadcasters awards.

***The Buddy Fund***, by Kevan Chapman and Deb Kirk, won **Best Feature Story**. The report aired on WGVU-TV's ***Newsmakers with Fred Martino*** and focused on a fund established to help injured animals at the Kent County Humane Society. "This is the fourth year in a row that ***Newsmakers*** has been honored with the **Best Feature Story** award," said Fred Martino, news and public affairs manager for WGVU-TV. "This is the best year ever for WGVU-TV in the Associated Press Awards," he said.

***Positive Influences***, by Fred Martino and Phil Lane, won **Best Enterprise/Investigative Reporting**. The project, an alcohol education campaign, featured three 60-minute television specials, three 60-minute radio remotes at town halls, field reports, and a 30-minute television special.

The winners will be honored at the Associated Press Awards ceremony April 3, 2004 at the Marriot Hotel in Southfield, Michigan.

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## **Tip Sheet: GVSU events for March 22-28**

**Tues., March 23 – Reporter discusses career change for Professionals of Color Lecture**

For television reporter Gita Pullapilly, faith and diversity reporter at WZZM Channel 13, will address a Grand Valley audience during the Professionals of Color Lecture Series beginning at 6 p.m. in the Pere Marquette Room of the Kirkhof Center. The lecture series is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Call 616-331-2177 for more information.

**Thurs., March 25 – Historical women featured in Women Pioneers Panel**

Women's History Month events continue with faculty members taking on the roles of important women in history. The Women Pioneers Panel, made up of faculty members from the History Department, will explore women pioneers in presentations at noon in Kirkhof Center room 104, Allendale Campus. Kathleen Underwood, coordinator of the Women and Gender Studies program, will give a presentation titled "Strong Minded Women: The Struggle of Higher Education in the United States," which illustrates the importance of higher education to women and the means they used to achieve access to colleges and universities. Call 616-331-2748 for more information.

**Thurs., March 25 – Advocacy training with Jean Doss**

Grand Valley's Women's Center and the Grand Rapids Chapter of the National Organization for Women sponsor Advocacy Training. Lobbyist Jean Doss will give a brief overview of the legislative process and current public policy issues of concern to women in Michigan, and provide an in-depth exploration of grassroots advocacy planning, and strategies and tools for optimal results. The event takes place from 7-8:30 p.m. in Kirkhof Center room 215/216, Allendale Campus. Call 616-331-2748 for more information.

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## **Fernando Chavez continues legacy of his father**

***Oldest son of César Chavez will speak at GVSU to kick off week of events***

The oldest son of César Chavez will continue his father's activist legacy when he speaks at Grand Valley State University about service learning and civic responsibility.

Fernando F. Chavez will kick off César Chavez Celebration Week on **Monday, March 29**, in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center at the Allendale Campus. Chavez's speech will begin at noon and focus on memories of his father, the importance of service learning and fostering civic responsibility.

It will be Fernando's first public speech since his father died in 1993. Chavez founded the first successful farm workers' union and later served as president of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Aztec Eagle (Mexico's highest award).

Following Fernando Chavez's speech, campus organizations will host an Advocacy Rally at the Cook-DeWitt Plaza from 1-4 p.m. Tables with information on various social issues will be staffed.

Other Chavez week events include:

• **March 30, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Kirkhof Center lobby.**

"Ofrenda a Chavez" (ofrenda means offering in Spanish) will honor a tradition with alters set up to honor the memory of ancestors and to please the returning souls as they return from the dead. A short video about the harsh lives of migrant workers will also be shown.

• **March 31, 11:50 a.m.-2p.m.**

Silent march beginning at Zumberge Library through campus to Kirkhof Center. Reception to honor Chavez's birthday follows in Grand River Room with speaker Elias Vasquez, issue specialist for Gov. Granholm.

• **April 1, 8 p.m.: Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center.**

Poetry Slam Competition. Students compete by reading writings and poems about diversity and cultural awareness.

• **April 2, 12 noon-1 p.m.: Kirkhof Center, rooms 215/216**

Welcome to the U.S.! New Immigration Policy Panel Discussion. Community panelists will discuss President Bush's immigration plan, which would give legal status to some foreign workers.

César Chavez week events are sponsored by Grand Valley's Office of Multicultural Affairs, Latino Student Union, Latin American Studies and many other organizations.



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## **Suppliers Thinking Globally**

***'Global Strategies for Auto Suppliers' symposium set for April 20 at GVSU***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich — Comerica Bank and The Van Andel Global Trade Center at Grand Valley State University present the 6th Annual Supplying the Auto Industry symposium on April 20, 2004. This year's program is titled "Global Strategies for Auto Suppliers" and has a special focus on Asia.

**Speakers Include:**

- John F. Perkowski, Chairman & CEO, ASIMCO Corp.
- Nelson C. Jacobson, Corporate Officer and Director, responsible for International Business Development, Furniture and Distribution Products for JSJ Corp.
- Dean Meridew, Vice President and General Manager, Amcast Industrial Corp.'s North American Wheel Division
- Brian T. Dragon, Director, W. Y. Campbell & Co.
- Jim Gresehover, Director of Asian Business & Engineering, Gentex Corp.
- John Hluchan, Executive Vice President and Chief Operation Officer of DCI
- John Pimm, Vice President, Michigan Brass

This year's symposium adds a panel of peers who will discuss global threats and opportunities, while sharing their experience and expertise in the auto industry.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. – Noon

**Location:** Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Robert C. Pew Campus, GVSU

**Fee:** \$100

**Registration:** Online at [www.vagtc.org](http://www.vagtc.org) or via fax at (616) 331-6744

**MEDIA NOTE:** The event is open for media coverage. Please call Brian J. Bowe at (616) 331-2221 for more information.

**Sponsors:** Comerica Bank, Plante & Moran, The Right Place, Michigan Radio, and MiBiz. For more information email [info@vagtc.org](mailto:info@vagtc.org) or call (616) 331-6811.

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## **Art Institute curator speaks about photography**

***David Travis will address photography and deception on March 30***



*David Travis*

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contact Nancy Willey at 331-2221  
or willey@gvsu.edu.*

David Travis, curator of photography at the Art Institute of Chicago, will address the subject "Photography and the Pleasures of Deception" in an upcoming lecture at Grand Valley State University.

**Travis will speak at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. A reception and book-signing will follow the lecture, which is free and open to the public.**

Travis, who has headed the Art Institute of Chicago's Department of Photography since its inception in 1975, has been responsible for dozens of major photography exhibitions at the prestigious institute. He is also the author of numerous exhibition catalogues, essays, and books, most recently "At the Edge of Light: Thoughts on Photography and Photographers, on Talent and Genius," published in 2003.

The event is sponsored by Grand Valley's School of Communications in celebration of its 20-year anniversary. Other upcoming events include:

**April 7 — James Carey**, communications scholar, speaking on "The Future of Communications Studies";  
**April 14 — Lee Thayer**, communications theorist and nationally recognized business consultant, speaking on "Communications and the Human Condition." The free lectures are at 7 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center.

For more information, visit [www.gvsu.edu/soc](http://www.gvsu.edu/soc) or call 331-3668.

**Source: Tim Penning, assistant professor, School of Communications, (616) 331-3478**



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## **Spring Dance Concert featured April 2 and 3**



*Dance students Mark Krieger and Sarah Lowe are featured in the Spring Dance Concert.*

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Dance will take the stage as Grand Valley features dozens of student dancers in the annual Spring Dance Concert on April 2 and 3.

The three performances showcase students' work in classical ballet, with modern dance and jazz also featured. A highlight of the show are two dances — "Paquita" and "Spring Waters" — set by Mary-Beth Cabana, an internationally renowned dancer and current artistic director of Ballet Tucson, who visited Grand Valley last November to work with students on the pieces. "Paquita," a mainstay of the classical ballet repertoire, will feature dancers wearing "spectacular" tutus — a first for Grand Valley's dance program, said dance Director Jefferson Baum.

Lisa Catrett-Belrose, lecturer in modern dance at GVSU and a founding member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company, choreographed "TJ5," featuring five dances with music by Tom Jones including "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)" and "She's a Lady." Baum staged "Simply That," with four classical ballet movements set to "Simple Symphony" by Benjamin Britten.

Also featured in this year's program is "Ophelia's Lament," choreographed and performed by dance students Sarah Lowe and Mark Krieger. Other works include the premiere of "Moving On," choreographed by Stephanie Thibeault, assistant professor of dance at GVSU, and others.

About two dozen students will dance in more than 10 pieces. Wardrobes were designed by Darlene K. Christopher, director of wardrobe and costume design for the dance program as well as costume designer for Hope College, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, the Grand Rapids Ballet, and others.

### **Spring Dance Concert 2004**

**April 2 at 8 p.m. • April 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus**

Tickets are \$10, available by calling Star Tickets Plus at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. Tickets may also be purchased at the Louis Armstrong Theatre box office, open weekdays and one hour prior to performances. For more information, call the LAT box office at (616) 331-2300.

**Source: Jefferson Baum, Associate Professor and Director of the GVSU Dance Program, (616) 331-2548**

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## **Grand Valley projects honored by American Institute of Architects**

### ***MAREC and Center for Health Sciences recognized***

Two Grand Valley State University projects have been honored for their excellence in building and design by the Grand Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The awards recognize excellence in design achievement. The Grand Valley chapter encompasses 11 counties around West Michigan, representing 100 firms.

Grand Valley's Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center (MAREC) has been honored as a 2004 double winner and the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences has been recognized as a building award finalist.

**MAREC received the 2004 AIA Grand Valley Building Award, and was also awarded the 2004 AIA Grand Valley Sustainable Design Award.**

"MAREC is unique in that it is an extremely flexible building," said James Moyer, assistant vice president for Facilities Planning. "The building has been adapted to research use application. The building itself is part of the lab."

Integrated Architecture was the architect for MAREC; the contractor was Workstage LLC. The 26,000 square foot building is owned by the city of Muskegon and is the first facility in the Muskegon Lakeshore SmartZone. MAREC is a business incubator and a research and development center, equipped with a fuel cell that turns natural gas into electricity. It also has photovoltaic cells to capture the sun's energy and a nickel-metal-hydride battery to store excess energy for later use.

**The Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences was a finalist for the 2004 AIA Grand Valley Building Award.**

The six story, 215,000 square foot building is the newest addition to Grand Valley's downtown Grand Rapids campus. The Center for Health Sciences brings all of Grand Valley's health professions programs and research into one building. It also houses the African American Health Institute and the Grand Rapids SmartZone, the West Michigan Science and Technology Initiative.

"The Center makes a huge design statement for the downtown Grand Rapids area and for Grand Valley," said Moyer. "The Center combines a lot of Allied programs into one location. The various professions can rub elbows with one another."

The architect for the Center for Health Sciences was Design Plus, Inc. and the contractor was Pioneer, Inc.



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## Trafficking of women is subject of presentation

*Eglantina Gjermeni, an alumna of GVSU's School of Social Work,  
will return to discuss "Life Sold on Sidewalks"*



*Eglantina Gjermeni will speak Monday, April 5, at GVSU. Call Nancy Willey at 331-2228 to obtain this photo.*

Eglantina Gjermeni, a Grand Valley alumna and an international expert on the trafficking of women, will return to her alma mater on Monday, April 5, to speak to students and the public about the twin evils of kidnapping and prostitution facing women in Eastern Europe and elsewhere in the world.

Gjermeni's presentation, "Life Sold on Sidewalks: The Trafficking of Women in Eastern Europe," begins at 6 p.m. April 5 at the DeVos Center's Loosemore Auditorium, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. She will present a documentary and discuss what trafficking is, factors that create it, and what is being done to prevent and combat it. Her presentation is open to the public free of charge.

Gjermeni, a professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Tirana, Albania, and director of the Women's Center in Tirana, has worked and lectured extensively on this issue. She recently appeared on an ABC broadcast of "20/20" discussing the threat to young girls of being captured in Eastern Europe and trafficked throughout Western Europe.

Gjermeni attended Grand Valley in the 1980s as part of a faculty exchange program with the University of Tirana, which was just beginning its own social work department. She received her master's of social work from Grand Valley in 1998. Gjermeni will visit classes at Grand Valley April 5-7. Her visit is sponsored by Grand Valley's School of Social Work.

For more information, contact David Lehker, GVSU School of Social Work, at 331-6550 or [lehkerd@gvsu.edu](mailto:lehkerd@gvsu.edu).

### TRAFFICKING FACTS:

According to the U.S. fact sheet "Trafficking in Persons Annual Report," government estimates place the number of people trafficked annually across international borders worldwide at 800,000 to 900,000. An estimated 18,000 to 20,000 people are trafficked to the U.S. each year. The U.S. government has invested over \$100 million in programs to address prevention, protection and assistance to victims, and prosecution of traffickers for 92 countries around the world.

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## **Science, Religion and Ethics**

### ***Symposium honors career of P. Douglas Kindschi***

The fields of science and religion are often at loggerheads in this modern world, and an upcoming symposium at Grand Valley State University will attempt to get a handle on where those fields interface with each other.

This special symposium on Science, Philosophy and Ethics runs April 2-3 and is being held in honor of P. Douglas Kindschi. After 28 years as dean of Science and Mathematics, Kindschi is stepping down from that role into a new position as a professor in both the Mathematics and Philosophy departments. The symposium will be in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center and is **open to media coverage**

On **April 2**, the first session on the topic of Science and Philosophy will run from 1-3 p.m. The session features speakers **John W. Stewart**, associate professor of ministry and evangelism at Princeton Theological Seminary and **Loren Haarmsma**, assistant professor of physics and astronomy at Calvin College. The second session, on Ethics of Leadership, runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and features speakers **John Keiser**, president of Southwest Missouri State University and Grand Valley President Emeritus **Arend D. Lubbers**. Grand Valley President **Mark A. Murray** will moderate that session.

On **April 3**, a session from 9-11:45 a.m. is on the topic of Environmental Ethics. Speakers include **A. Carl Leopold**, W.H. Crocker Scientist Emeritus from Boyce Thompson Institute at Cornell University, **Peter S. Wenz**, professor of philosophy and legal studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield and **Paul Heltne**, co-director of Center for Humans and Nature. The symposium wraps up with a session on biomedical ethics from 12:30-3 p.m. Speakers include Hope College religion Professor **Allen D. Verhey** and **Paul Huiuzenga**, associate professor of biology at Grand Valley.

The sessions are free and open to the public. A reception will follow each session, and a complimentary lunch will be served between the sessions on Saturday. There is no fee for this conference, but reservations must be made to assure adequacy of room size and food service. Please register at [www.gvsu.edu/ethicsrsvp](http://www.gvsu.edu/ethicsrsvp) or call 331-2261.

"My reading and my own work have always had a philosophy flair. So this will be very satisfying to me as I take up my faculty role to be able to work both in the mathematics that I was educated for, as well as philosophy which really has been one of my strong avocations and one of my strong areas of study. I'm very pleased with that opportunity," Kindschi said.

Kindschi, along with philosophy professor Teresa Castelao-Lawless, developed the course SCI 321: Science, Mathematics and Religion: Different Ways of Knowing. The course studies the conflicts and convergence between science and religion and examines both historic and contemporary issues which have defined these two powerful forces in society.

Philosophy Chair Kelly Parker said that department is thrilled to have a scholar like Kindschi among its ranks.

"I was surprised when he said he was interested in a joint appointment. But it made so much sense as soon as I thought about it," said Parker. "He's been working with members of our faculty ever since he developed the course with Teresa. He's been active with a science and religion reading group, and he's had a lot of contact with our department."



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## **Tip Sheet: GVSU events for March 30-April 4**

### **Tues., March 30 — Prestigious photography curator speaks on 'The Pleasures of Deception'**

David Travis, curator of photography at the Art Institute of Chicago, will address "Photography and the Pleasures of Deception" in an upcoming lecture at Grand Valley, held as part of the School of Communications ongoing 20th anniversary celebration. Travis will speak at 7 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. A reception and book signing will follow the lecture. Call 616-331-3668 for more information.

### **Wed., March 31 — Silent march and reception in honor of César E. Chavez**

A silent march will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Grand Valley's Allendale Campus beginning at Zumberge Library through campus to Kirkhof Center. Reception to honor Chavez's birthday follows in the Grand River Room with speaker Elias Vasquez, issue specialist for Gov. Granholm. Call 616-331-2177 for more information.

### **Wed., March 31 — Human rights film showcases history of Chile**

Grand Valley's School of Communications presents A Voice for Justice, selections from the Human Rights Watch Traveling Film Festival. "Pinochet's Children" will be showcased at 7 p.m. in room 154 of Lake Superior Hall, Allendale Campus. Call 616-331-3668 for more information.

### **Fri., April 2 — Immigration Policy Panel Discussion**

Welcome to the U.S.! New Immigration Policy Panel Discussion is held as part of César Chavez week. Community panelists will discuss President Bush's immigration plan, which would give legal status to some foreign workers at 12 noon in rooms 215/216 of the Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus. Call 616-331-2177 for more information.

### **Fri., April 2- Sat., April 3 — Special Symposium: Science, Philosophy, and Ethics**

Science and Math Division Dean's Office presents a special symposium in honor of P. Douglas Kindschi, dean of Science and Mathematics. "Science, Philosophy, and Ethics" will be presented by various speakers from 1-5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2 and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 3. The event takes place in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Call 616-331-2261 for more information.

### **Fri., April 2- Sat., April 3 — Spring Dance Concerts**

Dance will take the stage as Grand Valley features dozens in the annual Spring Dance concert, under direction of Jefferson Baum. The three performances showcase students' work primarily in classical ballet, with modern dance and jazz featured on many pieces. Show times are April 2 at 8 p.m., and April 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus. Tickets are available by calling Star Tickets Plus at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. Call 616-331-2300 for box office information.



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## April 2004 Arts Events at GVSU

### MUSIC

*All events are free of charge unless noted. Contact number is (616) 331-3484.*

#### **4/1 Thursday**

**Master Class by percussionist Evelyn Glennie.** The master class is open to the public. Participants include students from GVSU and other area schools. 11 a.m., Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale. Admission \$5. Seating is limited. Call 331-3484 for more information.

#### **4/2 and 4/3 Friday and Saturday**

**The Spring Dance Concert** featuring students in the GVSU Dance Ensemble. Jefferson Baum, director. The program will feature classical ballet, modern dance and jazz. Tickets: \$10. Call Star Tickets PLUS at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. Tickets also available weekdays and one hour prior to shows at the LAT box office, 331-2300.

**April 2 at 8 p.m.**

**April 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale**

#### **4/3 Saturday**

**Dorival Puccini, trumpet.** Puccini received the bachelor of music degree from GVSU in 2002, and is presently pursuing a master's degree at The Juilliard School in NYC. 8 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

#### **4/4 Sunday**

**GVSU Percussion Ensemble** directed by Gregrey Secor. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **4/5 Monday**

**GVSU Jazz Ensemble.** Kurt Ellenberger, director. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **4/6 Tuesday**

**Arts at Noon Series features Charged Particles** — plugged-in jazz with a spark! With several keyboards, basses and drums, Charged Particles members share their interest in the music of Chick Corea and their ability to improvise in an intense, yet engaging manner. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

#### **4/7 Wednesday**

**Artist-Faculty Series features Pablo Mahave-Veglia, cello.** Dr. Mahave-Veglia has appeared as soloist with orchestras in his native Chile, Columbia, Malaysia, and in the U.S. His recital program will include Chopin's Sonata in G minor, Opus 65, Geoffrey Gordon's Lorca music for solo cello, and *After the Swan's Song* for cello and piano by GVSU artist-faculty member Kurt Ellenberger. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

#### **4/8 Thursday**

**Student New Music Day, Chin-Chin Chen, director. Part I: Dark Room Music** is an electroacoustic music concert featuring new works by GVSU students in the Music Technology Program. 12 p.m. **Part II: Composers' Forum** features new music by student composers. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

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**4/12 Monday**

**Symphonic Wind Ensemble** under the direction of Barry D. Martin. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**4/14 Wednesday**

Choral concerts by the **University Arts Chorale, Select Women's Ensemble, and Varsity Men.** 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**4/15 Thursday**

Choral concerts by the **University Singers, Madrigal Ensemble, and Festival Women's Chorale.** 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**4/17 Saturday**

**GVSU Symphony Orchestra** under the direction of Daniel Boico. The program will include *Dances Around the World* with the Avatar Brass, quintet-in-residence at GVSU. The program will also include *Concierto de Aranjuez* by Rodrigo featuring GVSU artist-faculty member Carlos de la Barrera, guitar. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**4/28, 4/29, 5/1 and 5/2**

**Grand Valley State University Piano Pedagogy Conference** in collaboration with the **Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival.** This year's exciting conference will also include Faber Piano Teaching Seminars, a 20th/21st century piano competition for students ages 6 through high school, a composition competition, and thrilling piano recitals. Acclaimed clinicians leading the seminars include Marvin Blickenstaff, Randall and Nancy Faber, Kevin Olson, and Helen Marlais.

Recitals and master classes will take place in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. For additional information, please call the GVSU Music Department at (616) 331-3484.

## **THEATER**

*Box Office: (616) 331-2300*

**4/18 Sunday (date is correct), 7:30 p.m.**

Guest Performance of "Miss Julie." An unusual treat for local audiences closes the theatre season with a one-performance-only appearance by the **European Thag Theater from Stuttgart, Germany.** Directed by Dr. Gustav Adolf Frank, the ensemble will present August Strindberg's dark, classic tale about a teenage noblewoman who recklessly takes an attractive, older working class servant as her lover, and starts off a tragic series of events. The hour-long production is enhanced by Latin music and dance.

**April 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center  
All tickets \$6. For more information call (616) 331-2300**

## **ART GALLERY** (for April and Summer 2004)

*Located in the Performing Arts Center. (616) 331-2564*

**Through April 24**

**Photography and Art & Design B.F.A. Thesis Exhibits**

Works by graduating seniors from the School of Communications and the Department of Art & Design are featured in a series of one-week exhibitions. For names of participating students, call (616) 331-2564. GVSU Art Gallery, PAC.

**May 3-August 6**

**"Student Talent: Selections from the Student Exhibitions."** Faculty members have selected student work from all levels and many classes, reflective of the wide-ranging curriculum of both the Department of Art & Design and the School of Communications. GVSU Art Gallery, PAC.





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## **The future of communications**

***Communications scholar and author James Carey speaks at GVSU April 7***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—James Carey, CBS Professor of International Journalism in the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, will explore the topic of communications in a lecture at Grand Valley State University.

His talk, “**The Future of Communications Studies**,” takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, at the **Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center**, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. The event, sponsored by Grand Valley’s School of Communications in celebration of its 20th anniversary, is open to the public free of charge.

Carey, called one of the nation’s leading cultural historians by *Esquire* magazine, served as a consultant to Grand Valley when it was forming the School of Communications in the early 1980s. His long and distinguished career includes serving as journalism professor and dean of the College of Communications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1979-92, before which he headed up the university’s Institute of Communications Research and the doctoral program in communications. In addition to professorships at the University of Iowa and numerous other universities, he has lectured at more than 100 universities in the United States, Europe, Australia, and Latin America.

Other highlights include holding a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in Science, Technology, and Human Values, being an elected fellow of the International Communications Association, and serving as president of the Association for Education in Journalism, among many other awards and leadership activities.

In addition to more than 100 essays and reviews, Carey is the author of two books: *Media, Myth and Narratives: Television and the Press* and *Communication as Culture*. He served as editor of the journal *Communication* for eight years and currently is on the editorial boards of eight journals.

**Source: Tim Penning, assistant professor, GVSU School of Communications, (616) 331-3478**



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## **Parking permits: Students will sign up online for fall**

Students have heard it's coming. The only question is how and when can they buy parking permits the administration and Board of Trustees approved for Fall 2004. Any student wishing to park a car on the Allendale or Pew campuses next academic year must have the permit.

The process to buy it is currently being developed by Public Safety, and information will be posted online at [www.gvsu.edu/publicsafety](http://www.gvsu.edu/publicsafety).

Sara Pokorski, Public Safety parking systems coordinator, said the only way students can buy the permits is by going to the Web site.

"July 15 is our deadline to have the site ready for students to buy the permits," said Pokorski. "We may be ready earlier and they should check the site to buy the parking permit or for any information updates."

Students will get a car sticker, which will be an annual sticker but paid for by semester. The permit will be bar-coded and Pokorski said Public Safety officers will be checking cars closely.

The cost for 2004-2005 will be \$95 per semester for full-time students, and \$50 per semester for part-time students. Students will see the parking permit charges on their regular tuition bills.

Everyone who signs up online when that site begins taking orders will be issued a permit.



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## **Souvenir book, DVD capture memories from Lakers' second straight NCAA championship**

Starting with a win at UC-Davis in September, the Grand Valley Lakers won six straight games and headed to a second straight NCAA Division II football title. Beat at home by Saginaw Valley State, the Lakers continued their race to Florence, Alabama, by winning the next eight games, including a heart-stopping 10-3 victory against the University of North Dakota for the championship.

Laker fans can relive the exciting highlights of the 2003 season with a souvenir photography book, video or DVD. Grand Valley's News and Information Services Office, along with Bill Cuppy of Cuppy Productions, produced these "Back-to-Back" keepsakes.

The photography book freezes the action with award-winning photos from photographers around the country. The DVD and video capture the excitement and drama on the field, as written and narrated by veteran sports journalist Tom Cleary. DVD extras include interviews with players and coaches — a must for every Laker fan!

Order the photography book, DVD or VHS for \$15 each, or any combination of two items for \$25.

How to order:

- Order online at [www.gvsu.edu](http://www.gvsu.edu). Click on the "Laker Football" logo.
- Call the News and Information Services Office, 616-331-2221.
- Pick up items at Grand Valley Bookstores, at the Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses.

Items will be shipped the week of April 5.



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## **Tip Sheet: GVSU events for April 5-11**

**Mon., April 5 — Trafficking of women is subject of presentation**

Grand Valley's School of Social Work sponsors a presentation by Eglantina Gjermeni, a Grand Valley alumna and an international expert on the trafficking of women, who will speak about the twin evils of kidnapping and prostitution facing women in Eastern Europe and elsewhere in the world. Gjermeni's presentation, "Life Sold on Sidewalks: The Trafficking of Women in Eastern Europe," begins at 6 p.m. at the DeVos Center's Loosemore Auditorium. Call 616-331-6550 for more information.

**Wed., April 7 — Student Scholarship Day**

More than 550 students are scheduled to give 365 presentations at Student Scholarship Day 2004, which will take place on Wednesday, April 7. Posters will be displayed from 9-11 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. on the Allendale Campus; oral presentations will be given from 8-11:15 a.m. and from 1:20-6:15 p.m. in Padnos Hall. On the Pew Campus, presentations will be given from 4-6:35 p.m. Call 616-331-2261 for more information.

**Wed., April 7 — Music faculty, students featured in concert**

Pablo Mahave-Veglia, cellist and assistant professor of music at Grand Valley, will be featured in the Music Department's Artist-Faculty Series in the Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Mahave-Veglia's recital, beginning at 8 p.m., includes Chopin's Sonata in G minor, Opus 65, Geoffrey Gordon's *Lorca* music for solo cello, and *After the Swan's Song* for cello and piano by GVSU artist-faculty member Kurt Ellenberger. Mahave-Veglia has appeared as soloist with orchestras in his native Chile, Columbia, Malaysia, and the United States. Call 616-331-3484 for more information.



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## **George Washington: On the Wrong Side of the Slavery Issue?**

***William B. Allen responds to controversies surrounding our 1st president***

George Washington's legacy has endured "like a majestic oak in the middle of an orchard of cherry trees," says Dr. William B. Allen, professor of political science at Michigan State University. But questions have arisen about Washington's ethical consistency when it comes to slavery.

Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies is bringing Allen to Grand Rapids to discuss the controversies surrounding our 1st president.

**"George Washington: On the Wrong Side of the Slavery Issue?" featuring William B. Allen will be held Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at the Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium in Grand Rapids.**

"We Americans have always had to grapple with the fact that slavery occurred on our shores and the fact that many of our founding fathers were slave owners," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. "William B. Allen understands the 18th-century world and knows how tricky it is to judge the past by the standards of the present."

Allen's talk takes place amid much debate surrounding George Washington and our nation's other founders, particularly when it comes to the existence of slavery.

"The debate goes to the heart of the American experience. Take a famous leader like George Washington, add extremely combustible material — slavery — and fairly or unfairly you have a potential explosion of the way Americans think about the father of our country," said Whitney.

Few scholars have written more insightfully about Washington than Allen. He was the editor of a book, "George Washington: A Collection," and contributing writer to "Patriot Sage: George Washington and the American Political Tradition."

Allen is the former dean of James Madison College at Michigan State University and has served as a member of the National Council for the Humanities and as a member and chair of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. He has written or edited 12 books.

**Allen will be available for media interviews Thursday, April 15, between 5-5:30 p.m. at the University Club in DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton, Grand Rapids.**



*William B. Allen  
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## **Great Minds Don't Always Think Alike**

### ***Odyssey of the Mind State Finals to be Held at Grand Valley***

Don't worry about the right answer, this competition is all about creativity. The 24th annual Odyssey of the Mind State Finals is being held on the Allendale campus of Grand Valley State University. Three-thousand people, including students, coaches, parents and volunteers will attend the competition.

"Odyssey of the Mind is a great opportunity for kids to learn together as a team," said Judie Silvis, state tournament director for Odyssey of the Mind. "The kids solve problems without an adult doing any part of it. They learn to work with others in a positive way."

Elementary, middle and high school students, representing 137-teams from around Michigan have qualified for the state finals. Each team consists of five to seven students that will be judged on their knowledge, skills and talent. Students apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

Silvis said students are rewarded more for how they apply their knowledge and talents than for coming up with the right answer. In fact, in the Odyssey of the Mind problems, there isn't one right answer.

**The 24th annual Odyssey of the Mind State Finals will be held Saturday, April 17, 2004, on the Allendale campus of Grand Valley State University.**

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and competition begins at 8 a.m. The awards ceremony begins at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program. Those teams that advance to the world finals will travel to the University of Maryland May 29- June 2, 2004.

**For more information contact Judie Silvis, state tournament director at 616-897-7216 or Jeff Lewis, state information director at 616-866-9900.**



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## **Student, faculty link with Polish university expanded**

***Chancellor of Cracow University signs the agreement on April 20 at GVSU***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—For years Grand Valley has enjoyed a student-exchange program with Poland's Cracow University of Economics (CUE). Top officials from both universities will meet at Grand Valley this week to sign an agreement commemorating the mutually beneficial relationship, and expanding it.

The event takes place at the School of Public and Nonprofit Administration's (SPNA) Annual Spring Celebration, held 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, at the Loosemore Auditorium and adjacent Regency Room at the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. SPNA graduates and Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society inductees will be honored, followed by a signing ceremony at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Also honored will be CUE's Chancellor Ryszard Borowiecki and Vice Chancellor Janusz Teczke. Borowiecki and Grand Valley President Mark A. Murray will then formalize the exchange relationship between the two universities.

"It's been a very longstanding and productive relationship," said Dan Balfour, director of the SPNA at Grand Valley. "What we're doing now is expanding the exchange agreement to include specific Public and Nonprofit Administration programs and policies."

The link between the two universities dates back to 1975. The original agreement, last renewed in 2000, provides for an exchange program whereby Grand Valley students study in Poland in the spring/summer semester and three CUE faculty members visit GVSU each fall semester. Under the expanded agreement, two graduates of CUE will come to Grand Valley each year to study for the master of public administration (MPA) degree, and a Grand Valley SPNA faculty member will go to Poland to give a lecture series and facilitate other cooperative ventures, including a new MPA program at CUE.

The international exchange provides valuable learning, leadership and life experiences for students and faculty from both countries, noted Balfour.

"Part of the School of Public and Nonprofit Administration's mission is to connect the local and regional to the global," he said. "Poland and Europe are a part of that emphasis in our programming." Other countries with which the SPNA has similar exchanges include Australia, England and Canada.

Grand Valley's School of Public and Nonprofit Administration has about 40 master's-level graduates each year. Currently, more than 160 students are enrolled at the graduate level. MPA graduates can be found in leadership roles in government agencies (policy analysts and city managers are among GVSU's MPA grads), nonprofit administration, and health administration, among other careers.

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## **California Company Relocates to GR**

***Menlo Device Tech. chooses GR SmartZone; Life Sciences Cluster attractive nationally***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative at Grand Valley State University and the Right Place, Inc. have announced the relocation of a prominent medical device company from southern California to the Grand Rapids Product Development Center in the new Grand Valley Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences.

"Menlo Device Technologies, Inc. has chosen the Grand Rapids SmartZone as its preferred location to launch its global operations. Menlo will be conducting several research and development projects in the Product Development Center with the strong potential for future manufacturing spin-offs," said Matt Dugener, executive director of the Initiative.

"We were looking for a state-of-the-art facility that would serve as the center for our Cardiac Products Research and Development Group. The center fit our needs perfectly. The proximity to our customer base, other biomedical research groups, the large pool of local talented people and a very favorable business climate made the Grand Rapids area the best choice for us," said Menlo CEO Robert Foster.

Menlo is the third company launched by successful entrepreneur Robert Foster. Foster has more than 20 years of experience in national Life Sciences industry leadership. He founded Avalon Laboratories in 1990 and currently serves as the company CEO. In 1995, Avalon Labs became the world's largest manufacturer of heart cannulae, providing nearly three quarter of all cannulae used in the world.

Foster is also president and co-founder of Vascular BioSciences of San Diego, the maker of the world's only arterial biopsy catheter. Prior to starting Avalon, Foster was president and owner of Polaris Plastics, a diversified manufacturer of medical, aerospace, and industrial plastic components.

"We are delighted to welcome Menlo Device Technologies to Grand Rapids," said Right Place President Birgit Klohs. "This is a world class organization and a perfect fit for our SmartZone. We look forward to working with them as they plan their future in our area."

Economic development cooperation between the City of Grand Rapids, Grand Valley, and the Right Place, Inc. is also at the heart of making Grand Rapids a strong Life Sciences Cluster. Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell says, "It is wonderful to see these high quality employment opportunities coming to our community. I am absolutely thrilled and proud of all of the economic development collaborators who made it a reality."

Grand Valley President Mark Murray is pleased to see Grand Valley's role in the Michigan Life Sciences Corridor getting results so quickly.

"Bringing Menlo to Grand Rapids is exactly what we hoped would happen when we built the Product Development Center and launched the West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative and it speaks volumes about the wonderful collaboration that is taking place in Grand Rapids," Murray said.

**Source: Matt Dugener, (616) 331-5841**

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## **ADVISORY: MUSKEGON ENERGY CENTER OPENS**

*Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center will point the way for the future*

MUSKEGON, Mich.—Grand Valley State University and the City of Muskegon announce the opening of the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center with a ceremony on April 22.

MAREC is a business incubator and research and development center for alternative and renewable energy technologies. It will also serve as a major demonstration project of those technologies. The center is equipped with a fuel cell that can turn natural gas into electricity, photovoltaic cells to capture the sun's energy and a nickel metal hydride battery to store excess energy for use later. It is believed to be the first such facility in the world to combine these technologies to become independent of the power grid.

**When:** Thursday, April 22 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center,

**Media considerations:** A mult box will be available for broadcast media. To arrange live shots, call (616) 331-2221.

**Note to media:** The event is invitation-only but is open to media coverage. Please encourage your audience members to attend a public open house, which will be held on Saturday, May 1 from noon-4 p.m.



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## **News Alert: New Clean Air Rules Discussed**

***GVSU Public Policy Institute holds public forum on new ozone rules  
Expert available for comment on EPA regs***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — New U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules set to be announced Thursday, April 15 will put 25 Michigan counties out of compliance with new rules for ground-level ozone. Grand Valley State University will hold a forum on the changes and has an expert available for comment on the changes.

The impending changes to measuring compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act will have a profound impact on the West Michigan community in the years ahead. Grand Valley's Public Policy Institute is holding a public forum featuring a broad spectrum of viewpoints, including environmental, public health, economic development, regulatory, and legislative perspectives. There will also be opportunity for questions from the audience.

The forum is in GVSU's Loosemore Auditorium on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus on **Monday, May 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

Under the old rules, no Michigan counties were in violation. But under the new rules, most of the counties in southwestern Michigan are out of compliance, as well as seven southeastern Michigan counties including Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston. A total of 25 counties in the state will be out of compliance.

The new regulations are part of a nationwide push to reduce the health risks from smog. The standards lower the level of acceptable ozone-causing air pollution and force states to take steps to cut emissions from cars, smokestacks or other sources.

The event is broken into two panels. The first panel, "Framing the issue from a regulatory perspective," runs from 8:40-9:50 a.m. Speakers include John Mooney, EPA Region 5; Vince Hellwig, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; U.S. Rep. Vernon J. Ehlers and State Sen. Patricia Birkholz

The second panel, "Community Impacts from local perspectives," runs from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Speakers include representatives from the West Michigan Environmental Action Council Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, Grand Valley Metro Council, Consumers Power Co. and the public health sector.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Visit the Grand Valley Continuing Education Web site at [www.gvsu.edu/ce](http://www.gvsu.edu/ce) for more information.

**Media note: William Byl, director of Grand Valley's Public Policy Institute, is available to comment on the impact of the new rules. Byl served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1995-2000. Before he was elected to state government, Byl served as Kent County Commissioner from 1987-1994. Call Brian J. Bowe (616) 331-2221 to arrange interviews.**



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## Education chief Rod Paige to address GVSU grads

*Ralph W. Hauenstein honored at Commencement on April 24*



U.S. Secretary of Education  
Rod Paige

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The nation's top education official, **United States Secretary of Education Rod Paige**, will deliver a special address to new graduates at Grand Valley State University's Commencement Ceremonies, held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, at the Van Andel Arena in downtown Grand Rapids.

Paige, who was a teacher, coach, university dean, and school district superintendent before being confirmed by the U.S. Senate to his present post in January 2001, is uniquely qualified to address students as they stand at the crossroads of school and career.

Also speaking to students in an address titled "A Call to Service and Leadership" will be **Ralph W. Hauenstein**, a former World War II Army colonel, chief intelligence officer and adviser to President Dwight Eisenhower. Through a gift from Hauenstein, Grand Valley established the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies in 2001. President Mark A. Murray will honor Hauenstein with an honorary degree, the Doctor of Humane Letters.

**The Distinguished Alumni Award** will be awarded to **John Apol**, class of '69, who has had a distinguished career as an attorney and law professor at Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law.

**Linda Goossen**, assistant professor of biomedical and health sciences, will be honored with Grand Valley's 2004 **Outstanding Educator Award**. Goossen, who was selected for the award by past graduates, is known for artfully blending curriculum and theory with real-life clinical experience. Goossen is an alumna of GVSU; she received a master's of health science from Grand Valley in 1984, and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. She lives in Rockford.

Nearly 1,400 graduating students plan to walk in the commencement procession, including 250 graduate students. The total number eligible to receive bachelor's and master's degrees this spring tops 2,300.

### Traverse City Commencement held April 27

A separate commencement ceremony for graduates of the GVSU program in Traverse City will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. Grand Valley President Mark A. Murray will deliver the commencement address. About 100 graduates will walk in the procession to receive their degrees.

[**MEDIA NOTE: Skybox 101B of the Van Andel Arena has been reserved for media. The box offers a mult box and an elevated, unobstructed view of the podium and platform. Photographs of Paige and Hauenstein are available for download at [gvsu.edu/news](http://gvsu.edu/news).]**

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## **School of Education will honor area educators at convocation**

### ***Outstanding teacher, administrator chosen***

Two area educators will be honored during Grand Valley School of Education's convocation, scheduled for **7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22**, at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids.

Nearly 700 graduates are expected to participate in convocation; 177 will receive master's degree certification and 522 will be newly certified educators. The ceremony is a precursor to Grand Valley's Commencement, scheduled for April 24 at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

During the convocation, East Grand Rapids High School teacher **Janice Rocque** will receive the Outstanding Educator Award. Rocque received a master's degree in gifted and talented education from GVSU in 1999. Now in her fourth year at EGR, Rocque teaches social studies and is the coach of "We The People," a competitive constitutional law team. The team has won the Michigan high school championship for four consecutive years. Rocque lives in East Grand Rapids.

**Susan Laninga**, Kent Intermediate School District curriculum consultant, will receive the Outstanding Administrator Award. She graduated from Grand Valley in 1976 and later earned a master's degree from Aquinas College. Laninga is responsible for curriculum development of the Language Arts and Social Studies components of the Kent County Collaborative Core Curriculum, or KC4. Prior to joining the Kent ISD, Laninga taught at Kenowa Hills Public Schools for 23 years. She lives in Rockford.



*Janice Rocque*



*Susan Laninga*

*Photos of Rocque and Laninga can be emailed to media members, call 616-331-2221.*



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## **Tip Sheet: GVSU events for April 19-25**

### **Tues., April 20 — Women's Studies Council to host Ivins**

Molly Ivins, one of the nation's wittiest and best-known political pundits, will speak at Fountain Street Church. Her talk, titled after her best-selling book, "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?" begins at 7 p.m. Call 616-331-2798 for more information. Ivins' visit is sponsored by the West Michigan Women's Studies Council, a consortium of gender studies programs in six area colleges and universities, including Grand Valley.

### **Thurs., April 22 — MAREC dedication and celebration reception**

Grand Valley and the City of Muskegon will officially open the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center this week. MAREC is a business incubator and research and development center for alternative renewable energy technologies. The opening reception takes place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Edison Landing in Muskegon. A public open house is planned for May 1, from noon-4 p.m. Call 616-331-3501 for more information.

### **Thurs., April 22 — School of Education convocation**

Two area educators — Janice Rocque from East Grand Rapids High School and Susan Laninga from Kent ISD — will be honored during Grand Valley School of Education's convocation, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids.

### **Sat., April 24 — Grand Valley Commencement**

Grand Valley's Spring Commencement Ceremony will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. Call 616-331-2345 for more information. U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, will deliver a special address to new graduates; and Ralph W. Hauenstein, former World War II Army colonel, chief intelligence officer and adviser to President Dwight Eisenhower, will give an address, "A Call to Service and Leadership."



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## **GVSU Traverse City Commencement held April 27**

***More than 100 students will participate — GVSU's largest T.C. class yet***

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich.—About 100 students will receive their degrees on April 27 as Grand Valley State University's largest class yet to graduate from its Traverse City center participates in Commencement Ceremonies.

The ceremony takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. Grand Valley President Mark A. Murray will deliver the commencement address. **MEDIA ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

More than 1,000 family members and friends of the new graduates are expected to attend the Commencement and reception, which is a jubilant and more intimate affair than larger ceremonies because of the tight-knit communities surrounding the northwestern center. About half of the graduates are receiving master's degrees, and many of the proud family members in attendance are their children.

### **Cindy Gerhard — single mom, grandmother, and new GVSU graduate**

One of the graduates attending Tuesday's Commencement Ceremonies is Traverse City resident Cindy Gerhard, who will receive her bachelor's of science degree in liberal studies. Gerhard, a single mom, is one of three graduates in her household this spring.

Also graduating are her two sons: Caleb, 20, who is graduating from Traverse City High School, and Clinton, 21, who graduates from the Traverse Bay Intermediate School District and receives certification from M-Tech. Even Caleb's girlfriend, Corinne Fleet, is in on the commencement activities, graduating from Traverse City West High School.

Commencement day at the Gerhard house will be a large, celebrative affair, with her daughter, Rachell, and her 3-year-old grandson flying in from Minnesota to see Gerhard get her degree.

Gerhard, 45, had an associate's degree in plant science from Michigan State University before beginning social work classes at Grand Valley in 2002. She switched her major to liberal studies after hearing a guest speaker talk about combining her two great interests: land conservation and social work.

"He said that land conservation is a combination of social work and plant science because people and land are so closely tied together. That was it!" she said.

Gerhard's liberal studies emphasis was on "Land and the People." Following graduation, she will begin her dream job as program development specialist at the Land Information Access Association, a Traverse City-based nonprofit which helps to connect citizens, municipal officials, and local organizations in collaborative decision making regarding land and resources.

Grand Valley's Traverse City location is housed in the Northwestern Michigan College University Center. GVSU classes offered through the center include bachelor's and master's programs in liberal studies, education, nursing and social work.

**Cindy Gerhard can be reached for interview at (231) 941-5464.  
For information on GVSU's Traverse City site, call Sue Wierzbicki at (231) 995-1785.**



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## **Speakers at autism conference will focus on support systems**

Keynote speakers at the third annual Statewide Autism Resources and Training Autism Conference will discuss building better support systems for students with autism.

The conference, "Building a Mosaic of Support for Students with Autism," will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at Grand Valley's DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. More than 400 parents, educators and health care providers are expected.

The conference is sponsored by Grand Valley State University's Autism Education Center, home of the START Program. The START Program at GVSU was funded by a \$1 million grant from the Michigan Department of Education to serve students with autism by supporting their schools and parents.

Speaker Pat Mirenda, associate professor of educational psychology at the University of British Columbia, will address the audience at 8:30 a.m. about how school and social systems can better support children with autism. She specializes in school-wide discipline practices, computer technology for students with autism and augmentative communication for people with developmental disabilities.

At 10:30 a.m., Michigan social worker and parent Janice Fialka will speak on professional-parent partnerships. She is a national speaker and longtime activist for people with developmental disabilities. Fialka is the author of several books, including *Inclusion — It Matters: Lessons from My Son*, and *Inclusion — Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Amy Matthews, GVSU assistant psychology professor and principal investigator for START, said creating collaborative partnerships between parents and schools has been a recent trend in autism education.

"It's about getting families involved as much as possible," she said.

Breakout sessions in the afternoon will cover a myriad of issues related to autism including self-care issues, speech and language skills, behavior assessment and Asperger syndrome.

**Media note:** the conference is open to media coverage; advance interviews with keynote speakers can be arranged by calling News and Information Services at 616-331-2221.

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Anita Singleton-Prather.  
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## Gullah Kinfolk brings the music of the Sea Islands to West Michigan

The songs and stories of the South Carolina Sea Islands will come to West Michigan in a multicultural sensation known as the Gullah Kinfolk, performing at Grand Valley State University on May 12.

Headlining the group is Anita Singleton-Prather, best known for her beloved television character "Aunt Pearl-Sue" on PBS. A performance by Prather and the Gullah Kinfolk, characterized by rib-tickling folk tales and soul-stirring songs, takes place at **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, at the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.** The performance is open to the public free of charge.

A pre-concert performance by The Voices of GVSU will begin at 7 p.m. The Voices is Grand Valley's non-denominational gospel choir, directed by Cassonya Carter Pugh.

Due to limited seating, persons planning to attend the concerts are asked to RSVP by calling (616) 331-2180.

The Gullah performance is a featured event of Midwest World Fest, a nonprofit program dedicated to bringing world arts to America's heartland with the goal of fostering appreciation for other cultures. As part of their visit, Prather and the Gullah Kinfolk will give workshops and a concert on **May 11 in a Grand Rapids high school.**

Gullah is the native dialect and culture of the Sea Islands of South Carolina. Prather, a native of the Sea Islands of Beaufort, S.C., is a Gullah researcher, translator, historian, actress, and storyteller. Ten years ago, in an effort to preserve the Gullah history and dialect, she founded the Gullah Kinfolk, a musical performance group made up primarily of her own family members. The dynamic gospel group performs songs including mesmerizing slave spirituals from their Sea Island ancestors, and features stories by Aunt Pearl-Sue, a character based on Prather's grandmother. Prather's first recorded story, "The Chicken Dinner Money," was ranked No. 2 in 1998 on the Top 40s Radio Gospel Chart.

As a storyteller and singer, Prather has performed before such renowned persons as former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Maya Angelou, and Marian Wright Edelman. She has also showcased her talents at arts festivals and appeared in the film *Forrest Gump* and on ABC television's *Good Morning America*. In addition to her participation in educational documentaries, Prather's one-woman show, "Tales from the Land of Gullah," has been broadcast on PBS. Prather holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in education from the University of South Carolina.

### Sources

- Print-quality photos are available for download at [www.gvsu.edu/news](http://www.gvsu.edu/news) (click on the news release).
- To arrange an advance interview with Anita Singleton-Prather, call Nancy Willey at (616) 331-2221.
- For information on the Gullah Kinfolk's workshop/concert at a Grand Rapids school, call Julie Powell, GR Public Schools fine arts supervisor, at 771-2156.
- For more information on Prather and the Gullah Kinfolk, see [www.midwestworldfest.org](http://www.midwestworldfest.org).





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## **Big numbers can be exciting**

***Popular author helps celebrate outstanding students***

It's a fun and exciting way to honor K-12 students in West Michigan. The annual **Spring Science and Mathematics Update Seminar** recognizes outstanding math or science students. Area teachers invite one student to accompany them to this motivational dinner and presentation.

The seminar is a cooperative event between Grand Valley's School of Education, Regional Math & Science Center, the Grand Rapids Public Schools and Smiths Aerospace.

"It is important to recognize the hard work these students have done throughout the year," said Margo Dill, program coordinator of the Regional Math and Science Center at Grand Valley. "This event is meant to be a relaxing and educational evening."

The dinner will be held Wednesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kirkhof Center on Grand Valley's Allendale campus. Following the dinner, the students will move to the Louis Armstrong Theatre for an exciting presentation by children's author David M. Schwartz.



*David M. Schwartz*

**Award-winning children's author David M. Schwartz will present "Math + Literature = Learning + Fun!" May 5 at 7 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre on Grand Valley's Allendale campus.**

**Schwartz will also give two presentations, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Creston High School in Grand Rapids, speaking to a total of about 1,000 students.**

A popular speaker in schools and libraries, Schwartz will be speaking about the excitement of big numbers, and the connections between numbers, science and stories. He leads students on a fascinating journey through the world measured in huge sums, from atoms and cells to continents and the cosmos.

"Children love big numbers in the same way they love big animals like dinosaurs and whales," said Schwartz. "For that reason, big numbers are the perfect way to get kids excited about Math."

Schwartz has written more than 30 children's books including the classic, "How Much is a Million?" which has been featured on Public Television's "Reading Rainbow."



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## **Volunteer advocate immerses herself in campus activities**

### ***Vulcan native receives GVSU Outstanding Female Student Award***

Amanda Zanon recalled her first days on Grand Valley's campus as "a bit intimidating." Understandable, considering her Upper Peninsula high school had less than 300 students.

Zanon adjusted quickly by immersing herself in resident life, campus and area cultural activities. Soon, she was planning multicultural activities for her living center and learning more about gender and diversity issues.

"I find that I put my passions out there and take a step forward," Zanon, a native of Vulcan, said. "But what I'm working on, I stick with it. I spent a lot of time educating myself and taking total advantage of what the university offers — there are so many free events: different speakers, plays."

After one year as a resident assistant, Zanon began volunteering for a number of campus and community organizations. Her work on campus and her volunteer spirit were recognized in March at the Outstanding Women's Awards Ceremony. Zanon received an Outstanding Female Student Award from the Women's Center. Award criteria included commitment to volunteering and campus involvement, demonstrating commitment to equity issues, and academic standing.

She currently mentors alternative education students at Omega School in Grand Rapids. During spring and summer breaks throughout her college career, Zanon had volunteered at a women and children abuse shelter. Her past volunteer work included organizing fund-raisers for Planned Parenthood of West Michigan and being a member of Grand Valley's Voices for Healthy Choices.

Now serving an internship at the Dwelling Place, on Division Street in Grand Rapids, Zanon said she's learned more about inner-city problems and triumphs. The Dwelling Place is a well-established organization that works toward community restoration. It also provides housing for the area's poor and mentally ill.

"I love the city and working downtown captures the essence of the city," she said.

With a double major in communications and a minor in hospitality/tourism management, Zanon would like to work as an events planner after graduation. She said a study abroad trip to Italy this summer will likely provide career and personal perspective.

"I'll be looking for growth and inspiration," she said. Wherever she travels, Zanon will continue to be an advocate for gender and equality issues.

"I'm more aware of people being judgmental, because my family and I aren't," she said. "When I meet someone who believes differently than I do, I ask a lot of questions and try to educate them on the issue."



*Amanda Zanon. Media members can have this photo emailed by calling 616-331-2221.*

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## **Engineering Kudos**

### ***GVSU engineering professor honored by American Society of Mechanical Engineers, award is latest in series of distinctions for Padnos School of Engineering***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Padnos School of Engineering professor Shirley Fleischmann was presented with the dedicated service award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). She's the second faculty member to receive the award. Last year, the award was presented to Paul Plotkowski, director of Padnos School of Engineering.

Fleischmann was honored for being the driving force behind service-learning for engineering students at Grand Valley. Under her leadership, students have implemented a Bikes for Kids program at the inner-city Sibley Elementary School, designed and built a playroom for children at the Mel Trotter Ministries, and conducted energy surveys in local neighborhoods. The students have also "adopted" the entire class of fifth graders at Sibley Elementary. Activities include touring the engineering laboratory facilities, conducting bottle rocket experiments, experimenting with a circuit trainer in preparation for the MEAP tests and competing in a pinewood derby race.

In Fleischmann's senior level heat transfer course, students have completed energy surveys of a local neighborhood home and at Coit School that involved applications of heat transfer as well as activities designed to make students aware of people who live under conditions much different than their own.

"She has chosen service projects that utilize the unique skills of the engineering students. This simultaneously helps develop student understanding of community needs and reinforce the hands-on skills that are central to the engineering discipline," said Mahesh C. Aggarwal, regional vice president of ASME International.

Fleischmann has secured grants to support service-learning projects, and has given presentations to her engineering colleagues nationally on the value of those projects.

The Dedicated service Award honors unusual dedicated voluntary service to the society marked by outstanding performance, demonstrated effective leadership, prolonged and committed service, devotion, enthusiasm and faithfulness. The award is presented to individuals who have served the society for 10 years or more.

This award continues an impressive run for Padnos School of Engineering. Earlier this year, Michigan Campus Compact honored Fleischmann with an MCC Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award. This prestigious annual award is the highest MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan. And for the second year in a row, the program's students earned a perfect score on a national standardized exam that is part of the professional licensing process for engineers. The exam, which is given by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, is one of four steps required to become a licensed engineer.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers is a nonprofit educational and technical organization serving a worldwide membership of 125,000. Its mission is to promote and enhance the technical competency and professional well-being of its members, and through quality programs and activities in mechanical engineering, better enable its practitioners to contribute to the well-being of humankind.



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## **Mt. Clemens senior wins Grand Valley scholarship**

Kristi Vandeberghe, a Mt. Clemens High School senior, was named recipient of the GVSU Metro Detroit Alumni Scholarship for 2004.

Vandeberghe will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall, planning to major in health sciences. Named All-State in soccer, she will also play soccer for the Lakers.

The Metro Detroit Alumni Scholarship is awarded annually to a student from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw or St. Clair county who will attend Grand Valley.

Vandeberghe, a Clinton Township native, is the co-valedictorian of her high school class. She is the first woman in Mt. Clemens High School history to play football; Vandeberghe was the place kicker and was named All-League. She is active in her community and volunteers for organizations like Toys For Tots, Fraser Youth Soccer Club and the Business Professionals of America.

Grand Valley State University attracts more than 21,000 students with high quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities. Grand Valley is the comprehensive regional university for the state's second largest metropolitan area and offers 68 undergraduate and 22 graduate degree programs. It has campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids, Holland, Muskegon and Traverse City. The university is dedicated to individual student achievement, going beyond the traditional classroom experience, with research opportunities and business partnerships.



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## **Grand Valley State University announces new deans, director**

### ***The academic reorganization and personnel changes prompt appointments***

Gayle Davis, the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, has named three deans, one interim dean and the director of the Honors College at Grand Valley State University.

Davis spearheaded a massive reorganization of the university's academic units. That move, a resignation by the business dean and retirements of the library director and Honors College director prompted the hirings.

"We know that the new academic organization puts us in a stronger position as we manage the tremendous growth of quality programs here at Grand Valley," said Davis. "We have been successful in our search for the right person for each of these important positions, and we anticipate their steady leadership as we move Grand Valley forward."

#### **Dean appointments:**

##### **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Frederick J. Antczak**

Dr. Antczak has a Ph.D., University of Chicago; MA, University of Chicago; BA, University of Notre Dame. He is currently the Associate Dean of Academic Programs in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Iowa.

##### **Seidman College of Business: H. James Williams**

Dr. Williams has a LL.M and a J.D., Georgetown University Law Center; Ph.D., University of Georgia; MBA, University of Wisconsin; BS, North Carolina Central University. He is currently Dean and Asa T. Spaulding Distinguished Professor of Accounting at North Carolina Central University.

##### **College of University-Wide Interdisciplinary Initiatives: Wendy Wenner**

Dr. Wenner has a Ph.D., Marquette University; M.A.T., Northwestern University; BA, Carleton College. She is currently the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Grand Valley State University.

##### **Interim Dean of the Library: Robert Beasecker**

Beasecker has an A.M.L.S., University of Michigan; AB, Hillsdale College. He is currently Interim Dean of Grand Valley State University's Libraries.

##### **Director of Honors College: Guiyou Huang**

Dr. Huang has a Ph.D., Texas A&M University; MA, Peking University; BA, Qufu Teachers University. He is the Director of the Honors Program and Professor of English at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.



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## **Area nurses will celebrate profession at annual gala**

***Part of National Nurses Week, May 6-12***

Area nurses, student nurses and nursing educators will celebrate their profession and national Nurses Week during a Spring Nurses Gala, scheduled for **Thursday, May 13**.

The gala will be held at the Cultural Center at St. Nicholas, 2250 E. Paris Ave. SE in Grand Rapids, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

More than 400 people representing universities, hospitals and other health organizations throughout West Michigan are expected. Norma Hagenow, president and CEO of Genesys Health System in Grand Blanc, will give the keynote address at 7:30 p.m. on "Nursing: Not just surviving — thriving." (Media coverage is welcome.)

With a background in nursing, Hagenow now oversees Genesys Health System, a 400-bed regional medical center with a \$350 million budget. She is also president and senior partner of CenterPoint, a health care consulting and educative firm based in Tucson, Arizona, and presents workshops and seminars throughout the United States.

Last year, Hagenow was appointed to serve as a health care expert on the President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce. She also serves as a commissioner on the Certificate of Need Program for Michigan's Department of Community Health.

The Spring Nurses Gala is sponsored by the West Michigan Nursing Advisory Council of the Alliance for Health. Nursing faculty from Grand Valley's Kirkhof School of Nursing were instrumental in organizing WMNAC three years ago.



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## **Presidents of GVSU, The U-of-M appear together on PBS**

*One-hour program addresses the future of Michigan and its partnership with higher education*

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray and The University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman will discuss the state of higher education and its role in the future of the state of Michigan in a one-hour program being taped **May 6** in Grand Rapids.

WGUV-TV (PBS) is producing the program, **Michigan's Future: Higher Education and the New Economy**, which will be taped before an invited studio audience at the Meijer Public Broadcast Center on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

A panel of journalists will appear on the program to talk to Coleman and Murray about issues regarding higher education including state funding, tuition, job creation, research, technology transfer and "cool cities."

### **Michigan's Future: Higher Education and the New Economy**

**Taping: May 6 at 10 a.m.**

**WGUV-TV studios**

**Meijer Public Broadcast Center**

**Grand Valley's Eberhard Center**

**301 W. Fulton St.**

**Grand Rapids, MI**

This event is open to media coverage. There will be a live feed of audio and video. Presidents Murray and Coleman will be available immediately after the taping for brief interviews. Please call 616-331-2221 to reserve a space.

The program currently is scheduled to air on:

WGUV/WGVK (West Michigan): May 7, 9 p.m.

WFUM (Flint): May 7, 10 p.m.

WTVS (Detroit): May 9, 4:30 p.m.



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*Anita Singleton-Prather.*  
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[www.gvsu.edu/news](http://www.gvsu.edu/news) or  
call Nancy at 331-2221.

## **Gullah Kinfolk performs in Grand Rapids May 12**

The songs and stories of the South Carolina Sea Islands will come to West Michigan in a multicultural sensation known as the Gullah Kinfolk, performing at Grand Valley State University on May 12.

Headlining the group is Anita Singleton-Prather, best known for her beloved television character "Aunt Pearl-Sue" on PBS. A performance by Prather and the Gullah Kinfolk, characterized by rib-tickling folk tales and soul-stirring songs, takes place:

**Wednesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.**

**Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids  
Open to the public free of charge**

A pre-concert performance by **The Voices of GVSU** will begin at 7 p.m. The Voices is Grand Valley's non-denominational gospel choir, directed by Cassonya Carter Pugh.

Due to limited seating, persons planning to attend the concerts are asked to RSVP by calling (616) 331-2180.

The Gullah performance is a featured event of Midwest World Fest, a nonprofit program dedicated to bringing world arts to America's heartland with the goal of fostering appreciation for other cultures. As part of their visit, Prather and **Gullah Kinfolk will perform at Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids at 9:30 a.m. on May 10 and 11.** The public and media are welcome to attend.

Gullah is the native dialect and culture of the Sea Islands of South Carolina. Prather, a native of Beaufort, S.C., and a Gullah researcher, translator, actress and storyteller, founded the Gullah Kinfolk 10 years ago in an effort to preserve the Sea Island culture. The gospel group performs songs including mesmerizing slave spirituals from their Sea Island ancestors, and features stories by Aunt Pearl-Sue, a character based on Prather's grandmother. Prather's first recorded story, "The Chicken Dinner Money," was ranked No. 2 in 1998 on the Top 40s Radio Gospel Chart.

As a storyteller and singer, Prather has performed before such renowned persons as former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Maya Angelou, and Marian Wright Edelman. She has also showcased her talents at arts festivals and appeared in the film *Forrest Gump* and on ABC television's *Good Morning America*. In addition to her participation in educational documentaries, Prather's one-woman show, "Tales from the Land of Gullah," has been broadcast on PBS. Prather holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in education from the University of South Carolina.

### Sources

- Print-quality photos are available for download at [www.gvsu.edu/news](http://www.gvsu.edu/news) (click on the news release).
- To arrange an advance interview with Anita Singleton-Prather, call Nancy Willey at (616) 331-2221.
- For information on the Gullah Kinfolk's concert at Ottawa Hills High School, call Julie Powell at 771-2156.
- For more information on Prather and the Gullah Kinfolk, see [www.midwestworldfest.org](http://www.midwestworldfest.org).





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## **Grand Valley's communication efforts awarded**

### ***National championship football DVD captures top honors***

The News and Information Services unit of Grand Valley State University has received six awards from the Videographer Awards in Arlington, Texas, for its video productions.

The Videographer Awards are an international competition for directors, editors, producers, shooters, talent, writers and all other production professionals. There were more than 2,000 entries from throughout the U.S. and foreign countries in this year's competition. Other winners this year include ABC News, New York; Fox Sports Net, Chicago; Nike, Inc.; Massachusetts School of Law; Purdue University; and Unisys Corporation.

"To see Grand Valley compete and win with this level of competition is quite impressive," said Mark A. Murray, president of Grand Valley. "We have quality programs and faculty, and we also have award-winning communication video productions that carry that message into the communities we serve."

The Videographer **Award of Excellence** is given to those entries whose ability to capture the event or communicate the message is exceptional. The **Award of Distinction** is presented for projects that are outstanding, while **Honorable Mention** is awarded to projects that exceed industry standards.

The DVD that chronicled the Laker Football team's first national championship in 2002 captured two awards including the top one:

**Award of Excellence** - "Finish What We Started"; Category - Video Productions/Tribute

**Award of Distinction** - "Finish What We Started"; Video Productions/Creativity/Writing

The video series that showcased a variety of Grand Valley programs or special features in 1:00 segments won two awards:

**Award of Distinction** - "Around Grand Valley"; Video Productions/Creativity/On-Camera Talent

**Award of Distinction** - "Around Grand Valley"; Educational Institution/College/University

The video that introduced the new Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences also won two awards:

**Honorable Mention** - Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences; Video Productions/Creativity/Voice-Over Talent

**Honorable Mention** - Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences; Video Productions/Facility Overview

Entries for The Videographer Awards come from all segments of the video production field including production companies, government agencies, schools, advertising and public relations firms and corporate communication departments.

The News and Information Services unit at Grand Valley handles internal and external communication for the university, including maintaining the news site GVNow at [www.gvsu.edu](http://www.gvsu.edu) and providing full service media relations.



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## **Tip Sheet: GVSU events for May 10-16**

**Mon., May 10 — New U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules set to be announced**

As of April 15, 25 Michigan counties were out of compliance with new rules for ground-level ozone. Grand Valley will hold a forum on the changes and has an expert available for comment. The forum is in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center from 8:30-11:45 a.m. Call 616-331-7360 for more information.

**Wed., May 12 — KSON event celebrates Nightingale's birthday**

The Kappa Epsilon Chapter-At-Large of Sigma Theta Tau, Kirkhof School of Nursing's honor society, is hosting a membership drive on the day that would have been Florence Nightingale's 184th birthday. The honor society is inviting current and past members to the drive from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences. Parking will be available in Spectrum Health's east parking lot, adjacent to CHS on Michigan Street. Participants will be telephoning honor society members whose memberships have lapsed. Call 616-331-7177 for more information. National Nurses Week runs May 6-12, coinciding with Nightingale's birthday.

**Wed., May 12 — Gullah Kinfolk performs in Grand Rapids**

The songs and stories of the South Carolina Sea Islands will come to West Michigan in a multicultural sensation known as Gullah Kinfolk. Headlining the group is Anita Singleton-Prather, best known for her beloved television character "Auntie Pearl-Sue" on PBS. The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. Gullah Kinfolk will perform at Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids at 9:30 a.m. on May 10 and 11. Call 616-331-3484 for more information.

**Thurs., May 13 — Spectrum Health scholarship for minority health professions students**

Recognizing the need for more minority students who enter health care fields, Spectrum Health officials have created an endowed scholarship for Grand Valley students. Officials from Grand Valley and Spectrum Health will formally sign scholarship paperwork from 3-4 p.m. in room 140 of Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, 301 Michigan St. NE in Grand Rapids. Call 616-331-6000 for more information.



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## **Statewide “Imagining Michigan” conference held in GR**

***Cultural leaders and educators explore ways to enhance Michigan;  
May 23-24 conference open to interested persons***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Community leaders, arts and culture professionals, and representatives from colleges, universities and local governments from throughout the state will gather at Grand Valley State University on May 23 and 24 with one goal in mind: to make Michigan a better place for all by fostering a vibrant arts and cultural scene.

The event is the fourth annual **Imagining Michigan Cultural Caucus**, which brings people together from all over the state to both celebrate successes and share strategies for building cultural alliances at the local level for the good of the state. This year’s conference theme — “Strategic Alliances: Putting Culture to Work for Michigan” — highlights the importance of a rich and diverse cultural scene to the social and economic health of Michigan communities.

It also ties in to Governor Granholm’s Cool Cities Initiative, which is a focus of one of the conference sessions.

Imagining Michigan begins Sunday, May 23, with tours for participants which culminate at the Van Andel Museum Center’s new exhibit, “Gratia Dei: A Journey Through the Middle Ages.” A keynote address will be given by Jim Brooks, chair of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance. Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell will introduce Brooks, who will speak on “Regional Collaboration for Building Sustainable Communities” at 6:15 p.m. in the museum’s Meijer Theater.

On Monday the conference will move to Grand Valley’s DeVos Center (401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids) for morning and afternoon sessions exploring innovative work from across the state. Sessions (some concurrent) focus on the Cool Cities Initiative (9:30-10:45 a.m.); the Jim Crow Museum at Ferris State University (9:30-10:45 a.m.); the Norton Mounds National Historic Landmark Project in Grand Rapids (1:45-2:45 p.m.); and more.

At about 1 p.m., Bill Anderson, director of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries, will announce the winner of the first Imagining Michigan prize for outstanding campus-community partnership in the humanities, arts, or design. Applications for the award have come from across the state.

Monday’s conference is open to the public for a fee. To register or for a conference schedule, visit online at [www.ia.umich.edu](http://www.ia.umich.edu) (under state gatherings).

The Imagining Michigan Cultural Caucus is co-sponsored by the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and Arts; the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries; the Michigan Humanities Council; the Michigan Campus Compact; Imagining America at the University of Michigan; and Grand Valley State University.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For a conference schedule, see the Imagining Michigan website at [www.ia.umich.edu](http://www.ia.umich.edu). For more information contact GVSU’s Imagining Michigan liaison, Wendy Wenner, associate vice president for academic affairs at Grand Valley, (616) 331-2400; or Heather Domoff, Imagining America/Michigan administrative assistant, (734) 615-8370.



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## How ordinary people can do horrible things

***GVSU professor is co-author of new book focusing on issues  
at the core of today's shocking prisoner abuse scandal***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—For everyone struggling to understand the latest news coming out of Iraq, *Unmasking Administrative Evil* by Guy B. Adams and Danny L. Balfour will be eye-opening reading. This widely acclaimed 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.

"The book can help the reader to understand why the abuse in Iraq can occur with no direct orders given," said Balfour, who is professor and director of the School of Public and Nonprofit Administration at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich. "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 say.

*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* (2004; 224 pages; M.E. Sharpe) 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 to 2000. Co-author Guy B. Adams is professor and associate director of the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

*Unmasking Administrative Evil* is available by order online at [www.mesharpe.com](http://www.mesharpe.com) or at major bookseller sites, at \$59.95 hardcover and \$25.95 paperback.

### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

**Dr. Dan Balfour is available for interview after May 24.** He can be reached by e-mail at [balfourd@gvsu.edu](mailto:balfourd@gvsu.edu). For help in arranging an interview or to obtain a courtesy copy of the book, call Nancy Willey at 616-331-2221.



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## **International workshop on environmental changes in Central Asia planned**

International speakers from eight countries will address aspects of climate and environmental changes in Central Asia during a workshop sponsored by Grand Valley State University's Department of Geography and Planning.

The First International Workshop on Human Dimensions of Climate and Environmental Change in Central Asia is scheduled for **May 21-22 in the DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.** (Media coverage is welcome.)

More than 20 presenters from Uzbekistan, Russia, Turkey, Canada, France, Germany, Israel and the United States are expected. Friday's sessions will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday's sessions will run from 9-11:15 a.m. All sessions will be held in room 136E DeVos Center.

Elena Lioubimtseva, Grand Valley assistant professor of geography and planning, has researched this region and said the Aral Sea (located in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan) is an "environmental disaster" of the global scale because of unprecedented desertification, which resulted from agricultural and water-use policies of surrounding countries.

She also said that these northern Eurasia countries are at high risk for political conflict caused by conflicting water-use policies of the neighboring independent states inherited from the Soviet era.

The keynote presentations, scheduled for 9:25 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Friday, are on the present and future of the Aral Sea basin. They will be given by Philip Micklin, professor emeritus of geography at Western Michigan University, and German Kust, vice director of the Soil Research Institute at Moscow State University.

For information about the workshop, contact Lioubimtseva at 616-331-2874 or [lioubime@gvsu.edu](mailto:lioubime@gvsu.edu). Details are posted online at [www.gvsu.edu/geography](http://www.gvsu.edu/geography), click on "events."



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## **GVU Foundation will honor four area leaders at annual Enrichment Dinner**

Four area leaders will be honored for their community philanthropy and commitment to Grand Valley State University at the annual Grand Valley University Foundation Enrichment Dinner.

The event will be Thursday, May 27, at the Amway Grand Plaza. A reception will begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7.

The four honorees are Arnold C. Ott, Mitchell G. Watt, L. William Seidman and Jean W. Enright. Seidman is slated for a special honor as the founder of Grand Valley State University. Chairman of the Gvu Foundation, Richard M. DeVos, and Vice Chairs Donna K. Brooks and James W.F. Brooks will join GVSU President Mark A. Murray and President Emeritus Arend D. Lubbers to present the honors.

As Grand Valley celebrates its 40th anniversary, the university will recognize those who participated in the now-historic effort to obtain a charter for a state college in West Michigan. Members of the Committee for the Establishment of a Four-Year College, and members of the Advisory Unit appointed by the Legislature, are invited to the Enrichment Dinner and will be acknowledged for their vision, commitment and accomplishment.



*Arnold C. Ott*



*Mitchell G. Watt*



*L. William Seidman*



*Jean W. Enright*

*Photos can be e-mailed to media members,  
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### **Founders Award**

*The Founders Award was established in honor of the founding leaders of Grand Valley State University.*

Washington-based chief commentator for CNBC, **L. William Seidman** played a pivotal role in business, media and higher education in the Grand Rapids area before he moved on to a remarkable career in the national arena, including serving as the chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) under the Reagan administration. Recognized as the founder of Grand Valley, Seidman began a drive for a state college in West Michigan in the late 1950s by forming a committee of prominent citizens. He then rallied public and political forces and coordinated efforts to raise the \$1 million required to obtain the charter. In 1960, Gov. Williams named Seidman to the college's newly formed Board of Control, where he served for 20 years. Grand Valley's first class of students graduated in 1963.

### **Enrichment Award**

*Recipients of the Enrichment Award are recognized for their community philanthropy and commitment to Grand Valley. Honorees are inducted into the Grand Valley State University Hall of Fame at the annual Enrichment Dinner.*

**Arnold C. Ott** was the longest standing member of the Grand Valley State University Board of Control, beginning as a charter member in 1960 and serving for 28 years, including two terms as board chair. With a doctorate in chemistry, physics and bacteriology from Michigan State University, Ott worked at Dow Chemical Co. and the Upjohn Co., where

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he authored 55 domestic and foreign patents before starting the Ott Chemical Co. in Muskegon. His business expertise and leadership contributed to the early progress of a growing university. Arnold and his wife, Marion, created The Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry to bring added recognition, nationally and internationally, to the Department of Chemistry at Grand Valley. The once-a-semester lecture series draws prominent chemists from around the world.

### **Leadership Award**

*The Leadership Award honors young leaders whose active commitment to public service, economic development, educational and cultural enrichment and whose ethical standards and integrity have contributed significantly to the quality of life in West Michigan.*

**Mitchell G. Watt** is a dynamic professional who values education and the importance of community involvement. Watt serves on the Grand Valley University Foundation Board of Trustees and the Leadership Committee, where he is encouraging younger leaders to become involved with Grand Valley. Other organizations that have benefited from his expertise, service and philanthropic leadership include the John Ball Zoological Society, Blodgett/Butterworth Healthcare Foundation, Spectrum Health, Economic Club of Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Public Schools. As vice president and managing principal of URS, Watt oversees 350 professionals in the firm's Great Lakes operations. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and other professional organizations within the architecture and education fields.

### **Arend D. Lubbers Award**

*The Arend D. Lubbers Award was established to honor longtime Grand Valley faculty and staff for service to the community and university.*

As the executive assistant to two Grand Valley presidents, **Jean W. Enright** has served as a bridge between the president, students, parents, faculty and community leaders for the past 17 years. Her leadership and facilitation have provided a legacy of successful academic and community events, ranging from convocations and commencements to ground-breakings, dedications, exhibits and special events. A longtime servant and proponent of education, Jean held several positions with the Grand Rapids Public Schools system prior to Grand Valley.

The Enrichment Dinner is a celebration of giving for donors contributing \$300 or more annually per couple. For information about reservations contact University Development at 616-331-6000.



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## **Will pocketbook issues pick the next president?**

***Economist Patrick Anderson uses his successful model to predict elections***

You may be able to forget staying up into the wee hours of the morning to hear who will be the next U.S. president. Hanging chads and voter mishaps aside, a Michigan economist says he knows the factors that play into who will be sitting in the White House in January. He predicted the close Bush-Gore 2000 contest to within 1 percent.

What do Democrats, Republicans, Independents and the apolitical have in common? Money concerns. Economist **Patrick Anderson**, founder of the consulting firm Anderson Economic Group LLC of Lansing, says paycheck issues may have a greater impact than political affiliation on the electoral battle between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry.

Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and Seidman School of Business Alumni Association are jointly sponsoring Anderson's visit to Grand Rapids for a breakfast speech on **June 15**.

Anderson will discuss how almost all past elections have been correctly predicted by certain economic and institutional factors, and especially by the "rational voter" economic model. This model, designed by Anderson and fellow economist Ilhan K. Geckil, explains more than 90 percent of the variation of the popular vote in presidential elections since 1916.

"Patrick Anderson knows that politics and economics are a flammable mix," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley. "But he can look beyond the volatility of public opinion and predict the winner of presidential elections with remarkable accuracy. Given this year's nasty race between President Bush and Sen. Kerry, I can hardly wait to hear his prediction."

In addition to being the founder and principal of Anderson Economic Group LLC, Anderson is former chief of staff of the Michigan Department of State. He will use his model to predict the results of the 2004 election. In addition, he will provide insights into how Michigan voters have viewed recent presidential elections.

The breakfast event is **Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at 7:30 a.m., with the presentation beginning at 8 a.m.** It will be in the **Hager Lubbers Exhibition Hall of Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.** Parking is available in the Watson and Front Lots (corner of Winter and Watson streets). **THE EVENT IS OPEN TO MEDIA COVERAGE.**

The breakfast is open to the public, but reservations are required. To RSVP, call (616) 331-7100 or e-mail [ssbalumn@gvsu.edu](mailto:ssbalumn@gvsu.edu) by June 8, 2004.





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## **Discussing Water Quality in Washington**

***Alan Steinman, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute, testifies about Great Lakes water quality before subcommittee***

Alan Steinman, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute at Grand Valley State University, has been invited to testify before a Congressional subcommittee in Washington on Friday, May 21. Steinman will be appearing before the Water Resources and Environment subcommittee of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The subject will be Great Lakes water quality and restoration efforts. Steinman has been asked to testify about his experience with on-the-ground restoration efforts in the Great Lakes region and in the Florida Everglades.

**Media Note: Steinman's testimony will be May 21, 2004 beginning at 10 a.m. in Room 2167 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

### **About Annis Water Resources Institute**

Based in Muskegon, Mich., the Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI) is a multidisciplinary research organization. The mission of the institute is to integrate research, education, and outreach to enhance and preserve freshwater resources. The institute operates two research vessels and operates an outreach program for K-12 schools and community groups. It also investigates, monitors, and evaluates the condition of major watersheds and determines land-based activities that affect water quality. AWRI's mission is to integrate research, education, and outreach to enhance and preserve freshwater resources. The Institute has three main programmatic areas (environmental research, information services, and outreach and education) and has comprehensive programming in environmental biology, watershed management, wetlands ecology, land use, groundwater, surface water, environmental chemistry, aquatic toxicology, and environmental education. It uses its two vessels as both research and educational platforms.

For more information, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/wri>.



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## **Summer carillon concerts begin June 20**

***New this year: "Christmas in July"***

Father's Day, on June 20, will ring in a popular summer tradition at Grand Valley State University: the International Carillon Concert Series, now in its tenth year. Carillon concerts will then continue throughout the summer on the university's Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses.

The series brings to West Michigan accomplished carillonneurs from around the United States and the Netherlands, where the art of the bells dates back five centuries. New this year is "**Christmas in July**," a program of holiday music last performed at GVSU's annual Christmas Eve carillon concert. Several local carillonneurs known collectively as the Grand Valley Carillon Collaborative will perform the holiday concert, with free ice cream available for the first 275 guests.

The summer series takes place on Grand Valley's two carillons — the Cook Carillon, housed in a 110-foot-tall tower on the Allendale Campus, and the Beckering Family Carillon, in a 151-foot-tall tower on the Grand Rapids Campus just off Fulton Street. Both carillons are comprised of 48 bells, some weighing in at two tons, and are played from large, wooden keyboards located in the bell towers.

**The hour-long, open-air concerts are free.** Audience members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, or picnics. Children are welcome. Concerts on the Allendale campus are held Sundays at 8 p.m., June 20 through Aug. 22. Concerts on the Pew Grand Rapids campus are featured Wednesdays at noon in July. A schedule follows.

### **Cook Carillon Concerts**

**Allendale Campus**

**Sundays at 8 p.m. • June 20-August 22  
Off M-45 15 mi. west of Grand Rapids**

June 20: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, GVSU  
June 27: Carol Jickling Lens, Texas  
July 4: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard  
July 11: Anne Kroeze, the Netherlands  
July 18: Marcel Siebers, the Netherlands  
July 25: Christmas in July – the Grand Valley  
Carillon Collaborative  
August 1: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard  
August 8: John Gouwens, Indiana  
August 15: Dennis Curry, Michigan  
August 22: Todd Fair, Colorado

### **Beckering Family Carillon Concerts**

**Grand Rapids Campus**

**Wednesdays at noon • July 7-28  
401 W. Fulton St.**

July 7: Patrick Macoska, Michigan  
July 14: Marcel Siebers, the Netherlands  
July 21: David Maker, Connecticut  
July 28: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard

*Free parking available in the Watson Lot, south of  
Fulton Street behind Secchia Hall*

Call the GVSU Music Department at (616) 331-3484 for more information (use this number for publication).

For media interviews or more information, contact Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, university carillonneur and professor of music at GVSU, 616-331-2581. For carillon photographs, call Nancy Willey at 331-2228.



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## **Grand Valley accepting charter school applicants**

The Grand Valley State University Charter Schools Office is accepting applications to operate a public school academy (charter school) in Michigan.

Special consideration will be given to applicants prepared to open a public school academy for fall 2004, and will serve an urban population. Applicants must submit both Phase I and Phase II information, which is online at [www.gvsucso.org](http://www.gvsucso.org). The application period begins Monday, May 24, and continues through June 4 at 4 p.m.

Grand Valley has authorized more than 30 charter schools throughout Michigan that serve more than 12,000 students. The Charter Schools Office is looking for an applicant able to demonstrate a promising vision, quality educational program and a sound business plan evidencing the ability to offer excellent programs to Michigan's school children. Applicants should be prepared to meet high standards both at the application level and throughout the term of the charter contract.

Applications that are downloaded from the Web site can be e-mailed to [terryst@gvsu.edu](mailto:terryst@gvsu.edu) or mailed to:

Charter Schools Office  
Grand Valley State University  
C/O Edward D. Richardson, Director  
1144 Mackinac Hall, 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401

Call 616-331-2240 with questions or for additional information.

**Source:** Ed Richardson, GVSU charter schools director, 616-331-2240



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## **Student moviemakers tackle Israeli-Palestinian conflict with help from Hollywood pros**

***Actress Pauley Perrette of TV's "Navy NCIS" takes the lead role***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Students in Grand Valley State University's Summer Film Project take on a challenging subject this summer as they begin filming and production for the short film, "A Moment of Grace." The movie, shot through June 11 at Grand Rapids-area locations (schedule below), examines the human dimensions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Now in town to star in the film is actress Pauley Perrette, familiar to many from her lead role in TV's "Navy NCIS" and appearances in "JAG" and the motion picture "The Ring." Other film credits include the starring role in the award-winning independent feature film, "Ash Tuesday."

Two other Hollywood professionals will work with students behind the scenes: actress/producer Alba Francesca, who serves as director and co-producer, and noted cinematographer Jack Anderson, who returns to GVSU for the third summer as director of photography. Also co-producing the film is Alan Bell, assistant professor of communications at GVSU. (Summer Film Project founder John Philbin is on sabbatical.)

SAG (Screen Actors Guild) actors from Los Angeles, Chicago, and Michigan — plus a few local extras — complete the cast for "A Moment of Grace." The crew, as always, consists entirely of students in the Film/Video Production major at GVSU. "A Moment of Grace" will premiere in November at Studio 28.

"A Moment of Grace," written by Samantha Humphrey, is the story of a young American doctor, Grace Peters (Pauley Perrette), who is working in a Palestinian refugee camp clinic and has seen far too much senseless death and maiming. When a young Palestinian couple arrives at the clinic in extremely premature labor, she risks her own life to save the infant. A positive outcome to their desperate plight hinges on Grace's sheer determination and the graciousness of two Israeli soldiers. The story does not take sides, but rather shows the very human aspect of people living in the midst of the Middle East conflict.

### **Filming Locations\***

Filming takes place daily (in many cases, nightly), May 28-June 11, at three sites; news media are welcome:

- Through June 1 - Grand Rapids Gravel Company, 3800 7-Mile Rd. NE, Belmont (shooting apprx. 7:30 p.m.-6 a.m.)
- June 3-5 - Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, 300 68th St. SE in GR (68th at Division Ave.) (daytime shooting)
- June 7-11 - GR Gravel Co., 1405 Taylor St., Jenison (apprx. 7:30 p.m.-6 a.m.)

\*Schedule subject to change as needed. To confirm, call Lisa at 331-2323 or the on-location cell phone at 292-5422.

### **Story Angles**

- How will the filmmakers transform West Michigan into a Middle East movie set? Media personnel are welcome to visit the film sites and talk to actors and crew. (See schedule and phone numbers above.)

- Local people involved in "A Moment of Grace":
  - Qais Anani, president of the West Michigan Arab American Association;
  - Rabbi Michael Schadick of Temple Israel in GR;
  - Aviram Reichert, native of Israel, award-winning pianist, and associate professor of music at GVSU, is creating the musical score for the film;
  - Eli Moshkovitz, native of Israel and electrical engineer in GR, is cast as an Israeli medic.
- Hollywood comes to Grand Rapids. In addition to actress Pauley Perrette, this year's director Alba Francesca is a Hollywood veteran. Director of Photography Jack Anderson, back for the third summer, has such series as "Mad About You," "Third Rock from the Sun," and the movie "Pretty Woman" among his film credits. Interviews available.
- GVSU's annual Summer Film Project, now in its 10th year, is one of the only film programs of its kind in the Midwest. It gives film/video production students the unparalleled opportunity to work with industry professionals to produce a short, dramatic film based on an award-winning screenplay.
- Last year's "Flickering Blue" won first place at the East Lansing Film Festival and will be shown at Saugatuck's Waterfront Film Festival, held June 10-13 ([www.waterfrontfilm.org](http://www.waterfrontfilm.org)). The film's star, James Karen ("Wall Street," "Behind Enemy Lines," "Poltergeist"), will participate in panel discussions as one of the festival's featured guests. (James Karen is the husband of this year's director, Alba Francesca.)

#### **More Information**

For film locations and more information, call 331-3066 or 331-2323.

For co-producer and GVSU faculty adviser Alan Bell, call 331-3668.

For information about the Summer Film Project at GVSU, see [www.gvsu.edu/filmvideo](http://www.gvsu.edu/filmvideo)



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## **Young teenage girls learn to fly planes!**

### ***7th graders train to be engineers through STEPS summer camp***

There is nothing scary about these young drivers getting behind the wheel. Middle school girls from all over the state are getting ready for a week of scientific exploration as they learn how to assemble and fly a radio-controlled airplane. Grand Valley State University shows these girls what it takes to become an engineer at the **Science Technology and Engineering Preview Summer Camp, or STEPS**. The camp is sponsored by the Padnos School of Engineering and the Regional Math and Science Center at Grand Valley.

Campers receive hands-on experience working with engineers from the university, and are taught some of the scientific principles of flight by Grand Valley physics professionals. During the week-long camp, the girls are introduced to computer-aided design, injection molding, vacuum forming and CNC milling. They will also be visiting Howmet Castings, an Alcoa business in Whitehall, Michigan, to tour and participate in laboratory operations.

**STEPS is being held at Grand Valley State University  
June 20-24 and June 27-July 1, 2004.**

**The Howmet Castings/Alcoa Foundation 2004 Fly Night  
Wednesday, June 23 and June 30 from 6-9 p.m.  
at Warped Wings Fly Field  
at the corner of Alger and 56th in Allendale, Michigan  
Media are welcome**

The goal of the STEPS program is to introduce young women to the opportunities for technical careers early enough to influence their choices of math, science and technical courses in middle and high school. More than 180 girls statewide qualified for the 80 openings. Campers were selected by lottery.

STEPS is tuition-free, created in 1997 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout as part of an effort to attract more women and minorities into the field of engineering. As girls enter 7th grade, STEPS is hosted by Grand Valley State University, and then again in 10th and 11th grades, hosted by the University of Detroit-Mercy.

**A complete schedule of camp events is available by contacting  
Margo Dill at 331-2267 or Tom Demmon at 331-6403.**



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## **Grand Rapids becomes a Middle East movie set**

***Filming with Hollywood actress held this week at three West Michigan sites***

Thirty yards of sand was trucked to Pine Rest hospital this week as it was transformed into a Palestinian clinic for a film starring television and movie actress Pauley Perrette. SAG actors from Chicago and L.A. and at least one local man complete the cast.

The short film, "A Moment of Grace," is being produced by students enrolled in Grand Valley State University's Summer Film Project. Hollywood pros include Perrette ("Navy NCIS," "JAG," the movie "The Ring"), director Alba Francesca, and director of photography Jack Anderson ("Mad About You," "Pretty Woman").

**Filming at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, 300 68th St. SE in GR (68th at Division Ave.), continues through this Saturday, June 5.** Filming begins at approximately 9:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday and continues until evening. This is the only set on which local extras, including children, will be used.

On Monday, June 7, pyrotechnics and guns are on the agenda as scenes involving sniper shooting between Israelis and Palestinians will be filmed in Jenison. An ATF-certified company will provide gun training for cast and crew beginning at 7:30 p.m. Filming begins at dark — apprx. 9 p.m.

**Monday location:** Grand Rapids Gravel Company, 1405 Taylor St. in Jenison. Film schedule: apprx. 7:30 p.m.-6 a.m.

**Tuesday location:** GR Gravel Company in Jenison. Apprx. 7:30 p.m.-6 a.m.

**Wednesday-Thursday:** GR Gravel Company in Belmont, 3800 7-Mile Rd. NE. Apprx. 7:30 p.m.-6 a.m.

**MEDIA ARE WELCOME** to cover this extraordinary and visually captivating experience which pairs area young adults with film industry professionals. Filming should take place as scheduled, but to confirm call the location cell phone at 292-5422, 331-3066, or (616) 331-2323.

"A Moment of Grace," written by Samantha Humphrey (in GR this weekend), is the story of a young American doctor, Grace Peters (Pauley Perrette), who is working in a Palestinian refugee camp clinic and has seen far too much senseless death and maiming. When a young Palestinian couple arrives at the clinic in extremely premature labor, she risks her own life to save the mother and infant. A positive outcome to their desperate plight hinges on Grace's sheer determination and the graciousness of two Israeli soldiers. The story does not take sides, but rather shows the very human aspect of people living in the midst of the Middle East conflict.

"A Moment of Grace" will be premiered in November at Studio 28. Last year's film, "Flickering Blue," starring veteran actor James Karen, will be shown at the Waterfront Film Festival in Saugatuck on June 11. Karen, who is participating in the festival, will be honored with an award by festival founders. "Flickering Blue" won first place at the East Lansing Film Festival and just won first place for narrative in the Film/Video Competition at this week's Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts.



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## **Presidential historian reflects on Reagan's life and legacy**

### ***Gleaves Whitney available for comment on President Reagan***

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, is available for comment on Ronald Reagan and the lasting impact he made on our nation. Whitney is a presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speech writer. He is currently writing two books on American presidents.

**Whitney can be reached for interviews at 517-643-0169.**

The following is an op-ed piece written by Whitney. The commentary is being featured on National Review Online, at [www.nationalreview.com](http://www.nationalreview.com). More information, including a special feature called, **Ronald Reagan in Memoriam**, can be found on the official Web site for the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org).

#### **Ronald Reagan, RIP by Gleaves Whitney**

On Saturday Ronald Reagan had his rendezvous with eternity. This week we recollect what his life has meant to our nation. Since 1980 our 40th president has so dominated politics in the United States that the last quarter century could be called the Age of Reagan.

If that sounds grandiose, recall what our nation was like before Reagan became president. Americans, in the late 1960s and '70s, learned to accommodate themselves to chaos and decline. There were the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy. There were the race riots in our great cities. There were legions of youth who neither tuned in nor turned on but definitely dropped out.

America had experienced wrenching reversals since World War II. Our military had been triumphant over the most vicious war machines in human history, that of the Nazis and Japanese imperialists ... only to find ourselves undone by a third-world cauldron in Southeast Asia.

Our economy grew into the world's most prosperous in the 1940s and '50s and '60s ... only to be racked by energy crises, high unemployment, and stagflation in the '70s.

Through moral suasion as much as armed might, America had become the leader of the free world ... only to fall from grace when a president resigned in disgrace. The word "Watergate" entered the vocabulary of Western languages and became synonymous with cynicism toward government and even public service.

All the while, the American elite adjusted its idealism downward, and Jimmy Carter -- the last president of the Age of Decline -- went on national TV to tell Americans they suffered from a malaise of the spirit.

**(More)**



## Whitney/Reagan continued

That was the gloomy backdrop when Ronald Reagan sauntered onto the American political stage, confident and grinning and quipping. He not only attracted the spotlight; he illuminated what was good about our country. He told us that we were poised for a new birth of freedom, a veritable Golden Age, if only we believed in ourselves and were true to our Founders' hopes for the republic. That had been his message all along – in the GE Theater talks of the 1950s, in "The Time for Choosing" (the 1964 speech in San Francisco on Goldwater's behalf), in his impromptu remarks at the Kansas City convention in 1976, in his acceptance speech in Detroit in 1980, and in many other speeches on the road to the White House.

Along the way, Ronald Reagan put the romance back into politics. He wooed us and made us believe, once again, that We the People could do anything we set our minds to. We were, after all, Americans. And America was the greatest adventure ever undertaken by the human spirit.

During Ronald Reagan's eight years in the White House, America renewed herself and in the process recast the world. It started at home with the American people, who rediscovered their power as individuals and their pride as a nation. Our economy surged, opening the way to prosperity for millions of citizens. Our national resolve stiffened to take freedom to the farthest corners of the world as we fought the last bloodless battles of the Cold War.

No event symbolizes Reagan's victory over communism more powerfully than the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989. The collapse of this obscene barrier – just ten months after Reagan left office – became a metaphor for the many barriers our 40th president tried to tear down – economic, political, geopolitical. The economic barriers had piled up formidably by the late 1970s. The so-called misery index (calculated by adding the unemployment and inflation rates) was at a record high in Carter's term. Reaganomics stood for the deconstruction of all that held back the entrepreneurial talents of the American people – hence his crusade for lower taxes, less regulation, low inflation, and limited government. Reagan's economic agenda resulted in the creation of nearly 20 million jobs in the 1980s. As a formula for broadening and strengthening the middle class, it inspires economic policy to this day.

Then there were the political barriers. Reagan, himself a former FDR man, knew that countless Democrats were uncomfortable with the leftward drift of their party. On the outskirts of Detroit, for instance, autoworkers known as Macomb County Democrats had little in common with newly hatched McGovern Democrats. Reagan had the vision to reach out to these Democrats and persuade many of them that he understood their hopes and needs. To do so, he had to overhaul the perception that the Republican party was more of an East Coast country club than a Main Street movement. Reagan's gambit succeeded. His great political achievement was to transform the Republican Party from the minority party into the majority party that it is today.

Finally there were the geopolitical barriers that endangered world peace. Reagan bristled at a notion of containment that merely agreed to a stalemate with the Soviet Union. That policy hadn't worked. The Soviets invaded Afghanistan and deployed hundreds of medium-range nuclear missiles aimed at Western Europe. Reagan did not sit passively by while the Soviet juggernaut rolled over the West's good will. He declared that the U.S.S.R. was an Evil Empire and launched an arms buildup that ultimately bankrupted Moscow. The result was the end of the Cold War – without firing a shot, as Margaret Thatcher likes to point out – and the 1990s peace dividend.

The legacy of Ronald Reagan lives on in significant ways. The fact that Reaganomics influences economic debate to this day; the fact that Republicans are the majority party; the fact that the United States defeated the Soviet Union – all justify our calling the last quarter century the Age of Reagan.

Is the epithet justified in the post 9/11 world? Yes – perhaps now more than ever. It is telling that after September 11th, the American people did not look to resurrect just any past president as a model for George W. Bush. In our national tragedy, we looked to a man we identified as one of our own, to the lifeguard from Dixon, Illinois – Ronald Reagan. A Google search of past presidents reveals that Reagan's name was summoned more than any other post-war commander in chief. Citizens found reassurance in a leader who soberly assessed the dangers we face.

*"You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children's children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done."*

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## **Controversial Michael Moore documentary coming to theaters**

***Grand Valley experts available to comment on "Fahrenheit 9/11"***

Michael Moore's new documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" will be released in theaters June 25, 2004. The movie criticizes President Bush's response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and connects the Bush family to Osama bin Laden's. The following Grand Valley professors and program directors are available to comment on the movie.

**Kedron Bardwell, Ph.D., 616-331-8523, *assistant professor of political science***  
Bardwell is an expert on mass media and politics, elections and voting and campaign advertising.

**Alan Bell, 616-331-3326, *assistant professor of communications***  
Bell teaches broadcasting courses and has 20 years experience as a public television producer, primarily of documentary films and public affairs features.

**Toni Perrine, Ph.D., 616-3795, *associate professor of communications***  
Perrine is an active documentary filmmaker as well as a teacher of the history and form of the documentary.

**Gleaves Whitney, 616-331-2770, *director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies***  
Whitney is a presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speech writer. He is currently writing two books on American presidents.



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## **Grand Rapids Monopoly to raise scholarship money**

A student organization at Grand Valley State University's Seidman College of Business has created a Grand Rapids-themed version of the board game Monopoly. Soon players will be able to buy companies like Alticor, Meijer and Steelcase while moving pieces shaped like local landmarks like Calder's La Grande Vitesse.

The project was spearheaded by the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO) at Grand Valley. Business sponsorships and sales of the game will raise funds to establish a CEO student scholarship at Grand Valley.

The game board is patterned after the familiar Monopoly board, but it features prominent local businesses in the place of the original names. Boardwalk is Alticor, Park Place is Meijer, and Steelcase is Pacific Avenue (the three highest valued properties in the game). Other featured businesses are Behler-Young, Louis Padnos Iron and Metal Company, The Gilmore Collection, 1913 Room, Rockford Construction, Old Orchard, WZZM, Grand Valley State, Calvin College, and Aquinas College. The hotels will be shaped as the Amway Grand, and houses will represent the conservatory at the Frederick Meijer Gardens. Tokens will also be shaped as local attractions, such as the La Grande Vitesse, Leonardo Da Vinci Horse, John Ball statue, and other area landmarks.

The game will be manufactured in an initial run of 8,000 by USAopoly, the only Hasbro-licensed custom Monopoly game producers. The games will be available for purchase directly from the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization and Grand Rapids-area Meijer stores starting in mid-August. The retail price is \$29.95. **Media note: an image of the game board is available by e-mailing Brian J. Bowe a boweb@gvsu.edu.**

The project began when graduate advisor Daniel Mulka was working on a presentation for professor Tom Schwarz for his BUS380 – Entrepreneurial Journey class. The presentation was about buying and selling businesses, and Mulka decided to use a Monopoly theme. Inspired by the NHL edition of Monopoly, Mulka brought up the idea with Schwarz about a possible customized Monopoly project for the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization.

Starting in October, three members of the club—Daryn Kuipers, John Dykhouse, and Jeff Webb—along with Mulka, met once a week to work on a business plan. The group finished the business plan, and had several faculty members review the project. This included presentations and review sessions with faculty advisors Tom Schwarz and Robert Frey, then-interim Seidman College of Business Dean John Reifel, Vice President of Finance Tim Schad, Provost Gayle Davis, and President Mark Murray.

The group has made presentations to several local businesses in the past two months. Members taken part in presentations include Kuipers, Dykhouse, Webb, Mulka, Trevor Pawl, Rebecca Denman, Callie Gizicki, Sarah Whitney, and incoming CEO President Andy Teichman.

The Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization at Grand Valley is part of a nationwide organization which develops start-up business fundamentals and builds student interest in entrepreneurship by hosting speakers, providing instruction in business plan writing, and through starting up smaller businesses. The scholarship funded by the Monopoly sales would be awarded to a student interested in entrepreneurship, is outgoing in the CEO organization, and deemed to have a successful chance in starting their business. For more information, contact the GVSU Center for Entrepreneurship at (616) 331-7582. The Grand Valley CEO website is located at <http://www2.gvsu.edu/~ceo>.

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## **Grand Valley launches nationwide education initiative**

***First 'Learning to Give Summer Institute' will focus on methods to teach civic engagement***

Helping teachers incorporate philanthropic values into their lesson plans is the goal behind the launch of the Learning to Give Summer Institute, a nationwide education initiative sponsored by Grand Valley State University'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 Grand Valley's Pew Campus in Grand Rapids. **The institute will kick-off with an opening lunch at noon on Monday, June 21, in the Lubbers Exhibition Hall in Grand Valley's DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.** (Media members are welcome to cover the lunch, keynote speakers will be available for interviews from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the 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.

There are 10 area partner schools: Forest Hills Northern Middle School; Forest Hills Central Middle School; Forest Hills Eastern Middle School; Grand Rapids Ken-O-Sha Park; Grand Rapids CA Frost Environmental; Grand Rapids Southeast Academic Center; Grand Rapids Diocese SS Peter and Paul; Grand Rapids Diocese Blessed Sacrament; Spring Lake Intermediate School; Allendale New Options High School.

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 to increase their social awareness and civic engagement, thus reviving the concept of community," she said.

The institute's keynote speakers are Thomas H. Sander, executive director of the Saguaro 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 National and Community Service, Washington, D.C.

Sander will speak from 12:45-1:30 p.m. on Monday about groundbreaking Harvard research on the alarming status of civic engagement in America. Westheimer will talk from 4:15-5:45 p.m. on "The 'Good' Citizen: Who is it, who decides and how do we teach it?" Grimm will address the history of philanthropy from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, June 22.

For a schedule of LTG events and sessions (most are in the DeVos Center's Loosemore Auditorium), call the News and Information Services Office at 616-331-2221.



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## **Media Advisory: Fly night rescheduled at STEPS summer camp for June 22, 2004**

Due to weather conditions, the Howmet Castings/Alcoa Foundation 2004 Fly Night has been rescheduled from Wednesday, June 23 to Tuesday, June 22, 2004 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.

The 7th grade girls attending the Science Technology and Engineering Preview Summer Camp, or STEPS, will fly their radio-controlled airplanes at Warped Wings Fly Field at the corner of Alger and 56th in Allendale, Michigan.

During the week long camp, girls receive hands-on experience working with engineers from Grand Valley State University and are taught some of the scientific principles of flight by university physics professionals.

STEPS is sponsored by the Padnos School of Engineering and the Regional Math and Science Center at Grand Valley.

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## **Handover of power in Iraq set for June 30**

### ***Grand Valley experts available for comment on transfer of sovereignty***

The planned handover of power in U.S.-occupied Iraq to an interim Iraqi government is scheduled to take place on June 30, 2004. The following Grand Valley State University experts are available for comment before and after June 30.

**James Goode, Ph.D., 331-3184, professor of history/Middle East Studies program chair**

Goode is an expert on U.S. foreign policy, especially in the Middle East. Goode is part of the Egypt Study Abroad Program and has traveled with students to Cairo, Luxor, Alexandria, the Sinai, and Istanbul. He has also conducted extensive research on the Lebanese community in Grand Rapids.

**Randall Doyle, Ph.D., 616-331-3164, visiting assistant professor of history**

Doyle is an expert in U.S. foreign policy, U.S. politics and election campaigns. He has worked in state and national election campaigns and was a special assistant to three U.S. congressmen. He was also a delegate in the 2000 election.

**Kevin den Dulk, Ph.D., 616-331-2991, assistant professor of political science**

den Dulk is an expert on religion and politics. He can also discuss political parties and theory.

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## **Board adopts budget and sets fall 2004 tuition**

### ***Action dependent upon final appropriation from Legislature***

Grand Valley State University's Board of Trustees approved the university's operating budget for next year at its meeting today. For the third year in a row, university operating costs per student will increase at or below inflation.

"I'm very proud of this campus community for its continued commitment to operational efficiency," said President Mark A. Murray. "Grand Valley remains the second lowest cost provider of education among the public universities. We continue to offer a high quality educational experience very efficiently. It is our outstanding faculty and staff who make this possible."

In adopting the university budget, the Board of Trustees accepted a recommendation from Murray to limit its tuition increase for the next academic year to 2.4 percent, contingent on the state fulfilling its stated goal of increasing university funding by 3 percent. If the state is able to meet that goal, tuition for a full-time Michigan resident freshman will go up just \$67 for a total of \$2,891 per semester.

This move marks a formal endorsement of the intent announced in February: Grand Valley would agree to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's request, supported by the House and Senate, to cap tuition increases to the rate of inflation in return for a 3 percent increase in state funding.

"I'm very proud of the team here at Grand Valley," said Board Chair Dorothy A. Johnson. "Parents and students at Grand Valley can be confident they are getting a very good value for their tuition dollar."

Final action on the state budget has not been taken, but is expected in the next few weeks. "We understand the state is facing a budget challenge, and there are many good programs competing for limited dollars," said Murray. "We're pleased the governor and the Legislature have shown that higher education is a priority for the state and even though it will be difficult for Grand Valley, we will work with the 2.4 percent tuition increase. I am hopeful that as the budget work is completed, it will still be possible to meet the goal of a 3 percent increase in state funding."

In other board action, Murray, along with all faculty and administrative and professional staff, will receive a 1.75 percent pay increase.

The board also appointed a new chair and vice chair. Jessie Dalman of Holland will succeed Chair Dorothy A. Johnson, who has completed almost three years in that role, and Daniel Aronoff of Birmingham will succeed Vice Chair Karen Henry Stokes. Johnson and Stokes will remain members of the board. Dalman is a former state representative and Ottawa County commissioner. Aronoff is chairman and CEO of Landon Management Inc. of Bloomfield Hills.



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### **Grand Valley State University Dean's List**

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Winter 2004 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Grand Valley is dedicated to providing a rich learning environment for students, offering a wide range of majors and hands-on research opportunities. Highly credentialed and responsive faculty and individual advisors and mentors promote a liberal arts emphasis that teaches students critical thinking and problem solving.

Students honored for the winter semester include:

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<b>Adrian:</b>	BRENNAN, MATTHEW A. DANIELS, CHELSIE R. HICKS, AMANDA L. MANSFIELD, BREE G. ROBACK, RACHEL R. SANDERSON, JENNIFER S.	<b>Allegan:</b>	AUSTIN, PATRICIA L. BENTLEY, DONALD J. BRINK, ANDREA N. COLLIER, JEFFREY L. DANIEL, STEPHANY J. GARLOCK, ROBIN S. JOHNSON, ELIZABETH A. LYNEMA, BECKY S. MORGAN, DANA J. NEVENZEL, MONICA S. NEWBAUER, COURTNEY A. TAYLOR, SARAH M. WRIGHT, JENIFER L.
<b>Alanson:</b>	BURKHART, ANNA B. PETERS, HEATHER V. RHEW, JAMIE L.	<b>Allen Park:</b>	KOSE, JOHN C. MILLER, TODD R. SPIERS, ROBERT J. TEJADA, MARIA C.
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## **Grand Valley mourns the loss of Fred M. Keller**

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray expresses the sentiments of the university community upon hearing of the death of entrepreneur and philanthropist Fred M. Keller.

The Fred M. Keller Engineering Laboratories Building on Grand Valley's Pew Campus in Grand Rapids was named in his honor in 1999. It is part of the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing.

"We are saddened at the loss of such an entrepreneurial and passionate spirit," said Murray. "Fred's life spanned nearly a century of technological progress. He was a man of faith who gave generously and was devoted to hands-on learning for the advancement of technology for the common good. His generosity and example has been an inspiration to our engineering students and faculty. We are deeply saddened by Fred's passing and our hearts go out to his wife Bernie and his entire family."



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## **Carillon Concert Series Presents "Christmas in July" on July 25**

***The international series features noted carillonners through August***

Carillon musicians from the Netherlands, local carillonners, and a special guest from the North Pole are all featured this summer at Grand Valley State University's International Carillon Concert Series. The weekly concerts take place at the university's landmark carillon towers on the Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses.

A special feature of this year's series is "Christmas in July," which presents a program of holiday music usually performed only at GVSU's Christmas Eve carillon concert. Several local carillonners known collectively as the Grand Valley Carillon Collaborative will perform the holiday concert on July 25, with free ice cream for listeners and an off-season visit by Santa Claus.

The hour-long open-air concerts are free and open to the public. Audience members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, or picnics. Children are welcome.

The series, which brings to West Michigan accomplished carillonners from around the United States and the Netherlands, takes place on Grand Valley's two carillons: the Cook Carillon, housed in a 110-foot-tall tower on the Allendale Campus, and the Beckering Family Carillon, in a 151-foot-tall tower on the Grand Rapids Campus just off Fulton Street West. Both carillons are comprised of 48 bells, some weighing in at two tons, and are played from large, wooden keyboards high up in the bell towers.

Concerts on the Allendale campus are held Sundays at 8 p.m. through August 22. Concerts on the Pew Grand Rapids campus are featured Wednesdays at noon in July. A schedule of remaining concerts follows.

### **Cook Carillon Concerts**

**Allendale Campus**

**Sundays at 8 p.m. through August 22**

- July 18: Marcel Siebers, the Netherlands
- July 25: Christmas in July – the Grand Valley Carillon Collaborative
- Aug. 1: Julianne Vandén Wyngaard, GVSU
- Aug. 8: John Gouwens, Indiana
- Aug. 15: Dennis Curry, Michigan
- Aug. 22: Todd Fair, Colorado

### **Beckering Family Carillon Concerts**

**Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St.**

**Wednesdays at noon • July 7-28**

- July 7: Patrick Macoska, Michigan
- July 14: Marcel Siebers, the Netherlands
- July 21: David Maker, Connecticut
- July 28: Julianne Vandén Wyngaard, GVSU

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## **Study finds connection between nurse fatigue, patient errors**

### ***GVSU professor part of research team for nationwide study***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A major nationwide study co-authored by a Grand Valley State University nursing professor found that the long hours worked by hospital staff nurses may have adverse effects on patient safety.

Linda Scott, Grand Valley associate professor of nursing in the Kirkhof College of Nursing, said after studying the work habits of 393 hospital staff nurses, the research team found that nurses working more than 12.5 consecutive hours were three times more likely to make an error than nurses working shorter hours. Working overtime at the end of a shift also increased the risk of making an error.

The study, led by University of Pennsylvania nursing professor Ann Rogers, will be published in the July/August issue of *Health Affairs*.

The study was conducted by giving nurses logbooks to track hours worked, overtime, days off and sleep/wake patterns for 28 days. Participants were asked to describe errors or near errors that might have occurred during their work periods.

Participants reported 199 errors and 213 near errors during the data-gathering period. More than half of the errors (58 percent) involved medication administration; other errors included procedural errors (18 percent), charting errors (12 percent), and transcription errors (7 percent).

Researchers found that most hospital nurses no longer work eight-hour day, evening or night shifts. Instead, they may be scheduled for 12-hour, 16-hour or even 20-hour shifts. Even when working extended shifts ( $\leq 12.5$  hours), they were rarely able to leave the hospital at the end of their scheduled shift. All participants reported working overtime at least once during the data-gathering period, and one-third of the nurses reported working overtime every day they worked.

"Both the use of extended shifts ( $\geq 12$  hours) and overtime documented in this study pose significant threats to patient safety," Rogers said. "In fact, the routine use of 12-hour shifts should be curtailed and overtime — especially overtime associated with 12-hour shifts — should be eliminated."

The study was funded with a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in Maryland. Scott and Rogers are conducting a correlating study to research the work hours of critical care nurses.

Scott and Rogers are expected to speak before their respective state legislatures on nurse fatigue and patient safety. Scott is also working with the Michigan Nurses Association on patient safety legislation.

"We need to educate nurses and hospitals about fatigue," she said. "It's a shared responsibility and both parties are accountable. This is a national problem and will likely have a national effect."

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## **Conference focuses on best teaching practices**

***GVSU education conference runs July 19-23***

More than 200 Michigan K-12 teachers will learn best strategies for presenting classroom lessons during a five-day workshop sponsored by Grand Valley State University's College of Education.

"Widely Exciting Education: Best Practices in Education for K-12 Educators" is scheduled for July 19-23 at the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Workshop sessions will run each day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on the second floor.

Maggie VandeVelde, from the College of Education's Student Information and Services Center, said nationally known presenters will lead discussion each day and focus on active participation.

"We have a diverse group of speakers who are able to convey different strategies for teaching," she said.

Author and former teacher Martha Kaufeldt will begin the workshop on Monday, July 19, with an interactive workshop, "Begin with the Brain: Orchestrating the Learner-Centered Classroom." Kaufeldt is the author of *Begin with the Brain* (1999), a resource on how to build and maintain an engaging classroom.

GVSU staff member Jacquelyn Melin joins Cari Begin and Sharon Wells on Tuesday to present "Strategies and Tools to Respond to the Needs of All Learners." Wednesday's presentation, "Learning to Think Through Literacy," will be led by David Whitehead. Bill Stiepen will talk about problem-based learning on Thursday and author and consultant Jim Grant will talk about "Strategies That Support Differentiated Instruction" on Friday.

Grant is executive director of Staff Development for Educators, a leading provider of professional development resources for K-12 educators. He has authored or co-authored more than two dozen books for educators and parents.

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## **Gerald Ford's Decision: Pardoning Nixon**

### ***Hauenstein Center brings in adviser to the president***

A pardon, the papers and the infamous tapes -- all had to be confronted by a man from Grand Rapids who was newly placed in the Oval Office on the heels of Watergate. President Gerald R. Ford needed advice.

Benton Becker was a trusted attorney who played a prominent role in President Ford's decision to grant a full pardon to former President Richard Nixon in 1974.

On August 19, Becker will discuss Ford's most controversial decision, as part of the 1,000 Day Lecture Series. The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum are sponsoring the series that will bring insiders and scholars to Grand Rapids. From different perspectives, these speakers will discuss the chaos in the wake of Watergate and Ford's role in bringing order and honor back to the White House.

After concluding that Ford had the authority to pardon Nixon, Becker was sent to negotiate the pardon and to discuss the control of Nixon's papers and tapes.

"Benton Becker was in the trenches during the first days of the Ford administration, trying to keep the new president from taking too much hostile fire while trying to work out an extremely controversial pardon with the former president," says Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley. "Hardly anybody alive today has better insight into what it was like to work in the White House during that tumultuous time in our nation's history."

#### ***Gerald Ford's Most Courageous Decision: Pardoning Nixon***

**Benton Becker, former trial attorney U.S. Department of Justice and former assistant U.S. attorney**  
**Thursday, August 19, 2004 8 p.m.**  
**Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium**  
**303 Pearl Street, Grand Rapids**

Seating for the lecture is limited. Call Grand Valley State's Hauenstein Center at (616) 331-2770 to reserve a seat. Call News and Information Services at (616) 331-2221 for an interview.

Visit the Hauenstein Center's Web site at [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org)



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## **GVSU professionals available to help with career and education planning**

**Educational Connections advisers offer expert advice free of charge**

Making decisions about the future can be a daunting task for people who want to return to school to earn a GED or high school diploma, or who want to explore career training and college options. The information and choices involved in taking that next step can be confusing, but fortunately, help is available — at no charge.

Grand Valley State University's Educational Connections, a federal TRiO program funded by the United States Department of Education, offers advisers trained to help people make choices for their future — from assistance with financial aid applications and selecting classes that will lead to jobs to career exploration.

Services are free of charge and include information on:

- Career exploration and vocational interest testing
- High school completion and GED preparation
- 2- and 4-year college programs and technical/vocational schools
- Financial aid sources

Wherever a student is interested in attending, GVSU's Educational Connections program will help with the steps to get there. The program helps people from families with incomes under \$24,000 in which neither parent graduated from college to better understand their educational opportunities and options. However, regardless of income status, Educational Connections will assist anyone who has not yet completed a bachelor's degree.

Interested persons can call GVSU's Educational Connections office at (616) 331-7110 to set up a personal appointment. Their first advice: Don't wait!



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## **Police Academy graduates its 30th class**

**29 recruits will walk in the ceremony, held August 5**

Michigan's first line of defense — its police and public safety departments — will be adding to their ranks as Grand Valley State University's Police Academy graduates its 30th class this summer.

Twenty-nine recruits will graduate from the Police Academy in a ceremony held 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, in the Performing Arts Center on Grand Valley's Allendale campus. Family and friends of the recruits will also be in attendance.

The Police Academy, established in 1974, is a 15-week program running every summer at Grand Valley. To be accepted into the program, potential students must already have a 2- or 4-year college degree, or be in the process of completing a 4-year degree with the 15 credits they earn from the academy.

Police Academy Director Williamson Wallace explained the rigors of the program. "Our academy consists of approximately 655 hours of training to prepare recruits for a law enforcement career," he said. "All the basic police education and skills are obtained here, including firearms training, defensive tactics, first aid, emergency vehicle operation, and physical fitness." In addition, the academy teaches five major academic courses including legal issues.

One day prior to their graduation, recruits take the state licensing exam. "Upon passing that exam and graduating from the academy, they are eligible to be licensed as police officers," Wallace said. Their license becomes activated when they become employed by a law enforcement agency.

Recruits are typically hired into police, sheriff's and public safety departments. This summer's recruits are the police officers and first responders of tomorrow.

Awards for highest academic achievement, physical fitness, and outstanding performance will be given at the graduation ceremony.

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## **Democratic National Convention gets underway**

### ***Grand Valley political experts available for comment***

The Democratic National Convention kicks off tonight in Boston. The following Grand Valley State University political science professors and program directors are available this week to comment on the convention.

**Erika King, Ph.D., 616-331-2320, *dean of Social Sciences***  
King is an expert in American politics, media and politics and public opinion.

**Randall Doyle, Ph.D., 616-331-3164, *visiting assistant professor of history***  
Doyle is an expert in U.S. politics and election campaigns. He has worked in state and national election campaigns and was a special assistant to three U.S. congressmen. He was also a delegate in the 2000 election.

**Kevin den Dulk, Ph.D., 616-331-2991, *assistant professor of political science***  
den Dulk is an expert on religion and politics. He can also discuss political parties and theory.

**Gleaves Whitney, 616-331-2770, *director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies***  
Whitney is a presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years and as chief historian and speech writer.



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## **Hauenstein Center kicks off 1000 day lecture series**

*Series of speakers mark President Ford's time in office*

From the man who positioned him to be president of the United States to the controversial decision to pardon him, President Gerald R. Ford will be commemorated by a series of speakers who explore history in relation to President Ford's time in office.

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University and the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the Ford Museum will co-host the **1000 Day Lecture Series**, beginning **August 3** with **John H. Taylor**, executive director of the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation.

In his talk, ***Watergate: A scandal begat by war***, Taylor will explore President Nixon's wartime presidency and how the Vietnam War continues to have political significance today. He will also examine how the mindset for war was at the root of Watergate.

"Richard Nixon was one of America's most polarizing presidents, but he was also a wartime president from whom we can learn important lessons," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. "John Taylor knows the lessons. Few people have a better grasp on how Vietnam set the stage for the Watergate scandal."

Taylor had a 15-year relationship with President Nixon. He was his chief aide, spokesperson and personal assistant. He oversaw plans for the Nixon Library and helped on six of Nixon's books. Taylor traveled with Nixon to China, Japan and the Soviet Union.

His work has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *National Review*, among other publications. In addition to his work with the Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation in Yorba Linda, California and the Nixon Center, Taylor is an Episcopal priest who serves as curate the Church of St. Andrew in Fullerton, California.

**John H. Taylor, executive director of the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation**  
**Tuesday, August 3, 2004 8 p.m.**  
**Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium**

**Seating is limited, call the Hauenstein Center at 616-331-2770 to reserve a seat**

Speakers already scheduled for the continuation of the **1000 Day Lecture Series** are **Benton Becker**, chief counsel to President Ford involved in pardoning President Nixon. Becker's talk, ***Pardoning Nixon: President Ford's most controversial decision***, will be given **August 19** at the Ford Museum. On **October 20**, **Thomas C. Reed**, former secretary of the Air Force and special assistant to President Reagan for national security policy, will deliver, ***Presidential Politics In the Cold War***.



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## **GVSU Engineering Design Conference Friday**

### ***Students show off real-world projects that help area industry***

Senior engineering students in GVSU's Seymour and Esther Padnos College of Engineering and Computing will display their talents and expertise at the annual Engineering Design Conference on Friday, July 30 from 1 until 4 p.m. at the Keller Engineering Lab Building on the Pew Campus in Grand Rapids.

On display will be eleven projects with a combined materials value exceeding \$150,000. All projects were designed and built to address actual problems and needs of area manufacturing companies. The conference celebrates the successful completion of the Capstone Design Program, in which teams of senior engineering students solve real-world engineering design problems sponsored by participating industries and other sponsoring organizations.

The projects take two semesters to complete, and at the end the companies who participate have an actual working product. The costs for the sponsoring industries are materials and a small project fee — the students are not paid for their work, but instead gain college credit and valuable real-life working experience.

"Students gain a lot of real-world, practical experience in designing products. There is no way of learning this in the classroom," said Jeff Ray, Director of the GVSU School of Engineering and coordinator of the Capstone Design program.

The projects on display Friday were completely designed, built, and tested by 49 students. Sponsors of the projects include:

- Dana – Perfect Circle Division (Muskegon)
- L3 Communications Avionics Systems (Grand Rapids)
- Smiths Aerospace (Grand Rapids)
- Cascade Engineering (Grand Rapids)
- Bissell (Grand Rapids)
- Industrial Resources of Michigan (Grand Rapids)
- Paulstra CRC (Grand Rapids)
- Oliver Products (Grand Rapids)
- Van Timmeren Greenhouses (Allendale)

The day culminates in the Order of the Engineer ceremony, which is a special commencement ritual for Engineering students. The graduates earn their degrees later in the year than the traditional spring ceremony because they must complete a year-long co-op experience. In the ceremony, each student receives an iron ring, placed on the little finger of the working hand, which symbolizes bridging the step between training and experience. The practice started in Canada and is firmly established in the U.S.



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## **Teachers learn aboard the Jackson Research Vessel**

### ***Area educators take part in international program***

It's the teacher's turn to go to school and a group of area educators are getting a rare opportunity to take part in some unique workshops. Twenty-four teachers from area public, charter and private schools will participate in a week-long, hands-on environmental workshop in science labs, outdoor field settings and on the water.

The workshop will train teachers to implement the GLOBE Environmental Monitoring Program in their classrooms. GLOBE is an international program for teachers and students that gives students opportunities to learning science with real-world application.

Karen Meyers, assistant director of Grand Valley's Regional Math and Science Center, said the program is a way for teachers and students to do real science with a real purpose. "Teachers from all over the world are using the same scientific procedures with their students. They enter their data into the GLOBE Web site, which forms a database that is available for researchers around the globe. It also gives students a chance to interact with other students around the world," she said.

**GLOBE Training for Teachers, August 9-13, 2004, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Lake Michigan Center of Grand Valley State University, 740 West Shoreline Drive, in Muskegon, Michigan.**

**On Wednesday, August 11, teachers will be working dockside on board the Jackson Research Vessel at the Lake Michigan Center from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., followed by a trip onto Muskegon Lake on the Jackson from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

The workshop is sponsored by the Michigan Environmental Council and Grand Valley State University's Annis Water Resources Institute and Regional Math and Science Center. It is supported through grants from the Dart Foundation, Michigan Space Grant Consortium, and Wege Foundation.

For more information contact:

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Karen Meyers, 616-331-2515, assistant director, Regional Math and Science Center  
Keith Etheridge, 517-410-8795, education specialist, Michigan Environmental Council



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## **Media Advisory**

***Watergate: A scandal begat by war  
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Taylor, who was Nixon's chief aide, spokesperson and personal assistant, will explore Nixon's wartime presidency and how the Vietnam War has political significance today. He will also examine how the mindset for war was at the root of Watergate.

**Taylor will be available for media interviews. Reserve a time by calling the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at 616-331-2770, or Grand Valley's News and Information Services Department at 616-331-2221.**

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## **Documentary on Former President Gerald R. Ford to premiere in September**

### ***Time and Chance: Gerald Ford's Appointment with History***

"I think he saved the country. In fact, he saved it in such a matter-of-fact way that he isn't given any credit for it." Those are the words of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger about former President Gerald R. Ford. The statement capitalizes the unique place our 38th president holds in the history of our country.

***Time and Chance: Gerald Ford's Appointment with History***, adapted in part from James M. Cannon's book by the same title, is a documentary about the man who was never elected to higher office but who served in the presidency for nearly 1,000 days in 1974-77, when the nation was challenged by war, inflation and political turmoil. The 60-minute film by WGVU Productions traces Ford's formative years in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and chronicles his political career as a thirteen-term congressman, vice president and president. It is the first full-scale documentary of the nation's 38th president. ***Time and Chance*** was directed by WGVU Producer/Director Rob Byrd, produced by WGVU Assistant General Manager - Operations, Ken Kolbe and was written and produced by Mike Grass of Strategic Communications.

Ford is prominently profiled in the program during the dark days of Watergate and the politically turbulent 1970s. The film also profiles Betty Ford and the role she played as one of the most influential first ladies since Eleanor Roosevelt.

The new documentary will be privately shown on Thursday, September 8 at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids; the 30th anniversary of President Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon. August marks the 30th anniversary of Ford becoming president.

***Time and Chance*** will make its televised debut on WGVU, the PBS affiliate in western Michigan on **Saturday, September 11 at 8 p.m.** and will repeat that night at 9 p.m. ***Time and Chance*** has been made available to PBS stations nationwide; consult PBS listings in local areas for air dates. The documentary has already been cleared to air on PBS stations throughout Michigan, including **WTVS** in Detroit; the Georgia statewide network, **KCET**, Hollywood; **KRMA**, Denver; **WLIW**, Long Island, NY.

***Time and Chance*** includes detailed interviews with and speech excerpts from **President Ford**; former **Secretary of State Henry Kissinger**; former **President George H.W. Bush**, **Vice President Richard B. Cheney** (who served as Ford's White House chief of staff); **L. William Seidman**, CNBC and former Ford economic advisor; **James M. Cannon**, Ford biographer, journalist, author, political advisor; former **President Jimmy Carter**; **Marty Allen**, president of the Ford Presidential Foundation; **Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm**; **Senator Edward Kennedy** and **Secretary of State Colin Powell**.

An earlier documentary, ***Gerald R. Ford: Turning 90***, which was produced in 2003 by WGVU Productions to mark the former president's 90th birthday, has been honored with a Telly Award, an Omni Award, an Associated Press Award for Best News Documentary and a Michigan Association of Broadcasters Award for Best News Special.



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## **Ask Gleaves: Web feature answers anything about politics and history**

***Premier source for all your election questions***

**Q - Why didn't presidential candidates campaign on their own behalf until the 1900s?**

**Q - Have families always campaigned with presidential candidates?**

These are sample questions that have already been asked of Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University.

You have to go to the newly created, **Ask Gleaves** section at the Hauenstein Center Website, [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org) for the well-researched and enlightening answers.

"No sincere question about politics and history is overlooked," said Whitney. "The first question I fielded dealt with how presidents use humor to achieve political objectives. I gave plenty of examples. I want users to be entertained as well as informed."

**Ask Gleaves** features a caricature of Whitney, drawing visitors of [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org) to the feature that officially began this summer, right in time for questions regarding political conventions, presidential campaigns and the June death of former President Ronald Reagan.

It's proving to be a great source of political and historical insights for the media and the general public. Questions to **Ask Gleaves** have already come in from inquiring minds from coast-to-coast. Whitney is uniquely qualified to answer these questions as a presidential scholar, historian, author and the former chief historian and speech writer for three-term Michigan Governor John Engler.

"I strive to respond with answers that give readers an overview of the topic of interest with the added bonus of details that make history and politics engaging so people remain interested and remember the stories," explained Whitney.

Based on the feature's early popularity, it is apparent there is a market niche for the service **Ask Gleaves** provides. There are plans to expand the feature to involve a young audience with **Kids Ask Gleaves**.

Visit the Hauenstein Center Website at [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org) and **Ask Gleaves** or call Grand Valley State University's News and Information Services at 616-331-2221 for more information.



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## **Hoekstra to host West Michigan Roundtable**

***Will also announce \$127,235 grant to Grand Valley***

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, will host Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education Gene Hickok at Grand Valley State University for a roundtable discussion with West Michigan school superintendents and legislators.

Hickok and Hoekstra will also announce a grant to Grand Valley from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools following the event.

**The roundtable discussion will be held on Monday, August 16, at the Alumni House and Visitor Center at the Allendale Campus.**

"This forum with Deputy Secretary Hickok will allow administrators from public and private schools to directly discuss education issues facing West Michigan with a senior official in the U.S. Dept. of Education," Hoekstra said. "Participants will be able to engage in a serious dialogue on how to ensure that every child in West Michigan has an opportunity to receive a high-quality education."

The schedule for the event follows:

- Education roundtable: noon-1:30 p.m. (closed door meeting)
- Department of Education grant presentation to GVSU: 1:30-1:40 p.m.
- Media availability with Hickok and Hoekstra: 1:40 p.m.

"I am excited to come to West Michigan to spend time with Congressman Hoekstra, local superintendents and legislators and listen to the issues they face," Hickok said. "Understanding their challenges and concerns is vital to policymakers in Washington as we work to best address their needs."

GVSU officials will accept the grant from the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools for the ALERT Labs program. The \$127,235 grant is designed to identify and further evaluate models of alcohol- and drug-prevention at institutions of higher education.

GVSU ALERT Labs is a comprehensive alcohol and drug prevention program that has been in operation since 1999. The target audience is first-year students, with other students, faculty and staff as a secondary audience.

"This grant underscores the importance of our alcohol awareness programs and the success that we have had in warning students on our campus about the dangers of drinking, and in particular binge drinking," Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray said.



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## **Tip Sheet: Story ideas for the Olympics**

The Olympic Games begin this Friday, August 13, in Athens, Greece, and for two weeks the world will be watching as countries compete for the gold, silver and bronze. Grand Valley has faculty and staff members who are available to discuss The Games from many aspects. Call the experts directly or contact Grand Valley's News & Information office at (616) 331-2221.

**Barbara Hoogenboom, assistant professor of physical therapy**  
(616) 331-2695

Hoogenboom is an expert in athletic training. She can comment on what is involved in training for the Olympics and the relationship between genetic talent and physical training.

**Lawrence Burns, associate professor of psychology**  
(616) 331-2862

Burns' area of study is perfectionism. He can comment on the psychology of perfectionism for the Olympic athlete.

**Charles Pazdernik, Ph.D., assistant professor of classics**  
(o) 616-331-3165, (c) 616-990-0502 (e) pazdernc@gvsu.edu

The Olympics of ancient Greece — a tradition dating back to the 8th century B.C. — differed markedly from the Olympics we know today. As the summer Olympics begin in Greece, Pazdernik is available to discuss the history and culture of The Games. For instance, while modern Olympic competition is chiefly considered benign, apolitical, and a way to bring countries together, these concepts would have been alien to the ancient Greeks, for whom personal excellence and inter-city competition was very serious business, says Pazdernik.

Pazdernik is also available to trace the evolution of the Olympic games, which were abolished after Roman emperors adopted Christianity and then revived in the 19th century as a worldwide event. He teaches Greek language, history, and culture at GVSU.

**Meilssa Morison, Ph.D., assistant professor of classics**  
(o) 616-331-3231, (h) 616-452-2027

Morison spent six weeks this summer as a senior archaeologist at a dig in Corinth, Greece, located about two hours from Athens. A Grand Rapids classics student also participated in the dig; Morison can provide contact information. Good-quality photographs are available.

**Bill Morison, Ph.D., assistant professor of history**  
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Morison's specialty is ancient Greek athletics.

**Diane Rayor, Ph.D., professor and chair of the GVSU Classics Department**  
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Rayor teaches Greek language and mythology and can discuss Greek gods and their relation to the modern Olympics. Her 2004 book, "The Homeric Hymns," is a collection of stories about the Greek gods, including Hermes, Aphrodite, Apollo and many more.



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## **Grand Valley's ALERT Labs will expand programming with federal grant**

Grand Valley's Alcohol Education, Research and Training (ALERT) Labs was deemed a model for the nation and received a \$127,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help disseminate its program nationally and enhance the recovery program.

The announcement was made August 16 by U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, and Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education Gene Hickok.

Nancy Harper, ALERT Labs director, said the grant will allow for program enhancements like updating the Web site, hosting conferences, creating videos and revising the university's substance abuse policies. ALERT Labs also runs Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for students six days a week.

The grant also allows ALERT Labs to expand its recovery program, which was established last year. Harper said the Pathways Recovery Program will be a "community-building" program with activities throughout the year for students recovering from alcohol and other drug addictions. About 25 students were in the program last year, some living on campus. About 20 other students are expected to join Pathways Recovery this year.

Grand Valley is one of several universities in the country to have a program for recovery students. Others are Augsburg (Minnesota) College, Dana (Nebraska) College, Rutgers and Texas Tech universities. Case Western Reserve and the University of Texas-Austin are establishing programs for this academic year.

Harper said ALERT Labs staff will base Pathways Recovery on the successful Passport program, which began six years ago. Passport matches mentor students with first-year students to create a community atmosphere and heighten awareness of opportunities for a substance-free college experience. Two years ago, a Passport Living Center was created on campus. Students who sign up for this housing option sign a contract pledging that they will abstain from drugs and alcohol.

"The goal of these community building activities is the same as for Passport: to create bonds between non-drinking and drugging students so that they can rely on each other for social outlets and support in resisting pressures to use alcohol and other drugs," Harper said.

ALERT Labs began in 1999. By using a "social norms" approach to correct popular misperceptions, GVSU programs have helped to increase the number of Grand Valley students who abstain or drink moderately. For example, a 2003 survey (using 1999 as a baseline) of Grand Valley students found:

- a decrease in frequent binge drinking of 59 percent;
- a decrease in occasional binge drinking of 32 percent; and
- an increase in moderation and abstention of 19 percent.

**Source:** Nancy Harper, ALERT Labs director, 616-331-2537



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## **Autumn Health Forums return to GVSU**

***Experts discuss hot health topics in series of public forums***

For the third year running, Grand Valley State University's Autumn Health Forums will tackle some of today's biggest health care issues.

The Autumn Health Forums are a series of discussions that focus attention on health care topics of interest to both the general public and health care professionals. The forums are intended to provide an informative, interesting and sometimes provocative way to explore some of the leading health care issues of the day. An informative question-and-answer session follows each session.

The forums are from noon to 1 p.m. in the DeVos Center's Loosemore Auditorium on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

• **Building Effective Coalitions to Activate the Healthy Community**

Speaker: Shoshanna Sofaer, DPH  
Thursday, Sept. 30

• **The Obesity Revolution**

Speaker: Greg Critser  
Wednesday, Oct. 27

• **Mobilizing Communities to Promote Health and Social Justice**

Speaker: Elias Vasquez, RN, PhD, FAAN  
Wednesday, Nov. 17

• **Community Health Improvement: A Call to Action**

Speaker: Kent Bottles, MD, CEO  
Wednesday, Dec. 8

The forums are hosted by Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center for Health Professions and Grand Valley State University Continuing Education. They are sponsored by Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center and Spectrum Health.

For more information, visit [www.gvsu.edu/ahf](http://www.gvsu.edu/ahf) on the Web or call (800) 690-0314 or (616) 331-7180. The forums are free and open to the public.



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## **Conference will highlight interdisciplinary approach to health care**

More than 120 health care educators and community leaders are expected at a conference next week that will focus on an interdisciplinary approach to patient care. The conference is in response to a national report that criticized health care education programs.

"Advancing Interdisciplinary Health Professions Education in Grand Rapids" is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-noon on **Tuesday, August 24**, in the Hager Auditorium at the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, 301 Michigan St. NE in Grand Rapids. The conference is sponsored by the Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center, Grand Valley's Kirkhof College of Nursing and Grand Valley's College of Health Professions.

Grand Valley's colleges of nursing and health professions are responding to recommendations from a report by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science that raised questions about the adequacy of education received by doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other professionals. The report recommended education programs take steps to improve delivery of patient-centered care, work in interdisciplinary teams and focus on quality improvement.

Keynote speaker Joan Shaver, professor and dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will address "Visioning the Future" at 9 a.m. Shaver is a member of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research and co-director of UIC's National Center of Excellence in Women's Health Research. Her research in sleep-related issues that affect women has been extensively published.

Prior to Shaver's address, remarks will be made by Phyllis Gendler, dean of the College of Nursing; Jane Toot, dean of the College of Health Professions; Glenn Davis, dean of Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine; and Dr. Kent Bottles, president and CEO of Grand Rapids MERC.

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## **NYC prepares for the Republican Convention**

### ***Grand Valley political experts available for comment***

The Republican National Convention kicks off Monday, August 30, 2004, in Madison Square Garden. The following Grand Valley State University political experts are available for comment throughout the week of the convention.

**Roger Molles, 616-331-3283, *assistant professor of political science***

Molles is an expert on American politics and elections, public policy and administration, and international relations.

**Kedron Bardwell, Ph.D., 616-331-8523, *assistant professor of political science***

Bardwell is an expert on mass media and politics, elections and voting, state politics, campaign advertising and campaign finance reform.

**Kevin den Dulk, Ph.D., 616-331-2991, *assistant professor of political science***

Professor den Dulk is an expert on religion and politics. He recently co-authored the book, *Religion and Politics in America: Faith, Culture and Strategic Choices*. He can also discuss political parties and theory.

**Erika King, Ph.D., 616-331-2320, *dean of Social Sciences***

King is an expert in American politics, media and politics, and public opinion.

**Randall Doyle, Ph.D., 616-331-3164, *visiting assistant professor of history***

Doyle is an expert on U.S. politics and election campaigns. He has worked in state and national election campaigns and was a special assistant to three U.S. congressmen.

**Gleaves Whitney, 616-331-2770, *director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies***

Whitney is a presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speech writer.





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## **Campus Connector ridership increases dramatically**

### **Grand Valley adds new parking ramp and spaces**

Study, talk to friends, save some money — those are just a few reasons for hopping on a bus at Grand Valley State University, and more people are discovering the advantages. Students, faculty and staff are taking advantage of the transportation provided by the university in increased numbers. Ridership of the Campus Connector, Center for Health Sciences Express, and the Off-Campus Apartment Shuttle continues to grow.

<u>GVSU transportation</u>	<u>2003-2004 school year</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
Campus Connector:	311,621 riders	210,002 riders
Off-Campus Apartment Shuttle:	100,101 riders	42,125 riders
CHS Express:	135,835 riders	n/a

Lisa Haynes, director of Pew Campus operations and regional campuses, said the huge increases in ridership are the result of the university's continued support for a culture of transit. "The students, faculty and staff recognize the transportation we provide is a reliable and safe source of transit; plus, it's free," she said.

On August 30, Grand Valley will open a new parking ramp in Grand Rapids, across from the DeVos Center. It will offer 940 parking spaces, an increase of approximately 680 spaces. In Allendale, 1,100 new spaces were constructed to support new housing additions. These spaces are in four new lots and the expansion of three existing lots.

"We're trying to make transportation and parking easy," said Tim Schad, vice president for finance and administration at Grand Valley. "We want to take the hassle factor out so faculty and students can concentrate on teaching and learning."

The city of Grand Rapids is also evaluating its future transit needs. The Great Transit Grand Tomorrows (GT2) Study involves gathering public input on potential bus and rail services and station locations for a future high-capacity transit system. This would affect Grand Valley State University's downtown Pew Campus. The public is welcome at three community forums:

- September 16, 7-8:30 p.m.,** Rapid Central Station, 250 Grandville Ave., Grand Rapids
- September 20, 7-8:30 p.m.,** Wyoming Public Library, Meeting Rooms A-C, 3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming
- September 22, 7-8:30 p.m.,** Schuler Books & Music auditorium, 2660 28th Street, Kentwood



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## **Media Advisory: GVSU student at GOP Convention**

*Senior is youngest Michigan delegate at the Republican National Convention*

Sam Moore, a political science major at Grand Valley, is representing the First District, which covers the Grayling area in Northern Michigan. Moore, 22, will leave for New York on Sunday, August 29.

**Moore is available for interviews before, during, and after the convention.  
He can be reached at 616-893-2161.**

Moore got his start in politics at the age of 14 when he ran his mother's election campaign for county clerk/register of deeds in Northern Michigan. Moore is also the chairman of the Michigan Federation of College Republicans.



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## **GVSU students first to be selected for fellowships named for former Grand Rapids mayor**

Two Grand Valley State University students were selected to work with City of Grand Rapids executives under a fellowship named for former Mayor John H. Logie.

Daniel Petersen Jr., of Greenville, and Benjamin Mathew, of Grand Rapids, will work with senior executive staff including City Manager Kurt Kimball and Assistant City Manager Greg Sundstrom, and with Logie. Petersen's fellowship is for the fall 2004 semester; Mathew will begin his duties in January.

The fellowships for Grand Valley students were created last year with gifts given at Logie's retirement party. A recipient will receive tuition-free course credit and a stipend of \$1,500.

Petersen, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in public administration, is not a stranger to local government. The 23-year-old successfully beat an incumbent GOP Montcalm County commissioner in the August primary and will appear on November's ballot. Petersen has served as campaign manager for the Montcalm sheriff and a former state representative.

Mathew has a double major in group social science and natural resources management. He currently volunteers for the West Grand Development Corporation, which provides affordable housing on Grand Rapids' west side. He is a past resident assistant at GVSU and also served as chair of the university's Alternative Spring Break, which sends students on weeklong volunteer projects throughout the country.

Logie, who served as Grand Rapids mayor from 1991-2003, said he was eager to begin the fellowship program.

"We have two outstanding young men. In my years as mayor, I repeatedly found a significant lack of understanding among students about what local government does, and how it does it. We hope to begin to remedy that," he said. "Right now we are engaged in the presidential election, as well as state and local elections. Our young people generally have not been as eager as my generation was, to actively participate in choosing our leaders. We hope to begin to remedy that as well."



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## GVSU announces stellar lineup for 2004 Fall Arts Celebration

Critically acclaimed authors, Pulitzer Prize-winning poets, and celebrated artists, musicians, and dancers are among the guests who will visit West Michigan this fall as part of Grand Valley State University's **Fall Arts Celebration**. The public is invited to be part of the celebration, featuring nine events from September to November 2004.

The Fall Arts Celebration, initiated last year, is Grand Valley's community-wide salute to the importance of the arts and humanities in our lives, said Jon Jellema, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. "It brings together a slate of accomplished people from a variety of disciplines to explore ideas as they're variously formulated in art, dance, poetry, music and dialogue," Jellema said.

"The whole idea is to get people exposed to and thinking about — and certainly enjoying — the arts and humanities."

All events are open to the public and are free unless noted. For more information, call (616) 331-2180.

Print-quality photos and bios of all performers and speakers are available by e-mail. Contact Nancy Willey at 616-331-2221 or [willeyn@gvsu.edu](mailto:willeyn@gvsu.edu).

### **Artist-Faculty Showcase** • September 14, 8 p.m.

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus  
GVSU faculty ensembles will kick off the Fall Arts Celebration with an exceptional evening of music. Featured are **Avatar Brass**, the **Perugino String Quartet** with pianist **Aviram Reichert**, and the **Faculty Jazz Trio**. (Concert is sponsored by a gift of the Gearhart Family.)

### **Art Gallery Exhibit: "Minimonumentalism: Heroes and Myths"** • October 4-29

**Opening Reception:** October 7, 5-7 p.m., Art Gallery. The public is welcome.

GVSU Art Gallery, located in the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus  
Aptly titled "**Minimonumentalism**," the exhibit presents small-scale sculptures that serve as models for Dmitri and Daniel Kaminkers' monumental constructions in major museums and private collections throughout Russia and Scandinavia. Gallery hours: M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Th 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (616) 331-2564. (Sponsored by the URS Corporation.)



Rita Dove

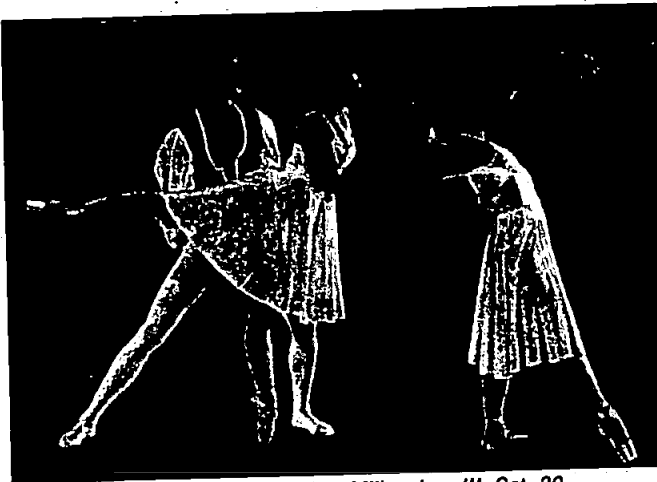


Charles Wright

### **Poetry Night** • October 15, 7 p.m.

Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids Campus, 301 W. Fulton St.  
Readings and conversation with two Pulitzer Prize-winning poets: **Charles Wright**, chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, and **Rita Dove**, author of the acclaimed "On the Bus with Rosa Parks" and the first African American to be named U.S. Poet Laureate.  
(Sponsored by Progressive AE and Charles and Stella Royce.)

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this event and Grand Valley's commitment to invite the public at no charge, Poetry Night has been moved to a larger hall at the Eberhard Center. Admittance is free. No reservations will be taken, but interested persons are asked to RSVP by calling (616) 331-2180 or by e-mailing Patricia Clark at [clarkp@gvsu.edu](mailto:clarkp@gvsu.edu).



*Dance Stars of the New Millennium III, Oct. 30*

**Student Collage Concert • October 19, 8 p.m.**

Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus  
Dazzling performances by Grand Valley's award-winning student musicians. (Sponsored by a gift of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Barton.)

**Dance Stars of the New Millennium III**

**October 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale  
Principal dancers from some of the nation's foremost ballet companies join forces with the **GVSU Dance Ensemble** for two spectacular performances. Tickets: \$20 general public, available at Star Tickets Plus, (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. Tickets also available weekdays at the LAT Box Office, (616) 331-2300.

**Academic Lectures**

Esteemed authors, historians, social activists and literary scholars will share their ideas as part of the Fall Arts Celebration. The following academic lectures are open to the public free of charge; a reception follows each.



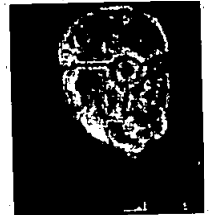
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**H.W. Brands • September 22, 7 p.m.**

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus\*

**H.W. Brands**, distinguished professor of history at Texas A&M University, is author of the bestseller "The First American" and critically acclaimed biographies of numerous U.S. presidents. His talk, titled "Andrew Jackson and the American Revolution," will focus on his forthcoming book as well as his current research.

**Marge Piercy • September 29, 7 p.m.**

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus\*

Critically acclaimed novelist, essayist, and poet **Marge Piercy** is the author of more than two dozen books of fiction and poetry. Known for incorporating her own experiences as well as social issues into her work, Piercy will address science fiction and utopianism in her talk, "Stories Stronger Than Fact."

**Ronald Schuchard • November 4, 7 p.m.**

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus\*

**Ronald Schuchard**, professor of English at Emory University and author of the award-winning "Eliot's Dark Angel," is regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities on T.S. Eliot. He will discuss the many ways in which Eliot has been read with the suggestion that Eliot may also be considered a great love poet.

**Earl Shorris • November 10, 7 p.m.**

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus\*

**Earl Shorris**, winner of the National Humanities Medal, is author of the groundbreaking "New American Blues: A Journey Through Poverty to Democracy"; "Latinos: A Biography of the People"; and the forthcoming "The Life and Times of Mexico." He will speak on the topic "Who is an American?"

\*The DeVos Center is located at 401 W. Fulton St. in downtown Grand Rapids.



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## Benefit concert for Dave Spring on Sept. 10

*All proceeds will go to Spring, who is recovering from a stroke*



Dave Spring. Photo available by e-mail.  
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willey@gvsu.edu.

Colleagues and friends of musician Dave Spring will gather on September 10 for a special concert in honor of Spring, who is recovering from a stroke he suffered in May.

The **Benefit Concert for Dave Spring** will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 10, at the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, on GVSU's Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. Admission is free; however, donations to the Dave Spring Fund will be accepted at the door, with all proceeds going to Spring for medical expenses.

The evening of jazz will feature the GVSU Faculty Jazz Ensemble (in which Spring has played bass) with Kurt Ellenberger, piano, Tim Froncek, drums, and special guests David Renter on saxophone and David Morgan on bass. The concert will open with music by area teens Keaton Royer and Chris Bardolph — both students of Spring.

The benefit concert marks the first anniversary of the release of Spring's first CD, "It's a Spring Thing." It also marks the release of a new CD, "A Tale of Three Cities," recorded with Spring in May, three days before he suffered a debilitating stroke. All receipts from the evening's sale of the new CD will be donated to the Dave Spring Fund.

Spring, 47, an artist-faculty member at GVSU since 1999, has performed on bass in a wide variety of musical settings with many of the world's great jazz musicians, including Dizzy Gillespie and Arturo Sandoval, and was a featured member of the renowned New Orleans group, The Meters. His 25-year career has also included work with such varied artists as Bob Hope, Red Skelton and Mickey Rooney. Besides teaching at GVSU, Spring has also taught in jazz programs at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and Aquinas College, and is an adjunct faculty member at Grand Rapids Community College. He and his wife, Charlotte, and their children live in Comstock Park.

Source: Kurt Ellenberger, director of jazz studies at GVSU, 331-2943



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## **September '04 Events at GVSU**

### **MUSIC**

All events are free of charge unless noted. Contact number is the Music Dept. at (616) 331-3484.

#### **9/10 Friday**

**The Dave Spring Benefit Concert** — a tribute to ailing music faculty member Dave Spring. Donations accepted at the door. 8 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St., Grand Rapids.

#### **9/12 Sunday**

**Artist-Faculty Series. Pablo Mahave-Veglia, cello, and Paulina Zamora, piano.** The duo will be performing a program of all Hispanic music. 3 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

#### **9/14 Tuesday**

A Fall Arts Celebration Event. The **Artist-Faculty Showcase** concert features ensembles-in-residence **Avatar Brass**, the **Perugino String Quartet** with pianist **Aviram Reichert**, and the **Faculty Jazz Trio**. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, Allendale Campus.

#### **9/21 Tuesday**

**Arts at Noon Series. Felici Trio**, a California-based ensemble of piano, violin and cello. After recent acclaimed recordings of trios by Tchaikovsky and Clara Schumann, the Felici has quickly established itself as one of the leading chamber ensembles of the younger generation. Music featured includes the passionate trio by Czech master Smetana and the charming Café Music by Paul Schoenfield. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

#### **9/23 Thursday**

**Artist-Faculty Series. Clarinetist Arthur Campbell and pianist Aviram Reichert** team up again to present a program of Romantic repertoire they will record in 2005 in Europe. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center.

#### **9/29 Wednesday**

**Artist-Faculty Series. Kathryn Stieler, soprano; Dale Schriemer, baritone; and special guest pianist Noël Lee.** GVSU faculty members Stieler and Schriemer will perform works by Faure and Chausson with collaborative pianist Noël Lee. 8 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

#### **9/30 Thursday**

**Arts at Noon Series. Organist Carolyn Shuster-Fournier.** Distinguished American organist Carolyn Schuster-Fournier performs on the Jay and Betty Van Andel organ. Shuster-Fournier is based in France where she is the organist at the Trinité Church in Paris and a well-known expert on 19th-century French organ repertoire. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

## ART

GVSU Art Gallery is located in the Performing Arts Center. Ph. (616) 331-2564

### **Through September 24**

**"Beyond the Classroom: Art and Design Faculty 2004."** Featuring diverse works of art by current faculty as well as visiting artists. Art Gallery.

**Opening Reception:** 5-7 p.m. September 9 at the Art Gallery.

### **September 13–November 11**

Grandville Avenue Academy for the Arts, 644 Grandville Ave. SW, (616) 742-0692.

Off-Campus Exhibit. **"Jose Guadalupe Posada: Voice of the People, A Selection of Prints from GVSU."** The first showing of Grand Valley's Posada print collection outside the university, "Voice of the People" represents an important collaboration with the community-based Grandville Avenue Academy for the Arts. Due to the extreme fragility of the original prints, full-size color facsimiles will be on view, supported by a rich educational program hosted by the Grandville Academy.

**Opening Reception:** 5-7 p.m. September 16 at the Grandville Avenue Academy for the Arts.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS: FALL ARTS CELEBRATION 2004**

### **9/22 Wednesday**

**Lecture by H.W. Brands, presented as part of GVSU's 2004 Fall Arts Celebration**

7 p.m., Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St.

**H.W. Brands**, distinguished professor of history at Texas A&M University, is the author of 19 books including the best-seller and Pulitzer Prize finalist "The First American," as well as critically acclaimed biographies of numerous U.S. presidents. His talk, titled "Andrew Jackson and the American Revolution," will focus on his forthcoming book as well as his current research.

### **9/29 Wednesday**

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7 p.m., Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St.

Critically acclaimed novelist, essayist, and poet **Marge Piercy** is the author of more than two dozen books of poetry and fiction. A Detroit native known for incorporating her own experiences as well as social issues into her work, Piercy will address science fiction in her talk, "Stories Stronger Than Fact".

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## GVSU Writers Series features Charles Baxter

*The well-known author will read from his works on Sept. 13*



Charles Baxter. To have photograph e-mailed to you, contact Nancy at 331-2221.

Noted fiction writer Charles Baxter will read from his work on Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, on Grand Valley's Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. The public is invited free of charge.

Baxter is the author of "Saul and Patsy," published in 2003 by Pantheon. His previous novel, "The Feast of Love" (Vintage), was a finalist for the National Book Award. He has published two other novels, "First Light" and "Shadow Play," and four books of stories.

Baxter has also published essays on fiction collected in "Burning Down the House," edited or co-edited three books of essays, and edited "Best New American Voices 2001" (Harcourt). He has received the Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Prix St. Valentine in France, and the Catalan Booksellers' Association Award for book of the year in Spain. Born in Minneapolis, Baxter earned his doctorate degree at the State University of New York-Buffalo in 1974, and taught for many years at the University of Michigan. He now lives in Minneapolis and is currently the Edelstein-Keller Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Minnesota.

Baxter's work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, and *Harper's*. His fiction has been widely anthologized and translated into ten languages.

The reading by Baxter is this year's first event in Grand Valley's Writers Series. Upcoming events include:

- **October 15, 7 p.m.**, GVSU Eberhard Center — **Poetry Night** featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning poets **Rita Dove** and **Charles Wright**;
- **October 27, 7 p.m.** — nonfiction writer **Amy Benson**, author of the prize-winning "The Sparkling-Eyed Boy," about growing up in Michigan;
- **April 5, 2005, 7 p.m.**, GVSU Alumni House — Fiction writer **Debra Marquart**.

For more information, contact Patricia Clark, associate professor of writing, at 331-3199 or [clarkp@gvsu.edu](mailto:clarkp@gvsu.edu).



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## **Concert showcases GVSU faculty ensembles**

*The Artist-Faculty Showcase is the first event in the 2004 Fall Arts Celebration*

Grand Valley State University will kick off its 2004 Fall Arts Celebration on September 14 with a lively evening of jazz, classical music, and Gershwin starring its own ensembles in residence. Featured in the **Artist-Faculty Showcase** concert are **Avatar Brass**, the **Perugino String Quartet** with pianist **Aviram Reichert**, and the **Faculty Jazz Trio** — all favorites of GVSU audiences.

### **Artist-Faculty Showcase**

**Tuesday, September 14, 8 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale**

Admission is free; a public reception follows the concert

The event is sponsored by a gift of the Gearhart Family

**Avatar Brass** [Call Nancy at 331-2221 to have a photograph e-mailed to you]

Avatar will perform music by George Gershwin. Members of the quintet — all artist-faculty members in GVSU's Music Department — are trumpeters **Richard Stoelzel** and **Justin Emerich**, horn player **Michael Atkinson**, trombonist **Jeremy Moeller**, and tubist **Jacob Cameron**.

Formed in 1993, Avatar is comprised of five of America's finest brass musicians whose combined experience includes performances with the New Orleans, Baltimore, New World, Charleston, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Houston Symphony Orchestras, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and the Shanghai Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra. Concerts have taken the members of Avatar across the globe, from Carnegie Hall and the White House to Asia and Russia.

### **Perugino String Quartet**

The Perugino String Quartet will perform Ravel's String Quartet in F Major. Musicians — members of the Grand Rapids Symphony as well as the GVSU music faculty — are violinists **Eric Tanner** and **Diane McElfish** and cellist **Stacey Bosman Tanner**. The newest member of the quartet, introduced in this concert, is violist **Barbara Corbato**. Performing with Perugino will be award-winning pianist **Aviram Reichert**, associate professor of music at GVSU.

In residence at Grand Valley since 1997, highlights of the string quartet's tenure include a 1999 performance at Lincoln Center as part of the prestigious Juilliard String Quartet Seminar. In addition to appearing the past four summers at the Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck, Perugino annually performs about 15 concerts throughout Michigan.

### **The GVSU Faculty Jazz Trio**

The Faculty Jazz Trio will close the Artist-Faculty Showcase with the sounds of jazz. Members of the ensemble are **Kurt Ellenberger**, jazz piano, **Tim Froncek**, drum set (Froncek was named 2004 Jazz Musician of the Year by the West Michigan Jazz Society), and newest member **Rob Hartman**, bass.

Members of the GVSU Faculty Jazz Trio have performed in a wide variety of musical settings and with such legendary jazz artists as Kenny Wheeler, Billy Eckstine, Della Reese, Dizzy Gillespie, Arturo Sandoval, Woody Herman, Randy Brecker, and Bobby Shew.

For a list of other Fall Arts Celebration events, see [www.gvsu.edu/fallarts](http://www.gvsu.edu/fallarts) or call (616) 331-2180.



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## **President Ford Documentary premieres Wednesday**

### ***Time and Chance: Gerald Ford's Appointment with History***

"I think he saved the country. In fact, he saved it in such a matter-of-fact way that he isn't given any credit for it." Those are the words of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger about former President Gerald R. Ford. The statement encapsulates the unique place our 38th president holds in the history of our country.

*Time and Chance: Gerald Ford's Appointment with History*, adapted in part from James M. Cannon's book by the same title, is a documentary about the man who was never elected to higher office but who served in the presidency for nearly 1,000 days in 1974-77, when the nation was challenged by war, inflation and political turmoil. The 60-minute film by WGUV Productions traces Ford's formative years in Grand Rapids and chronicles his political career as a 13-term congressman, vice president and president. It is the first full-scale documentary of the nation's 38th president.

**MEDIA ADVISORY:** The new documentary will be privately shown on **Wednesday, September 8**, at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids; the 30th anniversary of President Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon. August marks the 30th anniversary of Ford becoming president.

*Community, business and political leaders will begin gathering at the Ford Museum at 5:30 p.m. on September 8. The documentary will be shown at 7 p.m.*

Time and Chance will make its debut on WGUV on Saturday, September 11, at 8 p.m. and will repeat that night at 9 p.m. It has been made available to PBS stations nationwide.



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## **Grand Valley celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month**

Grand Valley State University celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with events through mid-October, highlighted by a lecture on U.S. policies and Latin America, a visit from a Hispanic American astronaut, songs of celebrated poet Pablo Neruda, and a performance by a gay activist.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs September 13-October 14. Events are open to the public and free unless indicated. Below is a schedule of Grand Valley events with contact information:

### **September 13-24**

"Enlace: Festival of Contemporary Latin American Art" Exhibit; West Gallery and Room 215-H, Eberhard Center

Opening Reception: Monday, September 13, at 6 p.m.

Discover Hispanic voices and ideas through the beauty of the arts. The exhibit highlights more than 50 pieces of art by artists from West Michigan, Mexico and Venezuela. *Sponsors:* Latin American Studies Program, LAZO Cultural; *Contact:* Erick Pichardo, 616-776-2609, or LAS Program Coordinator Russell Rhoads, 616-331-3018

### **Tuesday, September 21**

Cultural Café Open Mic Nite; Kleiner Commons Lounge, 7 p.m.

The Cultural Café series showcases student talent and provides an outlet and cultural space for expression, reflection and cultural affirmation of the past and present. *Sponsors:* Sigma Lambda Beta, Office of Multicultural Affairs; *Contact:* Stacy Stout, 616-331-2177

### **Thursday, September 23**

Americanos: Faces of Latin America; 204 Kirkhof Center, noon-1 p.m.

Join the Padnos International Center in celebrating the diversity of the Southern Americas. A variety of racial, linguistic and religious influences create a complex region far from its depiction in the media. *Contact:* Meaghann Myers, Padnos International Center, 616-331-3898

### **October events (details to follow at a later date):**

#### **October 4**

Lecture: "U.S. Policies and Latin America: Towards Human Rights, Social Justice, and Development for the People," by Washington Office on Latin America Deputy Director Kimberly Stanton; 204 Kirkhof Center, 4-5:30 p.m.

#### **October 4**

Music and Songs of Latin America: Special Tribute to Pablo Neruda; Cook DeWitt Auditorium, 7 p.m.

#### **October 11**

Rethinking Columbus Day; 204 Kirkhof Center, 6 p.m.

#### **October 12 and October 19**

The Magic of the Milagros Workshop: Two-part series, both begin at 6 p.m.; 161 Kirkhof Center

#### **October 13**

"Lagrimas de Cocodrilo/Crocodile Tears," Presentation by Ingrid Rivera; 204 Kirkhof Center, 7 p.m.

#### **Thursday, October 14**

Franklin Chang-Díaz, NASA astronaut, first Hispanic American in Space; 250 Kirkhof Center, 6-7 p.m.



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## October '04 Events at GVSU

### MUSIC and DANCE

*All events are free of charge unless noted. Contact number is the Music Dept. at (616) 331-3484.  
The Performing Arts Center (PAC) is located on the Allendale Campus.*

**10/5 Tuesday**

Guest Artist Series. **N. Ravikiran** performs on the chitraveena, a South Indian zither, with drummer **Rohan Krishnamurthy**. 7 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

**10/6 Wednesday**

Arts at Noon Series features GVSU Carillonneur **Julianne Vanden Wyngaard** on the Cook Carillon, Allendale Campus. 12 p.m.

**10/7 Thursday**

Music Department Concert. **A French Music Recital** featuring students in the voice and piano studios at Grand Valley State University. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

**10/11 Monday**

Music Department Concert. **Small Jazz Combos**. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

**10/16 Saturday**

Music Department Concert. **Large Jazz Ensemble**. Tim Froncek, director. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**10/16 Saturday**

Music on Period Instruments Series. **Grand Valley Faculty Baroque Ensemble**. 8 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

**10/17 Sunday**

Music Department Concert. **Symphonic Wind Ensemble**. Barry D. Martin, conductor. 3 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**10/17 Sunday**

Music Department Concert. **University Arts Chorale** conducted by Ellen Pool, with special guests the **Grand Haven High School Chamber Choir**, conducted by Shirley Lemon. Also performing on the concert will be the **Varsity Men** under the direction of Charles Norris. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**10/18 Monday**

Music Department Concert. **Concert Band** conducted by Kevin Tutt. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**10/19 Tuesday**

Arts at Noon Series. **The Grand Rapids Symphony** under the direction of David Lockington. 12 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**10/19 Tuesday**

Fall Arts Celebration Event. **Student Collage Concert** featuring award-winning students from the GVSU Department of Music. 8 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus.

**10/20 Wednesday**

Music Department Concert. **Festival Women's Chorale** conducted by James Borst, **University Singers** and the **Select Women's Ensemble** conducted by Ellen Pool. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**10/22 Friday**

Music Department Concert. **Symphony Orchestra** conducted by Hyunsai Lee. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**10/29 Friday**

**University Arts Chorale** and collegiate choirs from Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, and Calvin College perform Haydn's monumental Lord Nelson Mass conducted by Joseph Flummerfelt as part of the ACDA Convention. Flummerfelt is recently retired from Westminster Choir College. 8 p.m. Calvin College Fine Arts Center Auditorium. For ticket information, please call (616) 526-6282.

**10/30 Saturday**

Fall Arts Celebration Event. **Dance Stars of the New Millennium III** will present dancers from America's foremost ballet companies. Performing with them will be the **GVSU Dance Ensemble** under the direction of Jefferson Baum. Performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC. \$20 general public; \$10 GVSU students/faculty/staff with ID. Call Star Tickets Plus at (616) 222-4000. Tickets also available weekdays at the LAT Box Office, 331-2300.

## **THEATRE**

*The Theatre Box Office is located in the Performing Arts Center, (616) 331-2300.*

**10/1 Friday**

Shakespeare Festival Guest Scholar: **Dr. Barbara Mowat**, chair of The Folger Shakespeare Institute, will give a public presentation. 4-6 p.m. University Club, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus. Reception follows. Free and open to the public.

**10/2 Saturday**

Special informal presentation by **Dr. Mowat**. 10 a.m.-noon. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Call (616) 331-2149 for more information. Free and open to the public.

**October 1-10**

Shakespeare Festival Mainstage Production. "**Measure for Measure**," one of William Shakespeare's most famous tragicomedies, explores the relationship between mercy and justice. Director Roger Ellis presents a modern-dress production featuring professional, community, and student actors.

**October 1\*, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.**

**October 3, 9 and 10 at 2 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center**

\*free, public, opening-night reception follows show

**Tickets:** General public \$12; GVSU faculty/staff/alumni \$10; all students \$6. Purchase tickets at Star Tickets Plus, (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737. The GVSU Theatre Box Office is open 12-5 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to performances, (616) 331-2300. More ticket information is available at [www.gvsu.edu/theatre](http://www.gvsu.edu/theatre).

**10/9 and 10, Saturday and Sunday**

**Renaissance Festival.** Free family festival features minstrels, bagpipers, jugglers, belly dancers, "live steel" fighting demonstrations, children's games and much more — all in period costumes. Merchants will sell period wares from armor to clothing. Food available for purchase. All ages welcome. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on the "greensward" surrounding the Cook Carillon Tower, Allendale Campus.

## **ART**

*GVSU Art Gallery is located in the Performing Arts Center. Ph. (616) 331-2564*

### **October 4–29**

GVSU's Fall Arts Celebration presents "**Minimonumentalism: Heroes and Myths,**" featuring the works of celebrated Russian sculptors Dmitri and Daniel Kaminker. Art Gallery, Performing Arts Center.

**Opening Reception:** October 7, 5-7 p.m. Art Gallery.

### **10/14 Thursday**

**The DeVos Center Art Lecture Series** features GVSU alumna Jo Hormuth, an active member of the contemporary Chicago art scene. Hormuth's work has been featured in many solo and group exhibitions and forms part of numerous private collections. 5:30 p.m. presentation followed by a reception. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Free.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS and SPECIAL EVENTS**

**10/4 Monday, 7 p.m.,** 204 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus.

Guest speaker **Dr. Kimberly Stanton**, director of studies of the Washington D.C. Office on Latin America, will present a lecture, "U.S. Policies and Latin America: Towards Human Rights, Social Justice, and Development for the People." Free, open to the public. Presented by the GVSU Latin American Studies program, 331-3018.

**10/15 Friday, 7 p.m.,** GVSU Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St.

**Poetry Night** with Pulitzer Prize-winning poets **Charles Wright** and **Rita Dove**. Presented as part of the GVSU Fall Arts Celebration. Free, open to the public. Attendees are asked to RSVP by calling (616) 331-2180.

**10/20 Wednesday, 8 p.m.,** Gerald R. Ford Museum

Former Secretary of the U.S. Air Force **Thomas C. Reed** will discuss "Presidential Politics in the Cold War." Presented by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. Free. 331-2770.

**10/22 and 23 Friday and Saturday,** Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St.

The annual **Celebrate Literacy Conference** features more than 25 noted authors and illustrators. See [www4.gvsu.edu/soe/CLC](http://www4.gvsu.edu/soe/CLC). Presented by the GVSU College of Education. 331-6821.

**10/27 Wednesday, 7 p.m.,** Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus

Grand Valley Writers Series presents **Amy Benson**, author of the prize-winning "The Sparkling-Eyed Boy," about growing up in Michigan. Free. 331-3601.

**10/29-30 Friday and Saturday,** GVSU Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St.

**The Great Lakes History Conference.** This year's theme, "Challenging Historical Borders: Exploring Intersections between Nations, Regions, and Disciplines," is explored with presentations and discussions with noted historians from around the country. Keynote speaker is **Patricia Limerick** of the University of Colorado. **A special lecture will be presented by documentary filmmaker Ric Burns, on Friday, October 29, at 8 p.m. at the Eberhard Center.** The lecture is open to the public free of charge. Fee for the two-day conference is \$35. For more information, call 331-3298 or see [www.gvsu.edu/history](http://www.gvsu.edu/history).

**Call Nancy Willey at 616-331-2228 to obtain photographs for events.**



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## **Many activities planned for Saturday's football home opener**

Much fanfare will greet the two-time defending NCAA Division II champion Grand Valley Lakers when they host the University of Indianapolis on Saturday, September 11.

The home opener for Grand Valley will be accompanied by numerous events:

- 5 p.m.: Ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate stadium expansion. Over the summer, seating at Lubbers Stadium was increased by 2,185 to make the capacity 8,496. The ceremony will be held at the stadium's south entrance.
- 6:40 p.m.: September 11, 2001 remembrance: large on-field flag, West Michigan firefighters, police officers and EMT workers; guest will be Matthew Lee, EMT firefighter from Manhattan.
- 7 p.m.: Kickoff.
- Halftime: Presentation of National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Directors' Cup. GVSU won the Directors' Cup in June, recognizing the top athletic program among Division II universities.
- Postgame: Fireworks.





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## **Nonprofit Leaders Gather at GVSU**

***The Johnson Center will host 'Governing Nonprofits for Success' conference***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—More than 125 leaders from 60 nonprofit organizations in West Michigan will gather at Grand Valley State University this week to gain tips on the best ways to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

The conference, "Governing Nonprofits for Success — The Nonprofit Board of the 21st Century," will be held on Friday, September 17, at the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Attendees will discuss the latest nonprofit governance and leadership challenges and explore current strategies with other nonprofit leaders. Sandra R. Hughes, Ed.D., an executive governance consultant at BoardSource, will give the keynote address from 8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m.

Registration is still open for the conference, held 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Conference fee is \$40. Attendees will participate in discussions with experts on the following topics: Demystifying Financial Reports, Building Donor Relationships, How to Engage Your Board in Work That Matters, Knowledge is Power. How do you Manage Knowledge?, and Role Definition for Board and Staff.

For more information or to register, call the Johnson Center for Philanthropy at (616) 331-7585 or see [www.gvsu.edu/philanthropy](http://www.gvsu.edu/philanthropy).

Sponsors of the event include GVSU's Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, the Dyer-Ives Foundation, Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Heart of West Michigan United Way, Leadership Grand Rapids, and the GVSU School of Social Work.

**Source: Margaret Sellers Walker, assistant director of the Johnson Center for Philanthropy, (616) 331-6582**



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## **Join Grand Valley alumni at 'Big Bash' tailgate party**

Grand Valley alumni are hosting a "Big Bash" tailgate party prior to the November 6 football game between GVSU and Michigan Tech at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor.

The two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams will play a league game at 1 p.m. in the "Big House" and perhaps set a Division II football attendance record.

Football fans are invited to the tailgate party, which will run from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the parking lot and athletic fields at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, at the southwest corner of Stadium Boulevard and Main Street.

Cost to attend the tailgate is \$5 per person; admission is by ticket only, which must be purchased by October 29. Call GVSU Alumni Relations toll-free at 800-558-0541, or 616-331-3593.

The menu will consist of beverages, hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, veggie burgers, chicken breasts, potato salad, beans, chips and dessert.

Other entertainment includes free drawings for prizes throughout the morning, hosted by Grand Valley alumni Ionia Mayor Dan Balice and WXMI-FOX17 sports director Brent Ashcroft; a pregame concert by the Laker Marching Band; appearances by GVSU President Mark A. Murray and Laker Athletic Director Tim Selgo; autographs by former Laker and Detroit Lion Eric Lynch; and football skill contests.

For game tickets and game information, call Grand Valley Athletics at 616-331-8800.

**Source: Alumni Relations, 616-331-3590**



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## **Grand Valley welcomes stellar freshman class**

### ***Academic programs and student life big draw***

Grand Valley State University again raised standards for incoming freshmen, and the final enrollment numbers show 3,408 made the grade and selected Grand Valley. Total enrollment this fall is up 3 percent and stands at 22,063.

Grand Valley offers a broad array of high quality academic and student life programs that attract students from across Michigan and the Midwest.

"In fact, Grand Valley is large enough to offer the programs you would expect from a university, and yet small enough to provide students a personalized experience," said Bob Fletcher, vice provost and dean of Academic Services and Information Technology.

Grand Valley continues to raise its standards for fall of 2004. There are 200 areas of study at Grand Valley and more than 200 student organizations. New housing invites more than 5,000 students to live on the Allendale or Grand Rapids campuses.

"The academic quality of the students enrolled at Grand Valley this fall is very impressive, in terms of their grand point averages, their test scores and their extra-curricular activities," said Jodi Chycinski, director of Admissions. "The demand for on-campus housing increased as well. Students want to live on campus and be part of the residential community that is available to them at Grand Valley."

Applicants are reviewed using a combination of high school courses completed, cumulative grade point average, standardized test scores, grade point trend, rank in class and other factors provided by the applicant.

Chycinski said students who want to attend Grand Valley next fall should get their applications in by December of this year. More information is available at [www.admissions.gvsu.edu](http://www.admissions.gvsu.edu)



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## 11th annual Shakespeare Fest kicks off Oct. 1

*Highlights include main stage play "Measure for Measure,"  
visiting scholar, Renaissance Festival, and more*



*Theatre Students Scott Lange (as Angelo) and Chelsea Opdyke (as Isabella) take leading roles in the Shakespeare Festival's main stage production, "Measure for Measure." The play runs October 1-10 at the Performing Arts Center.*

*Photos available by e-mail; call 331-2228.*

"Measure for Measure," William Shakespeare's classic tragicomedy of social morality, will begin Grand Valley State University's 11th annual Shakespeare Festival with an opening night production and reception on October 1. The schedule of eight performances follows.

October 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

October 3, 9 and 10 at 2 p.m.

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale**  
(ticket information on next page)

"Measure for Measure" tells the story of a benevolent duke who, reluctant to enforce laws regulating vice and corruption, cagily hands power over to his young subordinate, Angelo. The arrogant Angelo, however, lacks the compassion and grace necessary for good governance, and strictly enforces the statutes despite his own hidden culpability. A play that "hath no deaths but brings many near to it," "Measure for Measure" is a story for today as it examines what constitutes leadership, public accountability, and social morality in an ethically ambiguous world.

Says play director Roger Ellis: "If you're familiar with the political doctrine of church-state separation, then you'll love this treatment of the question: what happens when fundamentalists gain control of the government?"

The play's costumes and overall design have been updated to have a contemporary look, said choreographer and festival director Robin Reese, a visiting theatre professor at GVSU.

"It's not stodgy Shakespeare," Reese said. "This production is designed to be fresh and alive, yet it's well acted and true to Shakespeare's writing so that those with a more classical sophistication will enjoy it as well. It really appeals to a wide audience, which is the festival's intent."

Headliners in the cast include equity actors and National Shakespeare Company veterans Paul Riopelle, playing the role of the provost, and Bradley Mott, as the duke. Mott was seen in last year's Shakespeare Festival when he played Falstaff in "King Henry the Fourth, part one." Since then, he has appeared on Chicago stages in several productions; his past credits include, along with many major theatre roles, feature films and TV shows as well.

Senior theatre major Scott Lange takes the lead role of Angelo, and junior Chelsea Opdyke plays Isabella, a young nun who Angelo tries to overpower. Nearly 20 other students and community actors complete the cast.

Tickets to "Measure for Measure" are \$6 for all students; \$10 for GVSU faculty/staff/alumni; and \$12 general public. Purchase by calling Star Tickets Plus (service charge will be assessed) at (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737, or call the LAT Box Office weekdays at (616) 331-2300. More ticket information is available at [www.gvsu.edu/shakes](http://www.gvsu.edu/shakes).

### Other Festival Highlights



Barbara Mowat

#### **Visiting Shakespeare Scholar — Friday, Oct. 1**

4 p.m., University Club, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus. Free.  
Dr. Barbara Mowat, director of academic programs at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. — the world's largest collection of materials pertaining to Shakespeare and the Renaissance era — and executive director of "Shakespeare Quarterly," will give a public presentation, followed by a reception.

#### **Visiting Shakespeare Scholar — Saturday, Oct. 2**

10 a.m., Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. Free.  
Dr. Barbara Mowat will give a special informal presentation. For more information, call festival director Robin Reese at (616) 331-2149.

#### **Renaissance Festival — Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9 and 10**

10 a.m.-7 p.m. on the "greensward" surrounding the Cook Carillon Tower, Allendale Campus (rain or shine)  
Free family festival features minstrels, bagpipers, jugglers, belly dancers, "live-steel" fighting demonstrations, children's games and much more — all in period costumes. Merchants will sell medieval wares from jewelry and clothing to instruments and armor. Food available for purchase. All ages welcome.

#### **Bard to Go — free campus performance Nov. 6**

"Bard to Go" is the Shakespeare Festival's touring show that takes the Bard's plays to hundreds of middle- and high-school students throughout West Michigan. Directed by GVSU associate theatre professor Karen Libman, Bard to Go's current show, "Lovestruck," presents an interactive medley of love scenes, acted by six theatre students. For more information, contact Karen Libman at (616) 331-3510.

A free campus performance of "Lovestruck" will be presented at 2 p.m. November 6 at the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Campus.

More Shakespeare Festival information is available at [www.gvsu.edu/shakes](http://www.gvsu.edu/shakes).

Source: Robin Reese, visiting theatre professor and Shakespeare Festival director, (616) 331-2149  
Dr. Roger Ellis, GVSU theatre professor and director of "Measure for Measure," 331-3485



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## **Hispanic Heritage events continue at Grand Valley through October**

Events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month continue at Grand Valley with speeches from a Hispanic American astronaut and official from the Washington Office on Latin America, and a tribute to poet Palbo Neruda.

For information about the following events, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 616-331-2177.

### **Monday, October 4**

*Lecture: "U.S. Policies and Latin America: Towards Human Rights, Social Justice, and Development for the People," by Washington Office on Latin America Deputy Director Kimberly Stanton; 204 Kirkhof Center, 4-5:30 p.m.*

Stanton's talk will highlight the impact of U.S. policies toward Latin America, and propose an alternative policy based on a foundation of human rights and social justice. Stanton will also show how the November presidential elections will impact the people of Latin America.

### **Monday, October 4**

*Music and Songs of Latin America: Special Tribute to Pablo Neruda; Cook DeWitt Auditorium, 7 p.m.*

Celebrate a musical homage with the rhythms and colors of the traditional music of Latin America and the magical poetry of Pablo Neruda of Chile. This event celebrates the 100th anniversary of the poet with original music compositions that have found in Neruda's poetry inspiration.

### **Monday, October 11**

*Rethinking Columbus Day; 204 Kirkhof Center, 6 p.m.*

Discussion about the impact of Christopher Columbus on the indigenous people of the Americas.

### **Tuesday, October 12, and Thursday, October 19**

*The Magic of the Milagros Workshop: Two-part series, both begin at 6 p.m.; 161 Kirkhof Center*

Tiny metal feet, hands, heads, hearts -- these traditional Mexican healing talisman's (milagros) can help manifest "little miracles in our lives." In Mexico the use of milagros or small religious charms is associated with asking a favor or thanking for a miracle that has taken place. Participants can make a milagros altar. Limited enrollment, call the Women's Center at 616-331-2748. Cost: Community Members & GVSU Staff/Faculty \$45, Students \$20

### **Wednesday, October 13**

*"Lagrimas de Cocodrilo/Crocodile Tears," Presentation by Ingrid Rivera; 204 Kirkhof Center, 7 p.m.*

Ingrid Rivera is a gay, Black Boricua, lecturer, poet and spoken-word performance artist. Rivera has focused her work on race, economic justice and gay issues. Her work, "Lágrimas de Cocodrilo/ Crocodile Tears," is an experience into spoken-word performance art and tale of survival via poetic monologues.

### **Thursday, October 14**

*Franklin Chang-Díaz, NASA astronaut, first Hispanic American in Space; 250 Kirkhof Center, 6-7 p.m.*

The Office of Multicultural Affairs' Professionals of Color Lecture Series presents Franklin R. Chang-Díaz. He is a NASA astronaut and director of the Advanced Spaced Propulsion Laboratory at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Chang-Díaz is a veteran of seven space flights and has logged over 1,600 hours in space, including 19 hours and 31 minutes in three spacewalks.



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## **Presidential Politics — from Hoover to Bush**

### ***Lessons from a defeated candidate***

An incumbent Republican ... a struggling economy ... a campaign filled with personal attacks: 2004 or 1932? There are similarities to the two races for the White House, but backers of President Bush are hoping history does not repeat itself.

In 1932, Herbert Hoover, the Republican incumbent, lost in a landslide to Franklin D. Roosevelt. During the Great Depression, Hoover's reputation took a nose dive. He had achieved herculean status after World War I but now had become, in the minds of many voters, the cause of the country's continuing economic misery.

George Nash, author of the definitive biography on Hoover, will offer insights on Hoover's failed re-election bid. The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum are hosting Nash, whose three-volume *Life of Herbert Hoover* was commissioned by the Hoover Presidential Library Association.

"No one knows better than George Nash what Hoover faced during the 1932 election campaign," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley. "His stories and insights show uncanny parallels to the current presidential contest between Bush and Kerry."

**George Nash  
Lessons from a Defeated Candidate  
Tuesday, September 28, 2004, 8 p.m.  
Gerald R. Ford Museum**

Dr. Nash has lectured and written extensively on 20th-century American political and intellectual history. His books include *The Conservative Intellectual Movement in American since 1945*. His articles and reviews have appeared in *National Review*, *Policy Review* and the *New York Times Book Review*.

Seating for the lecture is limited. Call Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at (616) 331-2770 to reserve a seat. For more information on this or other Hauenstein Center events, please visit [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org).



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## Noted authors and scholars featured in Academic Lecture Series



*Marge Piercy speaks at GVSU on September 29. (Photo available by e-mail; call 331-2228.)*

A renowned historian, novelist, literary scholar and social critic will visit Grand Valley State University to talk about such diverse topics as the value of utopian literature, the beloved American poet T.S. Eliot, and what, in our multicultural nation, constitutes an "American".

The four speakers are part of Grand Valley's Academic Lecture Series, a highlight of this year's Fall Arts Celebration. Beginning September 22 with historian and author H.W. Brands, the series continues on September 29 with novelist Marge Piercy, and then in November with two distinguished scholars. Details on speakers are below.

Lectures begin at 7 p.m. at the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. All are free and open to the public, and followed by a reception.

### **H.W. Brands — Wednesday, September 22 — "Andrew Jackson"**

Historian H.W. Brands, distinguished professor of history at Texas A&M University, is one of the most prolific presidential biographers in America today. He is the author of 19 books including the bestseller "The First American" (2000) and his most recent, "Lone Star Nation:

How a Ragtag Army of Volunteers Won the Battle for Texas Independence and Changed America" (2004). Brands' articles appear in many major newspapers and journals and he is a regular guest on national radio and television programs. His lecture for Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration, "Andrew Jackson and the American Revolution," reflects his recent research project.

### **Marge Piercy — Wednesday, September 29 — "Stories Stronger Than Fact"**

Critically acclaimed novelist, essayist, and poet Marge Piercy is the award-winning author of 30 books of poetry and fiction. A Detroit native, Piercy attended the University of Michigan and received her master's degree from Northwestern University. The prolific writer and activist is known for incorporating her own experiences as well as social issues — civil rights, feminism and environmentalism in particular — into her work. Her novels include "City of Darkness, City of Light"; "The Longings of Women"; "Woman on the Edge of Time"; and the most recent, "Three Women" (1999), in which she "depicts the travails of single, independent women in a multigenerational story that manages to cover most of the feminist issues of the late 20th century" (Publishers Weekly). Among her best-known collections of poetry are "Early Grrrr!" and "The Art of Blessing the Day."

For Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration, Piercy plans to address the value of science fiction and utopian literature in her lecture, "Stories Stronger Than Fact."

### **Ronald Schuchard — Thursday, November 4 — "Ways of Reading T.S. Eliot"**

Ronald Schuchard, of Emory University, is regarded as a foremost authority on one of the most famous poets of the 20th century: T.S. Eliot. Schuchard's talk at Grand Valley will focus on the many ways in which Eliot has been read.

### **Earl Shorris — Wednesday, November 10 — "Who is an American?"**

Earl Shorris is author of the groundbreaking "New American Blues: A Journey Through Poverty to Democracy" and the recent "The Life and Times of Mexico." He will speak on the topic "Who is an American?" for the Fall Arts Celebration.





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## **Top news correspondent discusses viewpoints on Iraq and Palestine**

***Raghida Dergham will speak at GVSU on September 30***



**Raghida Dergham**  
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Raghida Dergham, senior correspondent for the Arabic-language newspaper Al-Hayaat and news consultant for NBC, will speak at Grand Valley on Thursday, September 30. The event is free and open to the public.

**Raghida Dergham — “Iraq and Palestine:  
Reflections on American and Arab Perspectives”**

**1 p.m., September 30**

**Grand River Room (2nd floor) of the Kirkhof Center  
Allendale Campus**

**Call (616) 331-3634 for more information**

Dergham, a Lebanese-born American living in New York, has covered international political affairs for the London-based Al-Hayaat since 1989. She also has a weekly column focusing on Middle East affairs and writes regularly for The New York Times and other major newspapers. Dergham has interviewed more than 20 heads of state including President Bush, Egyptian President Mubarak and Jordan's late King Hussein, and has covered U.S.-Russian summit meetings and numerous Mideast peace conferences.

The event is co-sponsored by Grand Valley's student-run Arab Culture Club.

**For more information, contact:**

Majd Al-Mallah, assistant professor of Arabic and adviser for the Arab Culture Club, 331-3634  
James Goode, coordinator of the Middle East Studies program, 331-3184



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## **Conference will address partnerships in Africa**

A three-day conference, "African Studies: Paradigms, Pedagogy, and Partnerships," will be held at Grand Valley State University's Pew Grand Rapids Campus to provide a forum for discussion about establishing and maintaining collaborations between U.S. and African universities.

The conference, October 7-9, is sponsored by Grand Valley's African and African American Studies and the University of Cape Coast-Ghana. About 150 people are expected; the conference is open to the public and the registration fee is \$150. For details and to register online, visit [www.gvsu.edu/pic](http://www.gvsu.edu/pic), click on "African Studies Conference."

Ronald Stephens, coordinator of Grand Valley's African and African American Studies, said along with keynote speakers conference sessions will focus on challenges facing political regimes in Africa, interventions in human rights struggles and confronting multiple identities and nationalities.

Grand Valley has a partnership with the University of Cape Coast in Ghana.

The speakers are:

- Kwame Alford, assistant professor of history at Texas Tech University, is a specialist in African American and diaspora history and studies.
- David Wiley, professor of sociology and director of the African Studies Center at Michigan State University, specializes in international inequality and development and sociological theory.
- Takyiwaa Manuh, deputy director of the Institute for African Studies at the University of Ghana-Legon, focuses on higher education in Africa, gender and the state, and gender violence in Ghana.

**Source:** Ronald Stephens, coordinator of Grand Valley's African and African American Studies, 616-331-3137



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## Leading Russian sculptors present monumental works — on a small scale

Dmitry and Daniel Kaminker will be on campus for a reception on Oct. 7



*"Monument to the Unknown Organizer." The 10-inch bronze sculpture at GVSU is a replica of a much larger sculpture by Dmitry Kaminker. Call 331-2228 for a print-quality photo.*

Beginning October 4, Grand Valley will bring to its Art Gallery one of Russia's most celebrated sculptors: Dmitry Kaminker, of St. Petersburg. Accompanying him will be his son and partner on many projects, Daniel Kaminker, an award-winning artist in his own right.

Their exhibit, "Minimonumentalism: Heroes and Myths, the Art of Dmitry and Daniel Kaminker," will be at the GVSU Art Gallery October 4-29. An opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 7; the public is invited to come and meet the artists. (Gallery information is below.)\*

The exhibit showcases the Kaminkers' work by presenting small-scale bronze sculptures that serve as models for the artists' monumental works found in major museums and private collections throughout Russia and Scandinavia. While public sculpture in Russia was long a source of propaganda, Kaminker has sought to change that image with pieces that have a human element and a touch of irony — "something that will make people smile," he has said. His work is witty, playful, and often infused with political sarcasm. Kaminker is a key figure in modern St. Petersburg culture. The Russian State Museum, which owns the world's largest collection of Russian art, has purchased 16 pieces of Kaminker's work, and he has commissions all over the world.

"In Russia, Dmitry Kaminski is one of the most famous living artists today. He and Daniel travel throughout the world for exhibitions, lectures and master classes," said Henry Matthews, director of galleries and collections at GVSU. "We look forward to their coming here and not only showing their work, but actually creating a sculpture at Grand Valley."

The new sculpture will have a place near the Calder Art Center on the Allendale Campus. The Kaminkers will also work with art students and give a public lecture (TBA).

The exhibit, a featured event in Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration, is sponsored by the URS Corporation.

\*The Grand Valley Art Gallery is located in the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus. Free parking is available. Gallery hours are M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Th until 7 p.m. Call 616-331-2564 for more information.



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## **'Harry Potter' reading marathon to benefit schools**

***Grand Valley College of Education 24-hour event runs October 14-15***

Muggles, Mudbloods and Wizards will be present at Grand Valley's Pew Campus during a 24-hour marathon reading session of the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling.

The marathon, scheduled for October 14-15, is sponsored by the College of Education. Money raised from the event will benefit eight classroom libraries in Grand Rapids and Godfrey Lee school districts. The inaugural reading marathon last year (when Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* series was read) raised more than \$3,000.

Volunteers are needed to read books throughout the event, held at the DeVos Center atrium. Readers are asked to pledge \$25, or get someone to sponsor them. People who wish to volunteer, or donate money, can contact Nancy Patterson, assistant professor of education, at 616-331-6226 or via e-mail at [patterna@gvsu.edu](mailto:patterna@gvsu.edu).

**Source:** Nancy Patterson, assistant professor of education, at 616-331-6226



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## **Artwork, Cancer Survivor Kits on display to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Meet the "Empowered Women" artists — 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5

There are a few things that Grand Rapids resident Linda Griggs, a breast cancer survivor, wishes she'd known when she was first diagnosed. Like to expect drastic mood swings, or to hold on to the belief that something positive can come out of something as horrible as cancer. Now cancer free for 10 years, Griggs has put together a Breast Cancer Survivor Kit to pass those tips on to women who are struggling with the disease.

In recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Breast Cancer Survivor Kit along with artwork by Griggs and fellow artist Karen Godfrey will be on display at Grand Valley's Women's Center from Tuesday through noon Friday, Oct. 5-8. The kit is also available for purchase.

The exhibit, "Empowered Women Art Show," begins on Tuesday with a reception hosted by the two artists from 4-6 p.m. The GVSU Women's Center is located in room 161 of the Kirkhof Center on the Allendale Campus. The reception is free and open to the public. Call 616-331-2748 for more information.

At the opening reception, both women will speak about how art has become a healing force in their own lives and the lives of women they know. There will be about 30 pieces of art on exhibit. The Breast Cancer Survivor Kits include Griggs's book, "Scenes from a Hero Quest: Chronicle of a Breast Cancer Survivor," in which she describes how meaning can be found in the cancer experience despite the obvious hardships. "Hero quest" refers to a term used by mythologist and author Joseph Campbell.

"It's not the end of the world when these seemingly bad things happen to you," said Griggs. "As hard as it is at the time, the seeds of something positive are being planted."

Also included in the kits are guides and workbooks, "passports to the underworld" with which survivors can mark significant moments (good or bad) in their journey to health, a few fun signs (Caution: Wide Mood Swings), and instructions on how to create a healing shrine, such as those Griggs has on exhibit at the Women's Center. The kits sell for about \$100.

Karen Godfrey's artwork in the show reflects her work with cancer patients. An art therapist with a MSW degree from GVSU, Godfrey holds a 24-week support group for women with cancer. The meetings are held in her art gallery, Art Beat, located off Monroe Avenue in downtown Grand Rapids. Her work in the show consists mainly of oil paintings and collages.

Godfrey and Griggs are available for interview at the numbers below. Media are welcome to attend the reception on Oct. 5.

Linda Griggs, 616-247-8265 • Karen Godfrey, 616-301-3535 • GVSU Women's Center, 616-331-2748



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## **Annual Celebrate Literacy Conference highlights national, state children's authors**

National authors and literacy experts will join more than 25 Michigan children's authors and illustrators at the seventh annual Celebrate Literacy Conference, sponsored by Grand Valley's College of Education, English Department and Library Services.

The conference, October 22-23, will be held at Grand Valley's Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Along with keynote speakers, sessions targeting K-12 educators and other literacy advocates are scheduled.

Children's author Gordon Korman will speak at 9:30 a.m. on October 22. Korman is the author of the *Island*, *Everest* and *Dive* trilogies, and many other popular children's and young adult books.

Nell Duke, associate professor of education at Michigan State University, will speak at 12:45 p.m. October 22. Duke, a literacy expert in the area of comprehension teaching, will address the needs of struggling readers.

Scheduled Michigan authors and illustrators include Crystal Bouwman, Kevin and Stephanie Kammeraad, Gary Schmidt and Tom Woodruff.

A complete list of scheduled presenters is available online at [www4.gvsu.edu/soe/CLC](http://www4.gvsu.edu/soe/CLC). Cost to attend the conference is \$75 (\$80 after September 30). Rates for one-day only are available on the Web site.

**Source:** Liz Storey, assistant professor of education, 616-331-6494



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## **Grand Valley named one of country's 'Best College Buys'**

### ***Grand Valley honored for ninth consecutive year***

Grand Valley State University has again been chosen as one of America's 100 Best College Buys. This is Grand Valley's ninth consecutive year on the list; no other public university has matched this record.

Each year, Institutional Research and Evaluation, Inc., in Georgia, identifies the 100 American colleges and universities providing students the very highest quality education at the lowest cost.

"This recognition is a tribute to all the faculty and staff at Grand Valley," said President Mark A. Murray. "Our students are the beneficiaries of the dedication and creativity of the team that works at Grand Valley."

To be considered for the designation, an institution must be an accredited, four-year institution, offer full residential facilities, have had an entering freshmen class in the fall of 2003 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen. It also must have an out-of-state cost of attendance in 2004-2005 for two semesters below the national average or not exceeding the national average cost by more than 10 percent.

The grade point average for incoming freshmen at Grand Valley in the fall of 2003 was 3.42, compared to the national average of 3.23, according to Institutional Research Evaluation, Inc. The average ACT score for incoming freshmen at Grand Valley in the fall of 2003 was 24, compared to the national average of 23.



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## **GVSU's Autumn Health Forums begin**

### ***Shoshanna Sofaer discusses building health coalitions***

For the third year running, Grand Valley State University's Autumn Health Forums will tackle some of today's biggest health care issues. Shoshanna Sofaer kicks off the 2004 series on Sept. 30 with a talk titled Building Effective Coalitions to Activate the Healthy Community.

Sofaer is the Robert P. Luciano Professor of Health Care Policy in the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College. She previously held academic positions at the George Washington University Medical Center and the UCLA School of Public Health. Sofaer's research interests include health care quality measurement and improvement; developing tools to help health care consumers choose and use health care wisely; and developing and assessing broad based coalitions to pursue community health. For the last several years, she has been a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Consequences of Uninsurance.

The Autumn Health Forums are a series of discussions that focus attention on health care topics of interest to both the general public and health care professionals. The forums are intended to provide an informative, interesting and sometimes provocative way to explore some of the leading health care issues of the day. An informative question-and-answer session follows each session.

Sofaer's forum is from September 30 noon to 1 p.m. in the DeVos Center's Loosemore Auditorium on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus. It is free and open to the public.

#### **Upcoming forums**

- **The Obesity Revolution**

Speaker: Greg Critser  
Wednesday, Oct. 27

- **Mobilizing Communities to Promote Health and Social Justice**

Speaker: Elias Vasquez, RN, PhD, FAAN  
Wednesday, Nov. 17

- **Community Health Improvement: A Call to Action**

Speaker: Kent Bottles, MD, CEO  
Wednesday, Dec. 8

The forums are hosted by Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center for Health Professions and Grand Valley State University Continuing Education. They are sponsored by Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center and Spectrum Health

For more information, visit [www.gvsu.edu/ahf](http://www.gvsu.edu/ahf) on the Web or call (800) 690-0314 or (616) 331-7180. The forums are free and open to the public.





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**Expert will discuss impact of presidential election on Latin America**  
***Speech will also highlight U.S. policies toward human rights, social justice***

An expert on Latin America will discuss the impact of U.S. policies on that region and how November's presidential election will impact Latin Americans during a speech at Grand Valley State University.

Kimberly Stanton, deputy director for the Washington Office on Latin America, will give a presentation on **Monday, October 4, from 4-5:30 p.m.** in the Kirkhof Center at GVSU's Allendale Campus. The event is free and open to the public. Stanton's presentation continues Grand Valley's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and is sponsored by the Latin American Studies program.

Stanton will propose an alternative policy based on a foundation of human rights and social justice. She has argued that economic development can and should address issues of poverty and sustainability for the majority of Latin Americans:

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S Office on Colombia, Advisory Board of the Lexington Institute, Latin American Studies Association, and Women in International Security. Stanton received a doctorate in political science from the University of Chicago.

**Source: Russell Rhoads, Latin American Studies coordinator, 616-331-3018**



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## **New Northwest Airlines CEO speaks at GVSU**

*Douglas Steenland, named CEO on Oct. 1, speaks at Seidman College of Business Event*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Northwest Airlines President and Chief Executive Officer Douglas M. Steenland will speak at a breakfast event sponsored by the Seidman College of Business Alumni Association on **Tuesday, October 12**. Steenland was named CEO on October 1 after previous chief executive Richard Anderson resigned to take a top job at health care insurer UnitedHealth Group Inc.

Steenland will speak on the topic "Building A Global Route Network Through Alliances," discussing how important alliances with airline partners will help Northwest succeed in the face of rising fuel prices and increased security.

Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation begins at 8 a.m. There will be a Q&A session with Steenland. There is no cost for the breakfast speech, but reservations are required. Call (616) 331-7100 or e-mail [busalumn@gvsu.edu](mailto:busalumn@gvsu.edu) to make reservations or for other information. Parking is available in the Front Lot (Corner of Winter and Watson). See maps at [www.gvsu.edu/conferenceservices](http://www.gvsu.edu/conferenceservices).

Steenland joined Northwest in 1991 as vice president and deputy general counsel. He has served as president of the company since April 2001 and was elected a director in September 2001. He has served in a number of executive positions at Northwest, including executive vice president and chief corporate officer, executive vice president-alliances, general counsel and secretary. Prior to coming to Northwest, Steenland was a senior partner at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand.

**MEDIA NOTE:** *The event is open for media coverage, and a mult box will be provided for broadcast outlets. There also may be a brief opportunity to interview Steenland. Contact Brian J. Bowe at (616) 331-2221 or [boweb@gvsu.edu](mailto:boweb@gvsu.edu) for more information.*



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## **Pulitzer Prize-winning poets take the stage on Poetry Night**

*Rita Dove and Charles Wright are featured*

On October 15, Grand Valley will present an evening dedicated to readings and conversation with two of our nation's most celebrated poets. Poetry Night, a continued highlight of Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration, has become an exceptionally popular event in West Michigan, necessitating a move this year to a larger venue.

This year's Poetry Night features two Pulitzer Prize-winning poets: **Rita Dove**, author of eight books of poetry including the acclaimed "On the Bus with Rosa Parks" and most recently "American Smooth," and **Charles Wright**, author of 15 books of poetry including the prize-winning "Chickamauga" and his most recent, "Buffalo Yoga." (Brief biographies are below.)

**Poetry Night, a Fall Arts Celebration event**

**7 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2004**

**Eberhard Center, second floor, 301 W. Fulton St.**

**Free admission**

Free parking in the Fulton Lot, just south of Fulton Street.  
Sponsored by Progressive AE and Charles and Stella Royce

Poetry Night will be held in the spacious Eberhard Center in order to accommodate the large crowd this event has drawn. Admittance continues to be free. No reservations will be taken, but to determine audience size, interested persons are asked to RSVP at (616) 331-2180 or [clarkp@gvsu.edu](mailto:clarkp@gvsu.edu).

Following readings from their works, a conversation with the poets will be led by GVSU Poet-in-Residence Patricia Clark. Professor Clark can be reached for interview at 616-331-3199 or [clarkp@gvsu.edu](mailto:clarkp@gvsu.edu).



*Rita Dove*

### **Rita Dove**

Rita Dove was appointed U.S. Poet Laureate and Consultant in Poetry at the Library of Congress from 1993-95, making her the youngest person and the first African-American to receive this highest official honor in American letters. This year she was appointed Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dove's third collection of poetry, "Thomas and Beulah," loosely based on her grandparents' life, earned her the 1987 Pulitzer Prize. Dove has read her poetry at a White House state dinner, was featured on CNN, on NBC's "Today Show," in a "Bill Moyer's Journal" prime time special dedicated to her, and on the "McNeil-Lehrer Newshour." Other media projects include

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television shows for children about poetry and public radio's "A Prairie Home Companion." Dove currently holds the chair as Commonwealth Professor of English at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Her most recent poetry book, "American Smooth," was published in September 2004.



*Charles Wright*

### **Charles Wright**

Charles Wright is the author of 15 highly prized books of poetry including "Black Zodiac" (1997), which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. Other honors include the prestigious Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize, the National Book Award, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award of Merit Medal. In 1999, Wright was elected a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. He is currently Souder Family Professor of English at the University of Virginia. Wright's latest book, "Buffalo Yoga," was published in April 2004.

*Call 616-331-2228 to obtain a  
print-quality photo by e-mail.*

**Rita Dove and Charles Wright are available for interview; call Nancy Willey, 616-331-2228, for contact information or photographs.**



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## **GVSU students take the Bard's plays to high schools**

### ***Area teens experience Shakespeare thanks to GVSU theater students***

Bard-to-Go, a feature of Grand Valley State University's annual Shakespeare Festival, has given 4,000 schoolchildren throughout Michigan an opportunity to experience Shakespeare's plays in provocative and fun ways. This year, GVSU students will take Bard-to-Go into six Grand Rapids-area high schools.

**MEDIA ARE WELCOME. SEE SCHEDULE BELOW.**

Bard-to-Go, now in its fourth year, is a 50-minute collage of scenes from some of Shakespeare's most famous works. Fully staged with sets and costumes, the play is designed to be performed in classrooms, on school stages, and in open-air environments. The company is comprised of six student actors and a student stage manager who begin work in late summer and continue rehearsing until early October when they move off-campus and on-tour. Performances are scheduled on Fridays as follows:

- Oct. 8 Wayland High School — 9-10 a.m. (870 E. Superior St., Wayland, 269-792-2254)**  
**Thornapple Kellogg HS — 12-1 p.m. (3885 Bender Road, Middleville, 269-795-3349)**
- Oct. 15 Grandville HS — 9-10 a.m. (4700 Canal Avenue SW, Grandville, 616-254-6430)**
- Oct. 22 Central HS — 9-10 a.m. (421 Fountain NE, 616-771-2310)**
- Oct. 29 East Grand Rapids HS — 8:55-9:50 a.m. (2211 Lake Dr. SE, 616-235-7555)**  
**New Century Montessori HS — 1-2 p.m. (2055 Rosewood SE, GR, 616-819-2208)**

The 2004 Bard-to-Go production, "Lovestruck," features entertaining, recognizable characters in various love-themed scenes from Shakespearean plays, including "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Merchant of Venice," "The Tempest," "Taming of the Shrew," and "Hamlet." The result is a rollicking and engaging introduction to Shakespeare for 21st century teenagers.

"We're taking off the kid gloves and jumping right in to the richness of the comedy, the fullness of the tragedy, the delight of the language, and the possibilities of the play," said Karen Libman, Bard-to-Go director and associate theatre professor at GVSU.

In addition to school performances, Bard-to-Go will also be offered free to the public on **Saturday, November 6**, at 2 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center on GVSU's Grand Rapids Campus. Reservations are not required.

More information on the Bard-to-Go and the Shakespeare Festival can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/shakes](http://www.gvsu.edu/shakes). To speak to Bard-to-Go director Karen Libman, call 616-331-3510.

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Three presidential debates drawing near  
Grand Valley State University experts available for comment

The following Grand Valley political experts are available for comment before and after the three presidential debates scheduled for Sept. 30, Oct. 8, and Oct. 13. They are also available before and after the vice presidential debate on Oct. 5.

For more information, contact Dottie Barnes in GVSU's News and Information Services Department at 331-2221.

Roger Moiles, 616-331-3283, instructor of political science  
Moiles is an expert on American politics including elections, Congress and public policy.

Kevin den Dulk, 616-331-2991, assistant professor of political science  
Professor den Dulk is an expert on religion and politics, and political parties and theories.

Kedron Bardwell, 616-331-8523, assistant professor of political science  
Bardwell is an expert on campaign finance policy, media politics and political advertising.


Randall Doyle, 616-331-3164, visiting assistant professor of political science  
Doyle is an expert on U.S. politics and national presidential campaigns.

Gleaves Whitney, 616-331-2770, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies  
Whitney is a presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speech writer.

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**Grand Valley hosts Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference**

Occupational therapists and OT students from around the state will gather at Grand Valley State University to discuss the latest trends and issues in their field. This is the first time Grand Valley will play host for the annual event, which will take place in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences in Grand Rapids.

"It's a great opportunity for occupational therapists from all over the state to network in our beautiful new facility," said Jeanine Biese, assistant professor of occupational therapy at Grand Valley.

The conference will feature guest speakers talking about a wide range of issues including occupational therapy for lymphedema, issues and trends in school therapy, occupational therapy for low vision, and several special interest sections. An electric wheelchair, donated to Grand Valley by Airway Oxygen, will be showcased at the conference.

**Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference and Membership Meeting**  
Saturday, October 9, 2004  
8 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.  
Hager Auditorium, Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences  
301 Michigan Street NE in Grand Rapids

The cost of the conference is \$60 for MOTA members, \$140 for non-members, and \$40 for students. For more information contact Jeanine Biese at 616-331-3117 or register online at [www.mi-ota.com/miotaV25\\_files/page0049.htm](http://www.mi-ota.com/miotaV25_files/page0049.htm).

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Mt. St. Helens continues to rumble and spit  
Grand Valley State University geology professor available for comment

Peter Wampler, assistant professor of geology at Grand Valley in Allendale, Michigan, is available to talk about what may happen next with Mt. St. Helens. Wampler used to live in Washington and was there when Mt. St. Helens erupted the first time in 1980.

Wampler can be reached at 616-331-2834 or 616-331-3728.

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## **Study matches nursing students with area elderly for longterm assessments**

When Doug VanderKamp's parents were in their 70s, they began showing signs of dementia.

"My dad began to show signs when he was 75. He would drive and get lost, or get his pills mixed up with my mother's," said VanderKamp, 84 of Grand Rapids.

Although he is physically fit, VanderKamp worries about dementia, which led him to volunteer to participate in a Grand Valley State University study that matches nursing students with senior citizens over a two-year period.

Grand Valley's Kirkhof College of Nursing received grants from the Hartford Foundation and American Association of Colleges of Nursing to improve the college's gerontology curriculum. Along with changes to nursing courses, nursing faculty members and others from Grand Valley created a clinical piece — the Longitudinal Elderly Assessment Initiative.

"We had this grand idea to let the students follow an older person the whole time they are in clinical rotations," said Rebecca Veltman, assistant nursing professor. "It would prove to be a positive aging experience."

Students in four upper-level nursing classes are required to meet with their senior citizen three or four times a semester, continuing through four semesters. Visits begin with a physical assessment and medical history and continue with assessments for depression, anxiety and chronic illness. Students also gather community resources to help senior citizens remain independent.

Cindy Beel-Bates, associate nursing professor and project coordinator, recruits elderly volunteers from various senior communities throughout Grand Rapids, including Ransom Towers, Marsh Ridge, Pine Oak, Covenant Village and Lincoln Square. Beel-Bates said building professional relationships will benefit both nursing students and senior citizens.

"Sometimes, students have preconceptions of working with older people," she said. "When they only see older adults in the hospital or nursing homes, it reinforces stereotypes of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. In fact, only 5 percent of elderly are in nursing homes."

Sara Mott has worked with VanderKamp for two semesters. To help ease his worries about dementia, Mott gives VanderKamp activities to keep his mind active.

"It was the same things we did in my family with my grandmother," Mott said. "Some people say you should leave your personal life out of it, but if I can help in any way — even by explaining my family history — I think it helps."

More than 60 nursing students are matched with senior citizens. The first students to participate in the study will graduate in April. Beel-Bates said she hopes the project leads some students to specialize in gerontology.

**Media Note: Interviews with students and senior citizens can be arranged by calling Michele Coffill, News and Information Services, at 616-331-2221.**



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## **Northwest Executive VP speaks at GVSU**

***Philip C. Haan will discuss airline alliances and challenges at breakfast event***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Philip C. Haan, executive vice president for Northwest Airlines will speak at a breakfast event sponsored by the Seidman College of Business Alumni Association on October 12. *Note: Haan is appearing in the place of Northwest President and Chief Executive Officer Douglas M. Steenland, who is not able to appear.*

Haan will discuss Northwest's role in Grand Rapids, the importance of alliances with airline partners, and the issues facing the aviation industry.

Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation begins at 8 a.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center on Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus. After the presentation, a Q&A session with Haan is planned. There is no cost for the breakfast speech, but reservations are required. To RSVP or for more information, call (616) 331-7100 or e-mail busalumn@gvsu.edu. Parking is available in the Front Lot (Corner of Winter and Watson). See maps at [www.gvsu.edu/conferenceservices](http://www.gvsu.edu/conferenceservices).


***MEDIA NOTE: The event is open for media coverage, and a mult box will be provided for broadcast outlets. Brief interview opportunities with Haan may be available. Contact Brian J. Bowe at (616) 331-2221 or boweb@gvsu.edu for more information.***

Haan's principle responsibilities include: All Pacific and Atlantic country establishments, including overseas financial and administrative functions, Inflight services, and maintenance operations. He oversees all international revenue functions: international sales, marketing, pricing and yield management. He is also co-chair of the Passenger Working Group with KLM, which directs the revenue functions related to the NWA/KLM North Atlantic Joint Venture. Haan also manages the North America sales team, which includes agency and corporate sales functions. He is responsible for integrating a global sales approach.

Haan formerly held the positions of senior vice president-international, vice president-pricing and area marketing, vice president-inventory sales and systems and vice president-revenue management. Prior to joining Northwest in 1991, he was with American Airlines for nine years and with Ford Motor Company.

Haan is no stranger to Grand Rapids—he earned his bachelor of arts degree in biology and chemistry from Calvin College. He also holds a master's degree in Industrial Aviation from Purdue University.

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**TERRORISM EXPERT BACK IN GRAND RAPIDS**  
Grand Valley State University's Jonathan White available to media

Terrorism expert and executive director of the Homeland Defense Initiative Jonathan White will be in Grand Rapids tomorrow.

White will be available for media interviews:

\*Friday, October 8, 2004

\*1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

\*Conference Room 303C at the DeVos Center on GVSU's Pew Campus

\*401 W. Fulton, downtown Grand Rapids

White can answer questions regarding terrorism and the 2004 presidential election, current domestic threats and international terrorism.

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## **Students rethinking Columbus Day**

### *Native American and Latino student groups lead discussion of Columbus' impact*

The Grand Valley Native American Student Association, with the co-sponsorship of the Latino Student Union, will be putting on a program called "Rethinking Columbus Day." The program is intended to investigate Christopher Columbus and his actual contributions to the Americas, encouraging open discussion and dialogue.

Eduardo Sanchez will be speaking about Christopher Columbus' impact on the Americas and the indigenous peoples. In addition, the Native American Student Association will be providing a traditional Native meal. Little known facts about Christopher Columbus will be available at each table.


Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, you may contact: Tasha Smith at [smitht@student.gvsu.edu](mailto:smitht@student.gvsu.edu) or Michael Sliger at [sligerm@student.gvsu.edu](mailto:sligerm@student.gvsu.edu).

#### **Upcoming Event: Native American event honor veterans**

On October 30, the Native American Student Association and the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians and the Office of Student Life, is holding the annual Anishinabek Dance and Feast, held in honor of U.S. veterans. The event is in the Fieldhouse Arena, located on GVSU's Allendale Campus. Grand Entries will be at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., with the feast starting at 4 p.m. This year's Head Veteran is George Martin. Vendors and traders will also be present to sell their goods.

Please come out and show your gratitude and respect to our honored veterans. The event is free and everyone is welcome. People attending the feast are asked to bring a favorite dish to pass. All food donations are welcome. For more information, contact: Tasha Smith at [smitht@student.gvsu.edu](mailto:smitht@student.gvsu.edu) or Michael Sliger at [sligerm@student.gvsu.edu](mailto:sligerm@student.gvsu.edu).

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Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth to hold public hearing in Grand Rapids today  
Grand Valley State University's Jessie F. Dalman and Jonathan Osborn are featured speakers

The Commission on Higher Ed and Economic Growth, chaired by Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, continues its series of statewide public hearings today, Monday, October 11, at Grand Rapids Community College.

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray serves on the commission and will attend the hearing. Jessie F. Dalman, chair of Grand Valley's Board of Trustees, and Jonathan Osborn, president of Grand Valley's Student Senate, will be featured speakers.

The hearing will begin at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of GRCC's Applied Technology Center located at the corner of Fountain Street and Ransom Avenue in Grand Rapids.

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## **Outstanding music students showcased in Student Collage Concert**

Some of Grand Valley State University's finest young musicians will gather for an evening of music on October 19 that promises to be truly remarkable. The public is invited to come and hear them perform in the Student Collage Concert, a highlight of Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration.

**Student Collage Concert**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 19**  
**8 p.m., Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus**  
**Free and open to the public**  
**A Fall Arts Celebration event**

The concert highlights nine of Grand Valley's most accomplished music majors performing compositions by Mozart, Rachmaninov, Rossini, and others. Most of the young adults have already received notable awards for their musicianship, including national and international honors. The students are listed below along with their hometowns and primary faculty members from the GVSU Department of Music:

**Robert McCabe**, of East Granby, Conn., trumpet, a student of Richard Stoelzel  
**Delgertsetseg Chimedkhan**, of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, violin, a student of Dylana Jenson  
**Sarunas Jankauskas**, of Vilnius, Lithuania, clarinet, a student of Arthur Campbell  
**Jason Coffey**, of Allendale, Mich., baritone, a student of Dale Schriemer  
**Lucy Finkel**, of Lansing, Mich., soprano, a student of Dale Schriemer and Kathryn Stieler  
**Theresa Zapata**, of Grand Rapids, soprano, a student of Dale Schriemer  
**Catherine Guarino**, of Berkley, Mich., mezzo-soprano, a student of Kathryn Stieler  
**Callista Meeusen**, of Kentwood, Mich., mezzo-soprano, a student of Dale Schriemer  
**Ksenia Leletkina**, of Vladivostok, Russia, piano, a student of Aviram Reichert

Students are accompanied by pianist **Robert Byrens**, GVSU artist-faculty member, on many pieces.

A reception follows the performances. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the Music Department at (616) 331-3484. For more information on student awards and the Collage Concert program, call (616) 331-2228.

The Student Collage Concert is sponsored by a gift of Mr. and Mr. James N. Barton.

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'Harry Potter' reading marathon to benefit area schools

Grand Valley College of Education 24-hour event runs October 14-15

Muggles, Mudbloods and Wizards will be present at Grand Valley's Pew Campus during a 24-hour marathon reading session of the "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling.

The marathon, scheduled for noon to noon on October 14-15, is sponsored by the College of Education. Money raised from the event will benefit eight classroom libraries in Grand Rapids and Godfrey Lee school districts. The inaugural reading marathon last year (when Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series was read) raised more than \$3,000.

Volunteers are needed to read books throughout the event, held at the DeVos Center atrium. Readers are asked to pledge \$25, or get someone to sponsor them. People who wish to volunteer, or donate money, can contact Nancy Patterson, assistant professor of education, at 616-331-6226 or via e-mail at [patterna@gvsu.edu](mailto:patterna@gvsu.edu).

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## **Laker coaches will teach football class for international students**

### ***Monday's event kicks off Homecoming Week***

What Americans call soccer, foreigners term "football." That's part of the confusion.

Grand Valley football coaches will help the university's international students better understand American football during a "Football 101" clinic next week.

The clinic, scheduled for **noon-1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 18, in rooms 215/216 of the Kirkhof Center at the Allendale Campus**, kicks off Laker Homecoming Week. Matt Pawlowski, defensive coordinator, and Todd Kolster, offensive coordinator, will give a brief presentation and take questions from international students. GVSU has 150 international students; all are invited to the clinic, which is sponsored by the Padnos International Center.

Kate Stoetzner, director of international student and scholar services at Grand Valley, said students have asked her questions ranging from the simple (How many players on a team?) to the complex (Why does the clock continuously run on some downs and not others?).

"So, it ranges from people who know nothing about football to those who want to learn more," Stoetzner said.

The international flavor is carried throughout Homecoming Week, which ends on October 23 with a game against Northwood University. The Laker Marching Band will salute international students during the halftime show; all study abroad and international students will be invited on the field during that time.

**Source:** Kate Stoetzner, director of international student and scholar services, 616-331-3898





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## **Prominent historian, filmmaker highlight the Great Lakes History Conference, Oct. 29-30**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The 29th Annual Great Lakes History Conference will take place October 29-30 with dozens of panel discussions, a keynote speech on Saturday by a noted authority on the American West, and a special lecture on Friday by acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ric Burns.



*Patricia Nelson Limerick*

The two-day conference is sponsored by the History Department of Grand Valley State University, with most events held at the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. in downtown Grand Rapids. This year's theme is "Challenging Historical Borders: Exploring Intersections between Nations, Regions, and Disciplines" — examined in 37 panels by more than 90 presenters. All events are open to the public. (Registration information at end.)

### **Keynote speaker Patricia Limerick**

Patricia Nelson Limerick will deliver the keynote address, "The Applied Historian to the Rescue: Energy, the Environment, and the Escape from Polarization," on Saturday afternoon. Limerick's work on the American West has helped redefine the field, particularly her book, "The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West" (1987). She is currently director of the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, where she plays a major role in spreading academic knowledge beyond the university and bringing together historians, public policymakers, and scientists.

### **Documentary filmmaker Ric Burns**

A public lecture by noted documentary filmmaker Ric Burns will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 29, at Grand Valley's DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Burns will talk on "Making History on Film: New York City as the Empire of Dreams and the City at the Center of the World." He is expected to illustrate his talk with a film presentation.

Burns' lecture is open to the public free of charge.

Burns is one of the most successful producers of historical documentaries whose work has appeared on national public television for nearly two decades, earning significant recognition and many of our nation's most prestigious awards. He is perhaps best known for his epic PBS series, "New York: A Documentary Film," which has received numerous awards including an Emmy and a DuPont-Columbia University Award. The eighth and final episode of "New York," a three-hour film portrait of the rise and fall of the World Trade Center called "The Center of the World," aired nationally on PBS in September 2003 to extraordinary praise.



*Ric Burns*

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Burns' earlier work includes the celebrated 1990 public television series "The Civil War," which he produced with his brother Ken and co-wrote with Geoffrey C. Ward, and for which he received Emmys for producing and writing and the Producer of the Year Award from the Producer's Guild of America, among other awards. He has also produced, written and directed many other films including "Coney Island"; "The Donner Party," a critically acclaimed film about the doomed pioneer group; "The Way West," a six-hour history of the American West; and the film biography "Ansel Adams." His films have won top awards and critical praise. He is currently at work on full-length film biographies of Eugene O'Neill and Andy Warhol.

#### **Presidential campaign songs by the Historian Harmonists**

As part of the conference on Friday, October 29, there will be a performance by the Historian Harmonists, a group of musicians from the Grand Rapids area specializing in presidential campaign songs, work songs, union songs, war and folk songs ... you get the picture. The performance begins at 4:45 p.m. in the East Gallery of the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. The group was founded by Lisa Feurzeig, associate professor of music at GVSU, and John Sienicki, a freelance historian. For more information on the Historian Harmonists, see <http://home.earthlink.net/~blauergeiger/hh.html> or call Lisa Feurzeig at (616) 331-2584.

#### **Conference Registration**

All events are open to the public. Admission is \$20 for the general public, and free for GVSU students, staff, and faculty. There is a 25% discount for members of the Grand Rapids Historical Society and the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council. Meals and refreshments are included in the fee. To register, call Shelby Hughes at (616) 331-3298. For a conference schedule and registration form, see [www.gvsu.edu/history](http://www.gvsu.edu/history).


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Students get opportunity to question political experts  
Grand Valley State University hosting political roundtable

Grand Valley's political science department and Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, are sponsoring a political roundtable, "America 50/50: Making Sense of the 2004 Presidential Race."

Political experts from Grand Valley and other area colleges will discuss the presidential campaigns on Thursday, October 21, from 4-5:15 p.m. at the Cook-DeWitt Center on the Allendale campus.

A number of featured panelists will take part in the discussions, including political science faculty members Kedron Bardwell, Roger Moiles and Kevin den Dulk; Gleaves Whitney, executive director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies; and Jeff Polet, professor of political science at Hope College.

The event is free and open to the public. Complementary voter guides, researched and compiled by Pi Sigma Alpha, will be available.

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Mark Murray, President, Grand Valley State University  
**Title:** Check the Teacher - Something is Wrong with the Grading

You thought your child was doing well in school. A report card comes home saying that he just received an F. At school you learn that of the 50 students in the class, 36 received Fs and 11 received Ds. Only 3 students received C- or better. Your first thought is that there's a problem with the grading. You're right.

Welcome to the latest in shabby analysis about higher education. A recent report card graded the states on important college topics. In Michigan, they found us doing well in the benefits we provide back to the state (A-), and in providing opportunities in post-secondary education (B+). Michigan joined 36 other states - over two-thirds of all the states with a grade of F in affordability.

Guess what the headlines have been since? Has there been much discussion of how we increase opportunities so next year our grade is A+ instead of B+? Unfortunately not. The only topic in discussion in policy circles is that Michigan got an F in affordability.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education issued its Measuring Up 2004 report in September. This group is one of hundreds of non-partisan non-profit advocacy groups with offices in Washington D.C. It is a challenge in that environment to be heard. But such difficulty in being heard over the roar of press releases is no excuse for grabbing headlines with shabby work.

What is the biggest issue in college affordability? Put simply, there has been a massive shift in who pays for college. I am a product of public higher education in Michigan. When I went to school in the 1970's, for every \$1 of tuition I paid, the state paid \$3. Today, when a student pays \$1, the state contributes less than \$1 - in Grand Valley State University's case - less than 70 cents. To a greater extent than ever in modern history, public higher education is being paid for by the students themselves.

Why has this happened?

First, in virtually every state, there has been an increase in prisons over the past 30 years. In Michigan, almost 1 of every 3 state employees is an employee of the Department of Corrections.

Second, all states have been scrambling to pay the costs of medical care for the poor. Since the late 1960's, we've been "partners" with the federal government in the Medicaid program. The partnership, is unfortunately, decidedly one-sided. The states and the federal government share the cost, but the federal government sets the rules. In Michigan, about 1.3 million of our 10 million residents have their health care paid for by this program. A typical increase in health care costs of 8%-10% in a year will cause the Medicaid program alone to consume virtually all new general funds in a year of normal revenue growth. In a year of declining revenue, the pressure is that much worse.

Third, most states have been addressing K-12 financing by ensuring that the most poorly funded districts receive somewhat greater funding. Proposal A accomplished this in Michigan.

All of these are worthy public policy goals. We all want safe streets, health care for the destitute and basic fairness in K-12 funding across the state. But all choices have consequences. And higher education has been the long-term loser in the scramble for state funding.

Certainly, college affordability is an issue, and the bottom line is the net cost of college tuition. After grants, federal tax credits, and other aid, how much is the average family actually paying? Actually, the net cost of college is much less than the "sticker" price for many students. At Grand Valley State University, about 75% of our students receive some form of financial help. A just-completed study shows that the average actual net cost of college tuition at Michigan's public universities is less than half the sticker price. Michigan's experience matches a national

trend noted earlier this summer in USA Today. Their study concluded that the net cost of tuition at our nation's public colleges and universities has actually fallen by one-third since 1998.

Michigan may soon be embarking on a discussion about its overall state financial structure. How much government do we want and how much are we prepared to pay for it? While this long-term issue is critical, the near-term quality issues are equally important. For nine straight years enrollment in our state universities has increased. Our quality is high; it must be if we are to be competitive in our economy and vibrant in our communities. The quarter million college students among us benefit from our ability to provide the courses and the support they need.

Over the past generation, the burden for paying for college has shifted from the state to the students. This is an important issue that warrants public policy review. Flunking over two-thirds of the states in the nation is no way to begin a thoughtful conversation on this critical issue.

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Grand Valley State University attracts more than 22,000 students with high quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities. Grand Valley is the comprehensive regional university for the state's second largest metropolitan area and offers 68 undergraduate and 23 graduate degree programs. It has campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids, and Holland and centers in Muskegon and Traverse City. The university is dedicated to individual student achievement, going beyond the traditional classroom experience, with research opportunities and business partnerships.

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Mark A. Murray to speak at Priority Focus Luncheon

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray will be the featured speaker for the November Priority Focus Luncheon. Priority Associates Grand Rapids, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, is sponsoring the event. Priority Associates is a national network of business and creative professionals who are interested in growing in the areas of success, leadership and life balance.


The luncheon is being held Wednesday, November 10, 2004, from 12:05-12:55 p.m. at the University Club on the 10th floor of Fifth Third Bank, 111 Lyon St. NW, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Seating is limited so reservations are required by November 1 for the \$10 luncheon. To reserve a seat, call 616-669-6030 or e-mail [grandrapids@priorityassociates.org](mailto:grandrapids@priorityassociates.org).

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Presidential politics during the Cold War  
Expert in weapons of mass destruction

Former secretary of the Air Force, Thomas C. Reed is speaking in Grand Rapids about his first-hand insights into the Cold War. In addition to being the 11th secretary of the Air Force, Reed served as director of National Reconnaissance, special assistant to President Reagan for national security policy, and consultant to the director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where much of the country's nuclear weapons research takes place.

Edward Teller, father of the H-bomb, wrote, "In the 1960s Tom Reed was one of Livermore's most creative designers of thermonuclear devices."

Lou Cannon, President Reagan's biographer, wrote, "Tom Reed offers a unique inside account of President Reagan on the brink, as he maneuvered for a U.S. victory in the Cold War."

Reed is here to take part in a program co-sponsored by Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum. He will discuss his new book, *At the Abyss: An Insider's History of the Cold War*.

Reed will speak at the Ford Museum in downtown Grand Rapids on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at 8 p.m.

"Secretary Reed is not just an armchair observer of the last 50 years of U.S. history," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center. "His first-hand experience gives him remarkable perspective. Anyone who wants a better understanding of weapons of mass destruction should come to the Ford to hear him."

Seating is limited. Please contact the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at 616-331-2770 for additional information. [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org)

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GVSU Students Roll Up Sleeves for Community Service  
Students volunteer throughout Grand Rapids on Make a Difference Day

Around 300 Grand Valley students, faculty and staff are expected to participate in the nationally recognized Make a Difference Day on October 23. Grand Valley participants are doing their part to give back to the community on the nation's largest single day of volunteering. Make a Difference Day, promoted by USA Today, is entering its 14th year.

The projects include packaging emergency meals and doing chores for senior citizens, working in the Heartside Garden, doing yardwork cleaning and organizing for the YWCA. Participants are scheduled to arrive at Grand Valley's Pew Grand Rapids Campus at 10 a.m., when they will listen to a motivational speech by Johnnie Title. Helpers will then be bused to various sites throughout the greater Grand Rapids area to work on different community service projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. After the community service is completed, contributors will regroup downtown. Participants will use this time to reflect on their experiences from the day.

Make A Difference Day not only provides students with a great volunteering opportunity, but also leadership experience. Participants have the option to become site leaders. Roberta Payne, a student and site leader for the Bridge Street Clean-up said, "Make a Difference Day is a great day because it connects Grand Valley to the surrounding community. We put our needs on hold for a day to make a difference in the lives of others."

The community service project is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. "Make A Difference Day provides a great opportunity for people to see how their efforts can directly affect the community around them," said Kacy Parker, the service-learning graduate assistant from Grand Valley. "The day is especially important for students, because we can show the community how much ability and strength we hold as young people."

For more information, contact Kacy Parker at parkkacy@gvsu.edu or (616) 331-2345.





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## **“Dance Stars” featured in gala dance show**

***Top dancers from major ballets join with the GVSU Dance Ensemble on Oct. 30***

Some of the best dancers of the nation from such companies as the Metropolitan Opera Ballet, New York City Ballet, the internationally acclaimed MOMIX, and the Broadway stage will gather in West Michigan for an exceptional dance event: Dance Stars of the New Millennium III, featured at Grand Valley State University in two performances on October 30.

**Dance Stars of the New Millennium III  
Saturday, October 30, 2004  
Performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center  
Allendale Campus**

Tickets are \$20 general public, \$10 for GVSU students/faculty/staff. To purchase, call Star Tickets Plus at (616) 222-4000, buy online at [www.starticketsplus.com](http://www.starticketsplus.com), or call the GVSU Box Office, (616) 331-2300.

“Dance Stars” brings together renowned dancers including Griff Braun of the Metropolitan Opera Ballet; Amanda Edge of the New York City Ballet; Ramon Flowers of such Broadway shows as “Swan Lake,” “A Chorus Line,” and “The Lion King”; Anna Laghezza, veteran of Miami, New York, Boston and other major companies; and others. Tokyo native Chieko Imada, former soloist with the Tokyo Ballet and current assistant artistic director for Ballet Tuscon in Arizona, is a guest choreographer for the show.

The program also features Grand Valley’s Dance Ensemble, which is made up of more than 30 dance students under the direction of GVSU dance program director Jefferson Baum. The Dance Ensemble will perform “All That Jazz” from the Broadway show and film “Chicago.”

The program presents a wide array of styles from classical to modern to jazz, including George Balanchine’s vigorous “Tarantella” and “Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux,” the jazz classic “Temptation,” and choreography to the well-known ballad “My Funny Valentine.” Guest artist Amanda Kay, from South Africa, will visit Grand Valley to present the world premiere of the dance “Nina.” Kay, who danced on Broadway with “Saturday Night Live,” in Ricky Martin’s MTV Music Video Awards performance, and in movies “Zoolander” and Spike Lee’s “Bamboozled,” is a member of the innovative and internationally acclaimed dance company MOMIX.

Dance Stars of the New Millennium III is part of Grand Valley’s Fall Arts Celebration, which showcases excellent arts and humanities events throughout the fall.

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## **MTU, Grand Valley VIPs named honorary kickoff chairs of 'Bash at the Big House'**

Arend "Don" Lubbers, Grand Valley State University president emeritus, and James Mitchell, former chair of Michigan Tech's Board of Control and a 1965 MTU graduate, were named honorary chairs for the "Bash at the Big House" football game.

Grand Valley and Michigan Tech will play on November 6 at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. The game could possibly set a Division II attendance record. The current record is 61,143 was set in September 1979 when Shippensburg and Slippery Rock met at Michigan Stadium.

The Bash at the Big House also serves as a major fund-raiser for MTU's football program. Last year, MTU briefly canceled its 82-year-old football program because of budget constraints.

Lubbers and Mitchell are avid supporters of both universities. Lubbers was one of the first to contribute to the fund-raising drive to save Tech's football program. Mitchell is a partner in the Price, Heneveld, Cooper, DeWitt & Litton law firm in Grand Rapids. He is a major donor to the Arend D. and Nancy Lubbers Scholarship Fund at Grand Valley, and his law firm has endowed an engineering scholarship at GVSU.

Tickets for the game are available by calling 1-888-642-4832 or visiting [www.bashatthebighouse.com](http://www.bashatthebighouse.com).

In conjunction with the game, state universities and more than 30 companies will present the Michigan Youth Engineering and Science Expo (Yes! Expo) at Crisler Arena. The expo was created to educate and excite eighth-12th grade students about engineering and science careers.

**Media note:** interviews with Lubbers and Mitchell can be arranged by calling News and Information Services at 616-331-2221.



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## **Public invited to premiere of 'A Moment of Grace'**

***The locally-produced film will premiere Nov. 11 at Studio 28***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — After 12 weeks filled with selecting and preparing sets, working with Hollywood talent, filming through the night, and editing, the 30 or so students in Grand Valley State University's Summer Film Project will show the result of their summer-long introduction to feature filmmaking. Their 2004 film, "A Moment of Grace," will be premiered in two screenings at Studio 28.

**Screenings of the 23-minute film will be held at 7 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, at Studio 28, 1350 28th St. SW. A reception will follow the first show. Admission is \$5 for the general public, and free for people involved in the film. For more information, call the GVSU School of Communications at (616) 331-3668.**

"A Moment of Grace" was the screenplay chosen for Grand Valley's 2004 Summer Film Project, a 12-week practicum for film and video students (six weeks of pre-production and filming; six weeks of post-production). Written by Los Angeles screenwriter Samantha Humphrey, the story depicts the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a very human — and unbiased — perspective.

Spending several weeks in West Michigan to take the lead role was Pauley Perrette, on hiatus from the television series "Navy NCIS." Other Hollywood influences included the film's director, Alba Francesca, who has her own production company in L.A., and cinematographer Jack Anderson, whose long list of credits include TV's "Mad About You" and the motion picture "Pretty Woman." SAG actors from Chicago, Detroit, and the local area completed the cast.

"A Moment of Grace" was shot primarily in June at local gravel pits (offered by Grand Rapids Gravel Co. and altered to resemble a Middle Eastern desert) and an old, unused hospital building in Grand Rapids (lent by Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services and altered to look like a Third World clinic). Grand Valley students battled hordes of mosquitoes, sudden rainstorms, and 12-hour workdays to learn the craft of filmmaking firsthand from the pros. Many of the students will be at the film premiere along with Francesca, who took over as director/producer of this year's Summer Film Project for GVSU film and video professor John Harper Philbin, who has led the project for the last six years.

"A Moment of Grace" is the story of a young American doctor, Grace Peters (Pauley Perrette), who is working in a Palestinian refugee camp clinic and has seen far too much senseless death and maiming. When a young Palestinian couple arrives at the clinic in extremely premature labor, she risks her own life to save the infant. A positive outcome to their desperate plight hinges on Grace's sheer determination and the graciousness of two Israeli soldiers. The story does not take sides, but rather shows the very human aspect of people living in the midst of war.

The public is encouraged to see it for themselves on Nov. 11.

**Director and producer Alba Francesca is available for interview at her office in Los Angeles, (323) 663-2565**

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Media Advisory: National, state children's authors speak at conference

National authors and literacy experts will join more than 25 Michigan children's authors and illustrators at the seventh annual Celebrate Literacy Conference, sponsored by Grand Valley State University's College of Education, English Department and Library Services.

The conference, October 22-23, will be held at Grand Valley's Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Along with keynote speakers, sessions targeting K-12 educators and other literacy advocates are scheduled.

Conference highlights include:

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9:30 a.m.: Keynote address by children's author Gordon Korman, author of the *Island*, *Everest* and *Dive* trilogies, and many other popular children's and young adult books.

12:45 p.m.: Keynote address by Nell Duke, associate professor of education at Michigan State University. Duke, a literacy expert in the area of comprehension teaching, will address the needs of struggling readers.


4-5 p.m.: Author and illustrator reception and book signing. Scheduled Michigan authors and illustrators include Crystal Bouwman, Kevin and Stephanie Kammeraad, Gary Schmidt and Tom Woodruff.

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## Prominent T.S. Eliot scholar to speak at GVSU

*Interest in the poet is high in West Michigan says the president of the T.S. Eliot Society*



*Dr. Ronald Schuchard  
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T.S. Eliot is by many counts the most celebrated English-language poet of the 20th century. He is the only poet *Time* magazine included in its list of the 100 most important people of the 20th century. To Ben Lockerd, president of the international T.S. Eliot Society and a professor of English at Grand Valley State University, it's clear: "He's one of the greatest — and in many people's estimation, *the* greatest — poet writing in the 20th century."

On **November 4**, Grand Valley will present a lecture by author and scholar Dr. Ronald Schuchard of Emory University, one of the world's foremost authorities on T.S. Eliot. Schuchard's lecture will focus on the many ways that Eliot has been read, with the suggestion that Eliot may also be considered a great love poet. The event begins at **7 p.m. at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium**, on GVSU's Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. The lecture is open to the public free of charge, and will be followed by a reception.

Schuchard, a professor of English at Emory University, is author of "Eliot's Dark Angel" (Oxford University Press, 1999), which won the Robert Penn Warren-Cleanth Brooks Award for Outstanding Literary Criticism, among other honors, and is hailed by literary critics as "essential reading for professional scholars" and "a treasure trove of information about Eliot's life and art." Eliot's wife, Valerie Eliot, chose Schuchard to edit two of her late husband's important unpublished lectures, which were published under the title "Varieties of Metaphysical Poetry." Schuchard has also produced scholarly studies on W.B. Yeats and other modern poets.

Lockerd, who this year became president of the T.S. Eliot Society and in 1998 published a book, "Aethereal Rumours," on Eliot's writings, noted that Grand Rapids is well-suited for having an event on Eliot: the West Michigan area is home to a number of members of the T.S. Eliot Society, a St. Louis-based organization with 200 members from 20 countries.

The local interest may be attributed in part to Eliot's social conservatism in his later years, said Lockerd. Worldwide, however, Eliot's appeal also seems to grow, as evidenced by new Eliot societies in places like Japan and Korea. "Eliot's fame is worldwide," Lockerd said. "The awareness of his greatness has, if anything, increased over time."

T.S. Eliot (1888-1965), was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, educated at Harvard, and settled in England, eventually becoming a British citizen. He published his most famous poem, "The Waste Land," in 1922. The poem — called "cubist" because of its fragmented style — shocked the world and is considered difficult to read, but it is still widely read and appreciated, said Lockerd. Another poem known to Eliot readers is "The Four Quartets," published in 1943. Eliot was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1948.

Schuchard's visit is part of Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration, which showcases excellent arts and humanities events throughout the fall. For more information, please call (616) 331-2180. For more information about the T.S. Eliot Society, see [www.luc.edu/eliot](http://www.luc.edu/eliot).

Media Source: Ben Lockerd, professor of English at GVSU, 616-331-3575



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## **Interfaith dialogue is the aim of daylong conference**

***Conference on Jewish and Christian mysticism is open to the public on Nov. 10***

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The similarities and differences between Jewish and Christian theologies will be the topic explored at this year's daylong conference featured by the West Shore Committee for Jewish/Christian Dialogue together with the West Michigan Consortium of Academic Institutions. The public is welcome, free of charge, to join the discussions with prominent theologians, local clergy, and members of area communities.

**"Jewish and Christian Mysticism: Convergences and Divergences" will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.** The public is encouraged to attend this insightful conference. Free parking is available in the GVSU Fulton Lot, across Fulton Street from Eberhard Center. For more information or to register, see [www.jewishchristialogue.org](http://www.jewishchristialogue.org) or call (616) 331-2119.

Keynote speakers are religious historians **Arthur Green, professor of Jewish Thought at Brandeis University, and Bernard McGinn, professor of Historical Theology and History of Christianity at the University of Chicago Divinity School.** The theologians will examine aspects of biblical history and interpretation, with time set aside for responses from each other and for audience questions. A panel discussion with area scholars and practitioners begins at 3:30 p.m. The conference will conclude with a conversation with both men on "The Song of Songs," from 7-9 p.m. For a complete schedule, see [www.jewishchristialogue.org](http://www.jewishchristialogue.org).

Arthur Green is both a historian of Jewish religion and a theologian. He has taught Jewish mysticism, Hasidism, and theology to several generations of students. He is well known for his interpretations of Hasidic teachings and writings of the mystical tradition that appeal to today's religious seekers, as in *Seek My Face, Speak My Name: A Contemporary Jewish Theology*. His discussion on "Hasidic Biblical Exegesis" will be held from 1:15-3:15 p.m.

Bernard McGinn is widely known as a teacher and an expert on Christian mysticism in the ancient and medieval periods. His recent books include *Early Christian Mystics: The Divine Vision of the Spiritual Masters* and *The Doctors of the Church: Thirty-Three Men and Women who Shaped Christianity*. He will lead a discussion on "How Jewish and Christian Mystics Read the Bible" from 10 a.m.-noon.

This is the third academic conference sponsored by the West Michigan Consortium of Academic Institutions, an ongoing collaboration among Aquinas College, Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Valley State University, Hope College, and Western Theological Seminary. It is co-sponsored by the West Shore Committee for Jewish/Christian Dialogue, which formed with the mission to promote better interfaith understanding and mutual acceptance.

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## **GVSU students take the Bard's plays to EGR HS**

*More than 1,200 area teens experience Shakespeare this month thanks to GVSU theater students*



*GVSU students, left to right, Matt Bryant, Megan Johnson, and Ken Phelps perform a scene from "Lovestruck" on a high school stage. Call Nancy at 331-2221 to have this photo e-mailed to you.*

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More information on the Bard-to-Go and the Shakespeare Festival can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/shakes](http://www.gvsu.edu/shakes). To speak to Bard-to-Go director Karen Libman, call 616-331-3510.

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**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:** Presidential campaign songs by the Historian Harmonists on Friday, Oct. 29

The Historian Harmonists, a group of musicians from the Grand Rapids area specializing in presidential campaign songs from the past, will perform at Grand Valley's Great Lakes History Conference, held at the Eberhard Center in downtown GR. The performance begins at 4:45 p.m. in the East Gallery of the Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St., and is open to the public free of charge.

**MEDIA ARE WELCOME!** Presidential campaign songs from previous elections will lighten the somewhat rancorous mood hanging over the 2004 election.

Historian Harmonists was founded by Lisa Feurzeig, associate professor of music at GVSU, and John Sienicki, a freelance historian. Much more information can be found at <http://home.earthlink.net/~blauergeiger/hh.html>. Lisa Feurzeig (on sabbatical this semester) can be reached at her home at 458-7583. (Note that the music group is completely independent of GVSU.)

Feurzeig has pointed out that although the 6 or so musicians in the group perform songs from past elections, many issues they touch on are still current today. Many of the songs are humorous, and most rally against a candidate the lyricists didn't like. The group also sings songs from the American Revolution and union and war songs for a lively mix of history and fun. The Harmonists have performed throughout West Michigan.

The performance is part of Grand Valley's Great Lakes History Conference, which takes place Friday and Saturday. Documentary filmmaker Ric Burns will be a featured speaker on Friday, at 8 p.m. in the Loosemore Aud. of the DeVos Center (free and open to the public). See the entire History Conference news release at [http://www.gvsu.edu/news/news\\_article.cfm?Id=9689](http://www.gvsu.edu/news/news_article.cfm?Id=9689).

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## **Author Earl Shorris will address immigration and the topic “Who is an American?”**

*The Nov. 10 lecture is a featured event in Grand Valley’s Fall Arts Celebration*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Nationally known lecturer and writer Earl Shorris, whose book “The Life and Times of Mexico” was published in August, will address the topic “Who is an American?” in an upcoming lecture at Grand Valley State University.

The lecture, presented as part of Grand Valley’s Fall Arts Celebration, begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium, on GVSU’s Pew Grand Rapids Campus, 401 W. Fulton St. A reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

Shorris is the author of several fiction and nonfiction books focusing on Mexico and Latin Americans, including “Under the Fifth Sun” and “Latinos: A Biography of the People.” His 2004 book, “The Life and Times of Mexico,” is a sweeping, 640-page narrative about Mexico’s 3,000-year history. In his talk at Grand Valley, Shorris will take a positive look at immigration and the growing influence of Hispanic culture in the United States.

Shorris is also well known as the founder and chairman of the Clemente Course in the Humanities, a college-level course in the humanities for people living in poverty. His groundbreaking “New American Blues: A Journey Through Poverty to Democracy” documented personal stories from poor people, followed in 2000 by “Riches for the Poor: The Clemente Course in the Humanities,” in which Shorris advocated education in philosophy, art, history, literature, and logic as a means to help lift the poor out of entrenched poverty. College courses based on his ideal are taught in five countries, including in Grand Valley’s Community Working Classics program.

Shorris has had a distinguished career as a journalist, social critic, lecturer, and novelist. His articles and reviews have appeared in Harper’s Magazine, where he has been a contributing editor since 1972, as well as in The Atlantic Monthly, The Nation, The New York Times, and many other publications. He has been honored with the National Humanities Medal and the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle.

Shorris’ lecture is the final event in Grand Valley’s 2004 Fall Arts Celebration. For more information, call (616) 331-2180.

For more information about Earl Shorris and GVSU’s Community Working Classics Program, in which students teach humanities courses to prison inmates, at-risk youth, and disadvantaged people in the West Michigan area, call Michael DeWilde, assistant professor of philosophy, at 616-331-3612.



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## **“Day of Absence” opens Nov. 12 at GVSU**

*The play presents a unique look at racism — with a comic twist*

Grand Valley State University's upcoming play, “Day of Absence,” depicts a fictitious Southern town where one day all the black people suddenly disappear, leaving the white folks to fend for themselves. Chaos ensues.

The classic 1960s farce by Douglas Turner Ward, co-founder of the Negro Ensemble Theatre, deals with the sensitive subject of racism in a humorous, black-empowering way. The play opens on Friday, November 12, and features seven performances:

**“Day of Absence”**

**November 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m.**

**November 14 at 2 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus**

**Ticket information at end**

Ward premiered “Day of Absence” in New York City in 1965, winning Obie Awards for best play and best actor. Insightful and wickedly comic, the play employs reverse “minstrelsy” (early theater’s use of black face paint to mimic and denigrate African Americans) to show how ridiculous racism is, particularly when the imaginary town’s white people display contempt for black people while at the same time desperately needing them to take care of their children and perform work necessary to keep the town and households running smoothly.

“I believe Ward wrote this play as a retaliation to the ideology rampant in the George Wallace South of the '50s and '60s,” said Robin Reese, director of the GVSU production. “Now, 40 years later, racism and the marginalization of African Americans and other minority groups is still a problem that deserves attention in this country and abroad, so the play is still highly relevant.” She points to the 2000 presidential election in Florida as a present-day example of a kind of “day of absence,” when black people and other minority groups were denied a valid vote.

Though suffused with serious messages of anti-hatred, equality and inclusion, “Day of Absence” is outrageous, physically comedic, and essentially fun, said Reese. The racially mixed cast and crew of more than 20 students present a turned-on-its-head look at a social dilemma that the entire family can enjoy — and maybe even discuss.

Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for GVSU faculty/staff, and \$6 for all students. Call Star Tickets Plus at (616) 222-4000, buy online at [www.starticketsplus.com](http://www.starticketsplus.com), or purchase at the Louis Armstrong Theatre Box Office, (616) 331-2300. More ticket information is available at [www.gvsu.edu/theatre](http://www.gvsu.edu/theatre).

“Day of Absence” is sponsored by the School of Communications with support from the African/African-American Studies Program.

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## **November '04 Events at GVSU**

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### **MUSIC and DANCE**

*All events are free of charge unless noted. Contact number is the Music Dept. at (616) 331-3484.  
The Performing Arts Center (PAC) is located on the Allendale Campus.*

#### **11/4 Thursday\***

**Arts at Noon Series. PRISM Saxophone Quartet.** Intriguing programs of great beauty and breadth have distinguished the PRISM Quartet as one of America's foremost chamber ensembles. Chosen by Musical America as "Outstanding Young Artists" and winners of the prestigious Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, PRISM has performed on Entertainment Tonight, National Public Radio, and in Alice Tully Hall with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

#### **11/10 Wednesday\***

**The Perugino String Quartet** performs Schubert's most famous string quartet, String Quartet No. 14 in d minor ("Death and the Maiden"). Members of the Perugino String Quartet include violinists Eric Tanner and Diane McElfish, violist Barbara Corbato, and cellist Stacey Bosman Tanner. 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

#### **11/11 Thursday\***

**Arts at Noon Series. The Dave Liebman Group.** A true jazz legend, Dave Liebman has nearly 300 recordings to his credit. From his time as sideman with such notables as Elvin Jones, Miles Davis, and Chick Corea, Liebman now leads his own group, with whom he records, and tours internationally. Come hear one of America's most eclectic and admired jazz composers, teachers, saxophonist, and bandleaders. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Center.

#### **11/11 Thursday**

From the studio of Professor Aviram Reichert, a piano recital featuring GVSU student pianists. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, PAC.

#### **11/14 Sunday\***

**The Perugino String Quartet** performs Schubert's most famous string quartet, String Quartet No. 14 in d minor ("Death and the Maiden"). 3 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St., Grand Rapids.

#### **11/17 Wednesday\***

**Arts at Noon Series. Chuchumbé.** This Mexican ensemble interprets and recreates music in verse and dance from the *son jarocho* tradition, a multicultural mix of Spanish, African, and indigenous influences. 12 p.m. Cook-DeWitt Ctr.

#### **11/21 Sunday**

Music on Period Instruments Series presents **Ars Antiqua**. 3 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.



**11/21 Sunday**

**BANDORAMA.** The GVSU Laker Marching Band present highlights from the Fall 2004 season. Barry D. Martin, Kevin Tutt, and Ted Bazany, directors. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

**11/22 Monday**

Music Department Concert. **Small Jazz Combos.** 8 p.m. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC.

**11/29 Monday**

Music Department Concert. **Large Jazz Ensemble** directed by Tim Froncek. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

## **THEATRE**

*The Theatre Box Office is located in the Performing Arts Center, (616) 331-2300.*

**11/6 Saturday\***

**Bard-to-Go,** GVSU's Shakespeare Festival touring show, will present a special performance of "**Lovestruck,**" featuring Shakespearean love scenes. Acted by theatre students and directed by Karen Libman. Free. 2 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St., Grand Rapids.

**November 12-20**

Douglas Turner Ward's "**A Day of Absence.**" A stunning classic originally produced in 1965 in New York by the Negro Ensemble Company, the play is a white racist's fantasy twisted into a wickedly comic nightmare of a city brought to its knees when all the black people mysteriously vanish! A comic jewel, constantly insightful, not preachy and not the least bit polite! Directed by Robin Reese.

**November 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m.**

**November 14 at 2 p.m.**

**Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center**

Tickets: General public \$12; all students \$6. Purchase tickets at Star Tickets Plus, (616) 222-4000, or at the GVSU Theatre Box Office, (616) 331-2300. More ticket information is available at [www.gvsu.edu/theatre](http://www.gvsu.edu/theatre).

## **GUEST SPEAKERS and SPECIAL EVENTS**

**11/4 Thursday\***

**Ronald Schuchard,** professor of English at Emory University and renowned T.S. Eliot scholar, will discuss the 20th century poet. 7 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Free. (616) 331-2180

**11/5 Friday**

**"Theodore Roosevelt: Energy, Courage, and Vision."** Dr. John "Chuck" Chalberg, actor and historian, will perform his famous Theodore Roosevelt character interpretation. Sponsored by the GVSU Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, the Gerald R. Ford Foundation, and the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum. 8 p.m. Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium. Free. Seating is limited; call 616-331-2770 to reserve a seat.

**11/10 Wednesday • Jewish and Christian Mysticism Explored • Free and open to the public**

The daylong conference, "**Jewish and Christian Mysticism: Convergences and Divergences,**" features keynote speakers Arthur Green, professor of Jewish Thought at Brandeis University, and Bernard McGinn, professor of Historical Theology and Christianity at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Sponsored by the West Michigan Consortium of Academic Institutions and the West Shore Committee for Jewish/Christian Dialogue. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at GVSU's Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. See [www.jewishchristiandialogue.org](http://www.jewishchristiandialogue.org) for more information.

**11/10 Wednesday**

Nationally recognized writer and lecturer **Earl Shorris,** author of "New American Blues" and "The Life and Times of Mexico," published this year, will speak on the topic "Who is an American?" 7 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton St. in Grand Rapids. Free. For more information call (616) 331-2180.

**11/11 • World Premiere of “A Moment of Grace” • screenings at 7 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. at Studio 28**

\$5 admission. 7 p.m. showing is followed by a reception.

“A Moment of Grace,” a short film (23 min.) produced through GVSU’s Summer Film Project, is the story of an idealistic American doctor working at a Middle Eastern medical clinic and her efforts to help a desperate young Palestinian couple — with the help of Israeli soldiers. The film was produced by GVSU film and video students around Grand Rapids locations with the help of a Hollywood director and cinematographer. Actress Pauley Perrette of “Navy NCIS” stars.


**Nov. 18-19 Thursday and Friday**

“Religion and the Presidency,” a national conference featuring 22 journalists and scholars from across the country. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Paul Kengor at 8 p.m. on Thursday. Panel topics will include the role of religion in our first presidents’ lives; religion and the modern presidency; religion and George W. Bush; and religion and Election 2004. Events will take place on GVSU’s Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses. For more information see [www.gvsu.edu/hauenstein](http://www.gvsu.edu/hauenstein) or call the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at 616-331-2770.

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The following Grand Valley State University political experts are available for comment before and after Election Day, November 2, 2004.

For more information contact Grand Valley's News and Information Services Department at 616-331-2221.

Sonia Dalmia, assistant professor of economics, 616-331-7423  
Dalmia, whose research has received international attention, has just completed a survey of 5,000 students between the ages of 18-24 to determine voting patterns. A record number of college-age voters are expected on Election Day. Dalmia can discuss the survey results including which candidate is preferred among college voters.

Roger Moiles, instructor of political science, 616-331-3283  
Moiles is an expert on American politics including elections, Congress, and public policy.

Kedron Bardwell, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, 616-331-8523  
Bardwell is an expert on campaign finance policy, political advertising, and media politics.

Kevin den Dulk, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, 616-331-2991  
Professor den Dulk is an expert on religion and politics. He recently co-authored a book on the subject. He can also discuss political parties and theory.

Randall Doyle, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of history, 616-331-3164  
Doyle is an expert on U.S. politics and national presidential campaigns.

Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, 616-331-2770  
Whitney is a presidential historian and author. He served in the Engler Administration for 11 years as chief historian and speech writer.



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**Contact: Brian J. Bowe  
616-331-2221**

## **Record youth turnout expected on Election Day**

*GVSU survey shows gender gap in issues, preferred candidate among college voters*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — On Election Day November 2, a record turnout in the 18-24 age group is expected. Both men and women in that age group name the economy and education among their top three issues, according to a survey conducted by Grand Valley State University Assistant Professor of Economics Sonia Dalmia.

The survey was conducted by Dalmia's gender and economics class at Grand Valley. Dalmia's research into gender differences in work, education and marriage has received international media attention. Dalmia and her students conducted the survey of nearly 5,000 Grand Valley students from October 13-27. The purpose of the survey was to investigate gender differences among young voters.

### **Her survey shows:**

- 93 percent of the students are registered to vote, and of these, 90 percent are planning to vote in the upcoming election. There was no difference by gender in the number of students registered to vote and planning to vote.
- For women, the top issues are education, health care and social welfare, and state of the economy (in order of preference). For men, the top three choices are foreign affairs and defense, education, and state of the economy. Social issues such as same-sex marriage, civil liberties and stem-cell research were of no importance to either gender. Moreover, neither gender placed any importance on who their Supreme Court justices would be.
- Bush has a 10-point lead over Kerry among the males. For women there is a tie between Bush and Kerry. There is also a strong preference for Senator Kerry among the minority population polled.

The issue of gender differences in voting behavior and policy attitudes has been a recurrent theme in social science literature and political commentary in United States. Gender gaps have been observed for example in turnout rates, partisan identification, domestic and foreign policy issues and evaluations of elected officials, Dalmia said. While discussions of a gender gap in electoral politics have become commonplace, political activity in 18 to 24-year-olds remains an understudied area. When young voters are mentioned at all, they are often portrayed as disengaged individuals lacking interest in politics and a sense of political efficacy.

"Young voters as a potential voting group need to be recognized for their size especially in light of the closeness of the 2000 presidential elections," Dalmia said.

Dalmia hopes to use the survey data to examine how far and why men and women differ in their levels of civic engagement and political preferences. She also hopes to examine political knowledge, participation and attitudes of youth to arrive at a better understanding of the social, economic and demographic structure of political activity in 18-24 year olds.


**MEDIA NOTE: A full copy of Dalmia's report and a print quality photo of Dalmia are available by contacting Brian J. Bowe at (616) 331-2221 or boweb@gvsu.edu.**

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Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center has election facts that will add to your coverage.

Check [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org)

Some samples: Every wartime president who has sought re-election has won: Madison in 1812, Lincoln in 1864, Franklin Roosevelt in 1944, and Nixon in 1972.

Since 1964, every winner of the White House has come from the sunbelt. This fact favors Bush (Texas) over Kerry (Massachusetts).


Since 1936, there has been a strange coincidence between the Washington Redskins' performance during the last home game before Election Day, and the winner of the White House. Here is the fact: during the last 17 election cycles, if the Redskins win, the incumbent party stays in; if the Redskins lose, the incumbent party loses, too. Last Sunday, the Washington Redskins hosted the Green Bay Packers -- and lost. John Kerry may be counting on that omen today!

Since 1956, the year Dwight Eisenhower ran for re-election, our school kids have been surveyed by Weekly Reader. Our youngest citizens have correctly chosen the winner in 11 of the last 12 contests. George W. Bush may be counting on that poll to reflect what is happening across America!

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Grand Valley and Hope College begin new partnership

Agreement to be signed November 10 involving Health Profession programs

Health professions students from Hope College will be able to make an easy transition to graduate studies at Grand Valley State University. Under a new agreement to be signed November 10, two Hope College students will be accepted in Grand Valley's Master of Science Occupational Therapy Program and two students will be accepted in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program.

"I have always had a deep respect for the academic background and values that are put forth at Hope College," said Jane Toot, dean of the College of Health Professions. "I believe that any student meeting the program criteria will be a wonderful fit for our professional curricula."

\*\*\* The articulation agreement will be signed November 10 at 4 p.m. in room 240 of the Cook-Devos Center for Health Sciences. \*\*\*


"Hope College is pleased to collaborate with the Grand Valley Health Profession programs in Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy," said James Boelkins, provost at Hope College. The agreement will provide Hope students with excellent options for pursuing these two programs. We also believe that Grand Valley will benefit from receiving some very well prepared Hope students. This type of collaboration is good stewardship of resources."

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Theodore Roosevelt comes to Grand Rapids  
Actor and historian appears at the Ford Museum

He's on Mount Rushmore and now he's in Grand Rapids. Sort of. Actor and historian Dr. John "Chuck" Chalberg portrays Theodore Roosevelt when he appears at the Ford Museum on November 5.

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum have scheduled this performance to mark the conclusion of the hotly contested race for the White House and the 100-year anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's 1904 electoral victory.

"There are more parallels between the 1904 and 2004 elections than most people realize," said Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley. "Nobody can bring those out better than Chuck Chalberg. He is both an historian and an actor who will make you think you are in TR's presence; he is that convincing."

Chalberg has traveled throughout North America and Europe performing American personalities TR, H.L. Mencken and Gilbert Keith Chesterton. He teaches history at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Dr. John "Chuck" Chalberg as Theodore Roosevelt  
Friday, November 5, 2004  
8 p.m.  
Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids

TR is the only modern face on Mount Rushmore. He was a naturalist, historian, ranchman, soldier and politician with a robust personality and a wide grin. His accomplishments in office earned him his place on Mount Rushmore beside Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

Seating for the performance is limited. Call Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at (616) 331-2770 to reserve a seat. See [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org) for more information on the Hauenstein Center and its events.


Media should call News and Information Services at (616) 331-2221 to arrange an interview or coverage opportunities.

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**Rare opportunity for students to work in Antarctica**

The Public Museum of Grand Rapids offers special discounted admission for college students to learn about Antarctic internship and view special exhibit

An incredible opportunity to work in Antarctica is being made available to all college students in the Grand Rapids area. Students will learn how to be a part of the 4-month-long internship to the mysterious continent, which includes free food and lodging and payment for work and studies.

The internship is made possible through a consortium between Grand Valley State University and the Raytheon Polar Services Corporation. Douglas Kindschi, professor and former dean of science at Grand Valley, is the current chairman of the Raytheon Science Support Advisory Board. Kindschi will give special presentations on the Antarctic internship in conjunction with a special offer through the Public Museum of Grand Rapids.

Students will receive discounted admission to experience one of the greatest stories of survival in expedition history on display at the Van Andel Museum Center of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids.

The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition brings to life the epic story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated 1914 expedition to Antarctica on his ship, the Endurance. The crew was trapped in ice for months before their ship was crushed and sank - leaving Shackleton and his men struggling for survival. Photographs, artifacts, diary entries and vintage film footage resurrect one of the most awesome man-against-nature sagas to emerge in the last 100 years.

The Public Museum is offering two special deals for Grand Rapids college students. **\*\*Student must show their ID to take part in these special offers.\*\***

Van Andel Museum Center, 272 Pearl Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, November 13, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$4.50 includes admission to the museum and Shackleton exhibition

Parking is included (students can get their ticket stamped in the museum) Antarctic internship presentation at 1:30 p.m. in the museum's Meijer Theater

Monday, November 15, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.


Free admission in to the museum and Shackleton exhibition

Antarctic internship presentation at 3:30 p.m. in the museum's Meijer Theater Students need to pay for parking

For more information on Antarctic internships, contact Douglas Kindschi at kindschd@gvsu.edu. For more information on the Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition, contact Gina Bivins, Public Museum of Grand Rapids at 616-456-3587, or visit the museum's Web site at [www.grmuseum.org](http://www.grmuseum.org).



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Annual state of the public universities  
GVSU President Mark A. Murray participating


Michigan's 15 public universities are a powerful force and resource for economic renewal in the state. They teach and prepare the nation's future workers and leaders; they commercialize research and create new jobs and a rich environment.

Grand Valley State University President Mark A. Murray will join the other presidents, chancellors and leaders from the state's public universities for the Annual State of the Public Universities Address at a Detroit Economic Club luncheon. Dr. Gary Russi, the president of Oakland University and chairman of the President's Council, State Universities of Michigan, will discuss how Michigan's 15 public universities are the critical piece to our state's future. Russi will outline the universities' adaptations to the decrease in state funding and will speak about the strategy needed for the state to get the most from these valuable institutions and the leaders they produce.

Michigan's Future is in College  
Monday, November 8, 2004  
12:00 noon  
Cobo Center, Detroit

For interviews with President Murray, call News and Information Services at 616-331-2221.

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Grand Valley State University Middle East expert available to comment on Yasser Arafat  
Palestinian leader reportedly near death

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U.S. administration officials say burial negotiations should be complete within 24 to 48 hours. Israel will permit Arafat to be laid to rest in the Gaza Strip when he dies, but will not permit him to be buried in Jerusalem.

James Goode, professor of history and program chair of Middle East Studies at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is available for comment on what the death of Arafat will mean for the Middle East. Goode has taught and written extensively about the region and has traveled to the Middle East.


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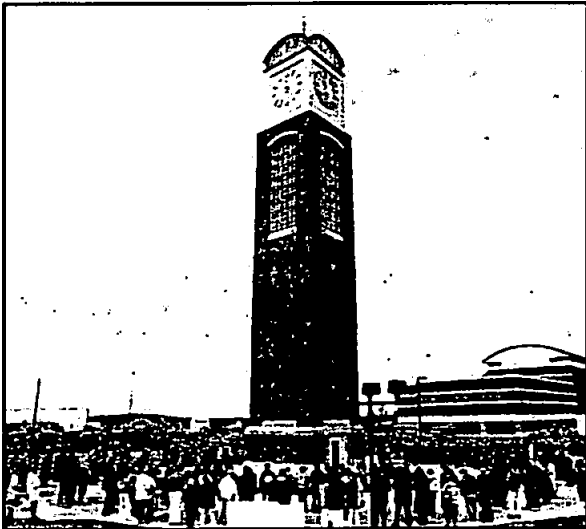
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## **Carillon recital marks 10th anniversary**

*The Cook Carillon Tower was dedicated on November 15, 1994*



*A crowd gathers as the Cook Carillon Tower is dedicated on GVSU's Allendale Campus on November 15, 1994.*

*Call Nancy at 331-2221 to have this photo e-mailed to you.*

A special performance on the Cook Carillon on Monday, November 15, will mark a historic event for Grand Valley: the 10-year anniversary of the dedication of the Cook Carillon.

The anniversary will be celebrated at noon on November 15 with a carillon recital by GVSU Carillonneur Julianne Vanden Wyngaard and other special events. Included on the program will be music performed at the first recital in 1994 as well as "Tolling of the Iron Bell," a carillon piece composed by GVSU assistant music professor Kurt Ellenberger. The carillon tower will be open for visitors both during and after the recital. Listeners may gather in the courtyard surrounding the Cook Carillon Tower or inside the adjacent Cook-DeWitt Center, where refreshments will be available.

The public is invited to the celebratory event.

Grand Valley's Cook Carillon was installed in October 1994 in the new 110-foot tower that has become a landmark on the Allendale Campus. The 48 bells in the tower, ranging in weight from 3,000 to 14 pounds, were cast in bronze and installed by the Royal Eijsbouts Bell Foundry in the Netherlands. Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, now associate dean of Arts and Humanities, graduated from the Netherlands Carillon

School in 2000, becoming only the fourth American woman to graduate from the prestigious school. Since then, Grand Valley's summer carillon concert series has become an annual event in West Michigan.

The Cook Carillon Tower is named in honor of major donors Peter C. and Pat Cook. In 2001, Grand Valley's second carillon, the Beckering Family Carillon, was dedicated on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

From June 13-18, 2005, Grand Valley will further its carillon tradition by hosting the 2005 congress of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. More than 100 carillonneurs are expected to attend.

**Source: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, GVSU carillonneur and associate dean of Arts and Humanities, (616) 331-2110**



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**Contact: Nancy Willey  
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## **Fandango group Chuchumbé performs**

The Arts at Noon concert is featured on November 17



*Chuchumbé performs Nov. 17. Photograph available by e-mail; call Nancy Willey at the number above.*

Chuchumbé, a renowned "son jarocho" group from Veracruz, Mexico, will perform in Grand Valley State University's Arts at Noon Series on Wednesday, November 17. The concert, held at noon in the Cook-DeWitt Center on GVSU's Allendale Campus, is open to the public free of charge.

Chuchumbé is internationally recognized as an interpreter and re-creator of verse and dances from the "son jarocho" tradition, a multicultural mix of Spanish, African, and indigenous influences. The group is comprised of seven musicians dedicated to teaching and spreading the word about fandango (an audience-participation combination dance and jam session taking place at night) and the zapateado (a form of tap dancing on a wooden platform) through workshops of traditional music, dancing, poetry, and instrument-making. The group employs the arpa jarocho (a large, wooden harp), the requinto jarocho (also known as the 'guitarra de son') and the jarana (a kind of Spanish baroque guitar).

Chuchumbé's performance at Grand Valley is part of the Midwest World Fest, a cultural program bringing artists from around the globe to America's heartland. For more information, call 616-331-3484.

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Grand Valley State University 'Dinner with Deans' celebrates achievements of minority students  
Area business leaders, elementary students will also participate

More than 200 Grand Valley students will dine with university deans, business leaders and elementary students during a unique event that celebrates achievements of minority students.

"Dinner with Deans" is scheduled for November 16, from 6-9 p.m., in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center, at Grand Valley's Allendale Campus. The event is open to media.

It's the second year for the event that recognizes minority students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Oliver Wilson, dean of Multicultural Affairs, said the event also provides an opportunity for students to network with area business leaders.

Also on the guest list will be 50 seventh grade students who participate in Grand Valley's Wade McCree Incentive Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Each public university in Michigan provides funds to support McCree scholarships. Named after a former U.S. solicitor general, the program enhances higher education opportunities for minority students regardless of financial need.

Participating students are from Grand Rapids, Holland and Muskegon. They meet regularly to discuss test-taking skills and career planning, and to attend events and perform community service projects. If requirements are met after high school graduation, Wade McCree participants are guaranteed a GVSU scholarship.

"We remain in their lives from the time they're in seventh grade," Wilson said. "This program gives us a chance to say look at how much we value academics. It's not always about athletics."

For more information contact Grand Valley's News and Information Services Department at 616-331-2221.

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**MEDIA NOTE**

C-SPAN and C-SPAN 2 will televise a two-day conference that was held at Grand Valley State University on November 18-19. The following is the broadcast schedule for Religion and the Presidency.

**\*Thursday, November 25 - C-SPAN**

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - panels on Early Presidency & Modern Presidency 1  
11:55 p.m. - panel on George W. Bush Presidency

**\*Friday, November 26 - C-SPAN**

5:25 a.m. - panel on George W. Bush Presidency

**\*Friday, November 26 - C-SPAN 2**

3:10 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. - panels on Early Presidency & Modern Presidency 1

**\*Sunday, November 28 - C-SPAN**

10 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. - panels on Modern Presidency 2 & George W. Bush Presidency


The conference brought in 20 of the best scholars and authors in the country to explore the issue of religion and the presidency. The conference was presented by Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, George Mason University's Master's of Public Policy Program, The Gerald R. Ford Foundation and The Gerald R. Ford Museum.

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Regional support brings WGVU Digital Campaign to success  
WGVU Digital Campaign reaches \$6.5 million goal

The campaign to convert the region's only public television station to digital technology received generous support from public television viewers from four west and southwest Michigan regions.

The WGVU Digital Campaign has reached the \$6.5 million dollar project goal. Nearly 4,000 individual, corporate and foundation donors from throughout the WGVU/WGVK viewing area generously provided the needed support for the station to make the leap into the digital future. Grant support was also provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the U.S. Department of Commerce NTIA-PTFP.

"This was a tremendous effort by people across the region," said Mark A. Murray, president of Grand Valley State University. "It shows the high regard that the region has for public television and the value it brings. The potential of our digital television future has been recognized." WGVU is a service of Grand Valley State University and part of its efforts to serve the West and Southwest Michigan region.

The digital campaign was divided into four regions. Kevin T. Kabat chaired the Grand Rapids region; Robert L. Kersman, Muskegon; Martha M. Upjohn and Joel J. Orosz, Kalamazoo; and Meg Miller Willit, Holland/Lakeshore.

Highlights from the campaign include:

- \* A successful challenge from the Charles W. Loosemore Foundation in Grand Rapids that inspired 1,600 donors and generated \$1.5 million from Kent County donors.
- \* A challenge from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation that generated nearly \$900,000 from 900 donors in Kalamazoo and surrounding communities.
- \* Generous gifts from donors in Muskegon, Holland and lakeshore communities.

"The digital future is going to allow us to interact with our television," said Joel J. Orosz, one of the campaign chairs. "It will give us choices we never had before."

Prior to the conversion, WGVU reached 1.5 million people. After the conversion, it will reach more than 2.7 million.

Sources: Karen Loth, assistant vice president for Development, Grand Valley State University, 616-331-6000, lothk@gvsu.edu

For more information contact Grand Valley's News and Information Services Department at 616-331-2221.



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- > The reality of living with AIDS
- > Rae Lewis-Thornton brings her message of survival to Grand Valley State University
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- > December 1 marks World Aids Day , a time to celebrate the progress that has been made to battle the epidemic and a time to raise awareness of the ongoing need to educate about the risks of HIV and AIDS. Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS is the theme for 2004. With that theme in mind, several organizations at Grand Valley State University have worked together to bring Rae Lewis-Thornton to campus. Despite her present day status of having full blown AIDS, Lewis-Thornton leads her own crusade to educate and challenge young and old audiences to take control of their futures and health.
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- > "Colleges and universities are always trying to find effective ways to educate students about HIV/AIDS," said Marlene Kowalski-Braun, director of Grand Valley's Women's Center. "The speaker is unique since she offers personal and important insights as someone who is living with the disease. There are many myths about who is at risk that keep students unprotected and unsafe."
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- > In 1986, at the age of 23, Lewis-Thornton was diagnosed HIV Positive. She uses her life as an example that AIDS is a non-discriminatory disease. She received an Emmy Award for an on-going series of first-person stories called, "Living with AIDS" for CBS.
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- > WORLD AIDS Day, December 1, 2004
- > Rae Lewis-Thornton will be speaking at 9 p.m. in the Pere Marquette Room of the Kirkhof Center
- > on Grand Valley's Allendale campus. The event is free and open to the public. Media are welcome.
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- > It is estimated that 35.7 million adults and 2.1 million children worldwide were living with HIV at the end of 2003, and during 2004, 4.8 million new people became infected with the virus. Around half of all people who become infected with HIV do so before they are 25, and die from AIDS before they are 35.
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> The event is sponsored by Grand Valley's Women's Center, Women and  
> Gender Studies, Delta Sigma Theta, College of Social Work, Kirkhof  
> College of Nursing, You Beautiful Black Woman, Office of Multicultural  
> Affairs, Greek Presidents Council, and the Health and AIDS Student  
> Organization.

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> For more information contact the Grand Valley State University Women's  
> Center at 616-331-2748.

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## **December '04 Events at GVSU**

### **MUSIC and DANCE**

*All events are free of charge unless noted. Contact number is the Music Dept. at (616) 331-3484.  
The Performing Arts Center (PAC) is located on the Allendale Campus.*

#### **12/1 Wednesday**

Arts at Noon Series. **Avatar Brass**, quintet-in-residence at Grand Valley, with the **GVSU Dance Ensemble**. Avatar concludes this fall semester with a grand finale directed by Jefferson Baum featuring the GVSU Dance Ensemble performing selections from **The Nutcracker**. Members of Avatar include trumpeters Richard Stoelzel and Justin Emerich, french horn player Michael Atkinson, trombonist Jeremy Moeller, and tuba player Jacob Cameron. 12 p.m. 1600 PAC.

#### **12/3 Friday**

Music Department Concert. **Concert Band** conducted by Kevin Tutt. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **12/4 Saturday**

Music Department Concert. **Symphony Orchestra** conducted by Hyunsai Lee. 3 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **12/5 Sunday**

Music Department Concert. **Symphonic Wind Ensemble** conducted by Barry D. Martin. 3 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **12/5 Sunday**

Music Department Concert. **University Arts Chorale** conducted by Ellen Pool; **Festival Women's Chorale** conducted by Janice Dudley. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

#### **12/6 Monday**

Music Department Concert. **Varsity Men** conducted by Charles Norris; **Select Women's Ensemble and University Singers** conducted by Ellen Pool. 8 p.m. Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC.

### **ART**

*All events are free of charge unless noted.  
Calder Art Center (CAC) and Performing Arts Center (PAC) are located on Allendale Campus.*

#### **December 6-9**

**The Holocene Extinction Event.** A BFA exhibit featuring printmaking by Meg Perek and Katie Platte.  
**Opening Reception:** December 9, 5-7 p.m., Calder Art Gallery, CAC.

**Gallery Hours:** M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Th 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Contact number:** (616) 331-2563

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December Events, Continued

**December 6-10**

**We Are What We Make.** A BFA graphic design exhibition featuring Kathlyn Schierbeek and Carissa Dewind.

**Opening Reception:** December 9, 5-7 p.m., Calder Art Center.

**Gallery Hours:** M-F 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

**Contact number:** (616) 331-3486

**December 6-10**

**Conversations of the Eye.** Photography Senior Thesis Exhibition hosted by the School of Communications. Exhibit includes photographers Faune Benson, Jennifer Copeland, Kevin Dajnowicz, Jessica Dykstra, Nathan J. Eikelberg, Elizabeth Forbes, Tiffany Guzek, Lyndsay Konkus, Jason Meddaugh, Patrick Millard, Lisa Nancekivell, Tina Petiprin, Jill Randall, Beth Reese, Jennifer Sutphin, Alicia Welch, and Mark D. Williams.

**Opening Reception:** December 9, 5-7 p.m., GVSU Art Gallery, PAC.

**Gallery Hours:** M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Th 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Contact number:** (616) 331-2563

**December 6-15**

**Let's Give Up.** A senior BFA exhibition featuring printmaking by John Castellese and illustrations by Jason Edwards.

**Opening Reception:** December 9, 6-9 p.m., 56 Monroe Center in Grand Rapids.

**Gallery Hours:** Sun-Sat 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Study finds nursing errors can be attributed to workplace distractions**

*Grand Valley professor part of research team for nationwide study*

A major nationwide study co-authored by a Grand Valley nursing professor provides the first detailed description of the nature and prevalence of errors by hospital staff nurses. Last summer, the research team released a study that found the long hours worked by hospital staff nurses may have adverse effects on patient safety. In this follow-up study, the research team analyzed the type of errors and near errors reported by the nurses.

Dr. Linda Scott, Grand Valley associate professor of nursing in the Kirkhof College of Nursing, said reports show that a nurse may be interrupted, on average, at least 19 times during a three-hour period by at least 13 different types of sources. These interruptions may inadvertently result in errors because of the level of activity and complexity of care. In one example, a nurse reported a 90-minute delay in giving medications to one patient and a 40-minute delay to another because she could not leave the bedside of a third unstable patient.

“We need to find ways to reduce distractions by looking at work hours and the work environment in general,” said Scott. “Staffing issues, technology and patient assignments are areas that need further examination.”

According to participants in the study, frequent interruptions from staff, students, or even the telephone made administering medications and carrying out other patient-care activities challenging. During a 28-day period, 393 registered nurses kept a journal of their errors and near-errors.

Researchers found procedural errors, such as omitting a routine task or making charting and transcription errors often arise from garbled communication within the immediate work area. While it might be impossible to avoid all distractions, the use of technology and paperless charting systems have shown to reduce errors. But such technologies are not widely used and are not user friendly.

Scott said as hospitalized patients become more ill with complex care requirements, and as the nursing shortage intensifies, such situations may become more common.

Scott said it is important to note that the study itself demonstrates that nurses will report errors when they feel safe and when the reporting system is not burdensome. She said it is important to acknowledge the vigilance that led to the nurses catching many of their own errors before they reached the patient.

The study was led by University of Pennsylvania nursing professor Dr. Ann Rogers with the help of Michele C. Balas, a Penn Nursing doctoral student.

**For more information, contact Dr. Linda Scott at 616-331-7171 or Grand Valley State University's News and Information Services Department at 616-331-2221.**

### **Three educators honored at Grand Valley's College of Education convocation**

An area principal, teacher, and a longtime Grand Valley faculty member will be honored during the university's College of Education convocation in December.

The annual fall convocation for 486 education graduates will be held December 9, at 7 p.m. at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. The event precedes Grand Valley's commencement ceremonies, set for December 11 at Van Andel Arena.

#### **Outstanding Administrator**

Under the leadership of Principal Ron Veldman, Coopersville High School received the Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Award last spring. Veldman will receive Grand Valley's Outstanding Administrator award.

Coopersville High School was cited for increased test scores, graduation rates and parental involvement. Veldman also led the way to help create 40 new course offerings that focus on career pathways and educational development.

Veldman earned bachelor's (1987) and master's degrees (1993) from Grand Valley. He was hired by Coopersville Area Public Schools in 1988 and taught junior high and high school students in English, science and health for nine years. He also coached several sports before being named principal in 1998.

#### **Outstanding Educator**

Fremont High School teacher John Bull will be honored as the Outstanding Educator. Bull earned a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley in 1995 and, later, a master's of education degree from Western Michigan University. He completed his bachelor's degree after serving 12 years of active duty in the Michigan National Air Guard. Bull had taught social science at Fremont Middle School for seven years and is now teaching government at the high school.

#### **Outstanding Service in the Field of Education**

Antonio Herrera, Grand Valley professor of education, will be honored for Outstanding Service in the Field of Education. He will serve as grand marshal during convocation.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in Columbia, Herrera earned a doctorate from the University of Oregon. During his 30-year tenure at Grand Valley, Herrera has created and coordinated a variety of graduate programs including Adult Secondary Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

He also created and directed the student-faculty exchange program with the University of Sarajevo in Yugoslavia, and with the University of Granada in Spain. Herrera served as national chairman of the Adult Learning Division of the College of Reading Association. He established Grand Valley's men's soccer program and coached it for 14 years. He is also the author of a book, *Education for the 21st Century: From Traditional Education to Technological Revolution*.

**Dottie Barnes - GVSU Media Note-national award**

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**Network supporting Michigan women in higher education receives national award**

The Michigan ACE Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education has won the National ACE Network Award for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education. The statewide organization, established in 1978, supports women as they prepare to assume presidencies, vice presidencies and deanships in two- and four-year postsecondary institutions. The Michigan network was one of the original seven states to become a member of the National ACE program.

"Grand Valley has been very active in the ACE Women's network since its inception," said Mary Seeger, dean of Advising Resources and Special Programs at Grand Valley State University, "and I have always been proud of our (and my) affiliation with the group."


The Michigan network serves more than 250 women leaders in 50 institutions across Michigan. Seeger said the image of women in higher education leadership roles has been strengthened through the organization by building stronger, better trained and well-prepared female leaders.

For more information, contact Grand Valley State University's News and Information at 616-331-2221.

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Here is the Holiday letter sent out by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University. I am sending it to you with the thought that a White House fact or two may come in handy for one of your holiday stories.

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December 2004

Dear Friends,

Holiday greetings from the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. Kathy, Brian, and I collected a few of our favorite stories about how America's first families celebrated the holiday season, and thought they might be of interest to you.

It surprises many Americans to learn that Christmas was not celebrated by every community in the early years of the United States. Some descendants of the New England Puritans, for example, avoided placing special emphasis on the Yuletide season. But in states like Virginia, Christmas enjoyed more popularity. At Mount Vernon on Christmas morning, the festivities organized by George and Martha Washington began at daybreak with a fox hunt. A hearty midday feast followed in a celebration that included Christmas pie, music, dancing, and visits with friends and relatives that sometimes continued for a week.

One of the most unusual Christmas celebrations was hosted by James Buchanan, our nation's lone bachelor president. In 1857 he threw a party for 30 American Indians representing the Ponca, Pawnee, and Pottawatomie tribes. An eyewitness account reported that while the Pottawatomie arrived in "citizen's dress," the Pawnee and Ponca "were in their grandest attire, and more than profuse of paint and feathers."

Half a century later, Theodore Roosevelt almost forbade bringing a Christmas tree into the White House. A staunch conservationist, TR didn't believe in cutting down conifers for decoration. Two of his boys, Theodore Jr. and Kermit, got into a bit of trouble when their father caught them dragging two small trees into their rooms. After the incident, Roosevelt spoke with Gifford Pinchot, the famous forester, who persuaded TR that selectively cutting down trees helped forests thrive. That was enough for TR, and the first family kept the trees Theodore Jr. and Kermit had dragged in, and every year thereafter brought a Christmas tree into the White House.

In 1923 First Lady Grace Coolidge accepted the gift of a large Christmas tree given by the District of Columbia Public Schools, and it became the first cut tree ever displayed on the grounds outside the White House. The balsam fir was decorated and displayed on the South Lawn. To dazzle citizens with new technology, President and Mrs. Coolidge were able to light the tree by merely pushing a button - a feat that we take for granted today but that caused wonderment then!

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The idea of having themes for official White House Christmas trees was championed by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy in 1961. A tree decorated with ornaments reminiscent of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite stood in the Blue Room. Some of the ornaments were reused on the next year's tree and included brightly wrapped packages, candy canes, gingerbread cookies, and straw ornaments crafted by disabled persons and older citizens from all over the United States.



With the growth of the environmental movement in the late 1960s and early '70s, President Richard Nixon took an environmentally friendly step. In 1972 he planted a Colorado blue spruce on the Ellipse south of the White House. By 1978 the spruce was large enough and sturdy enough to be designated the National Christmas Tree. It is lit up every year in early December and tended by the National Park Service.

Back in the residence, topping the official White House Christmas tree has become another holiday tradition, and that feat has been accomplished by former First Lady Barbara Bush a record twelve times. She had the honor from 1981 to 1992, during President Reagan's and her husband's combined three terms.

Increasingly, American presidents have been sensitive to the fact that the holiday season is not just celebrated by Christians, but by believers of other faiths and people from other traditions. For instance, several presidents - among them Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Bill Clinton - have participated in Hanukkah celebrations. In 1998 President Clinton joined Israel's President Weizman in Jerusalem to light the first candle of Hanukkah. And this year a 100-year old menorah, borrowed from the collection of the Jewish Museum in New York, was lit in the White House residence for the first time. President and Mrs. George W. Bush celebrated the holiday with staff members and their families by lighting the second candle on December 10th.

As Americans, we have much to celebrate this holiday season among our family, friends, and colleagues, and we at the Hauenstein Center wish you a happy holiday and productive 2005.

All my best,

Gleaves Whitney  
Director



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## **GVSU admission, technology leader loses cancer battle**

*Bob Fletcher was one of the architects of present-day GVSU*

Bob Fletcher, the man who is given much credit for the tremendous growth in students and the cutting-edge technology at Grand Valley State University, passed away on December 22, 2004. Fletcher, 56, spent 25 years lending his energy, leadership, and insight to the University. As vice provost and dean of Academic Services, Fletcher oversaw Admissions, Information Technology and Financial Aid.

"There was no better mind in the fields of admissions and computers than Bob's," said Arend D. Lubbers, president emeritus of Grand Valley State University. "In fact, he was one of the best in America. Yet his contributions to develop and manage the growth of Grand Valley are something people outside of the University wouldn't see or attribute to him. Those of us who worked with him and depended on him know how important he was to the University and to us," Lubbers continued.

Fletcher joined Grand Valley in 1979 as associate director of Admissions. He left in 1985 to take a job at Ball State University but found himself back spearheading the programs in Allendale less than a year later. Fletcher returned as dean of academic services and under his guidance, Grand Valley streamlined its registration and financial aid systems. In 1986, Grand Valley's enrollment was 8,361. Today it stands at 22,063. He also oversaw the conversion of Grand Valley to a wireless campus.

"Bob Fletcher was key to the high quality of this university," said Mark A. Murray, president of Grand Valley. "The breadth of his responsibilities were testimony to the breadth of his skills and judgment." Murray recognizes the systems that Fletcher put into place have helped make Grand Valley an accessible institution for students and families. "He always brought student-centered values, creativity and hard work to every issue. His steady hand, keen intellect and legendary intuition were a rare combination. We are all the better because he was with us. He was a skilled and enjoyable colleague. We will miss him greatly."

Fletcher had a Master of Science in Educational Administration and a Bachelor of Science in History from Northern Illinois University. He moved to his current position as vice provost and dean of academic services in July of 2002. "There was no one better at recruitment than Bob," said Glenn Niemeyer, provost and vice president for academic affairs emeritus. "He introduced many innovations such as giving financial aid discs to students so they could figure out what it would cost to attend Grand Valley or any other college. It was his idea to get high school counselors to visit campus and that really turned things around for Grand Valley. In the area of IT, Bob was always putting the case before us about what we needed to do. We had confidence in Bob's advice and that's why Grand Valley is where it is." Niemeyer was also a good friend of Fletcher's and said, "Bob was humorous, witty, loyal, and generous. He was very committed to Grand Valley. He was a good friend and I will miss him a lot."

Lubbers gives Fletcher much praise for being one of the key architects of Grand Valley. "When you look at all the people who helped build Grand Valley, he was one of the guys who was behind the scenes, doing things no one else could," Lubbers remembered.

Fletcher is survived by his wife Pat and four children. Arrangements are being made through Vander Laan Funeral Home in Hudsonville.