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Least Sexy Faculty in the Nation

Moore: College of Education Participates in Have a Ball!

by Clay Pelon

While Grand Valley State University instructors are well respected and seen as quality, according to a recent report published in *Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education*, the College of Education faculty has a serious flaw. Of the 25 universities and colleges selected for review and comparison based in the web-based RateMyProfessors.com, GVSU rated last in sexiness.

Education faculty across the nation are typically ranked in the top ten when it comes to sexiness. With GVSU education faculty having no "alibi", the administration and faculty are addressing the ugly truth. Colleagues received the results from a paper written by James Felton, John Mitchell, and Michael Stinson of Central Michigan University. While "Firing up Chips," the researchers have analyzed the thousands of student comments received at the website. Michael Stinson, Computer Science Faculty at CMU said, "I have seen the (GVSU) faculty and they've hit the nail on the head."

A temporary bag policy (photo below) for the faculty seen least sexy has been instituted. It is hoped that the comedic value of the bag and the covering of the face will improve the sexiness score. Faculty possibly could get donations from local supermarkets for wearing their logos, which could be used to fund possible solutions to the problem. When asked for comment on said plan, Stinson added, "Double Bag?"

"I really like my classes but sometimes my professor is just so...well...not attractive," said an anonymous source (who wishes to avoid an ugly reprisal). Said source also stated that the faculty "Really need" some makeover help.

The sexy issue is a serious one for tenure review. According to the report, good-looking faculty receive a "Halo effect," which may result in a better chance at tenure and higher teaching reviews.

Help is on the way. Hair stylists and fashion consultants have been asked to bid for monthly styling sessions. Also, this is a long-term problem that will be addressed at upcoming COE Faculty Council Meetings.

Editor's note: While the statistics and report are factual, the COE plans included here are provided for humor and entertaining the Colleagues reader. The plans are in no way based on reality.



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by Amy Moore



Front row: Joshua Lancaster, Ellie Lancaster, Riana McIntyre, Daniel Brehm, Aaliyah Beyer, Adam Moore, Josh Moore. Back row: Sean Lancaster, Paula Lancaster, Shawn Moore, Rebecca McIntyre, Carol McIntyre, Patrick Brehm, Mark Brehm, Amy Moore (not pictured Shawn Evans)

The College of Education suited up once again this summer and participated in the Third Annual Have a Ball! Grand Rapids Children's Museum event. Have a Ball! is a Grand Rapids Children's Museum fund raiser held in July at the Fifth/Third Ballpark that raises money for the museum's exhibits, programs and services.

Since 2003, the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, Grand Valley State University College of Education, corporate sponsors, local celebrities, and Whitecaps' fans have been coming together to participate in a whiffle ball tournament during the hot and hazy days of summer. Rain or shine these corporate sponsored "teams" compete in a friendly whiffle ball game on the field at Fifth/Third Ballpark. Teams are made up of children 12 and under, and paired with staff from the cooperation or University.

The GVSU team consisted of eight children ages 3 - 8 and five College of Education faculty and staff. "Participating in the Have a Ball! event is something we can do to help a great museum, have fun, and represent the GVSU College of Education - Good Times - Great Lakes"

said Shawn Evans a GVSU staff member and seasoned whiffle ball player.

The museum also hosts a variety of hands-on child interactive activities available to all children throughout the concourse. When Daniel Brehm was asked what he liked most about the event, the eight year old GVSU whiffle ball player responded: "I liked the whole thing, but face painting was my favorite!" In addition to face painting, the museum offered kids an opportunity to decorate their own baseball penate and a bubble station where children participated in making bubble wands. GRMC staff was also on hand to help young Whitecaps fans in playful games that included whiffle balls and a giant parachute.

This year, the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, GVSU, and various corporate sponsors were able to raise over \$16,000 for GRMC programs, exhibits and services. The Grand Rapids Children's Museum serves over 160,000 children and their grown ups every year and celebrates childhood and the joy of learning by providing an interactive hands on environment that inspires learning and encourages self directed exploration. ☺