

# Among Ten Eyck's Many Titles, Teacher Ranks At the Top

If there is anything professor Allan Ten Eyck loves more than teaching, it is learning. By the start of next semester, he will have the opportunity to do more of the latter than the former.

Ten Eyck, who has served longer than anyone in the School of Education, is retiring from GVSU in December. He has served in many capacities during his 28 years at GVSU, including being named the first dean of the School of Education.

Before coming to Grand Valley, Ten Eyck spent 17 years in both public and private education.

Ten Eyck's array of titles at Grand Valley have included Director of Special Education, Associate Director of the School of Education, Director of the School of Education, Chair of the Faculty Senate and Dean of the School of Education.

Ten Eyck was named dean of the School of Education when it became an autonomous unit on campus in 1992. He served in that position

for four years. But to many of the people who have gone on to successful careers in the field of education, he is known as "Professor Ten Eyck."

"Even during all the years when I was administrator and dean — which was for parts of 10 or 11 years — I always taught," Ten Eyck said. "I've always enjoyed teaching, and that's how I charged my batteries, so to speak. I'm going to miss all the interactions with students, but (retirement) also gives me a chance to take classes on a regular basis, and I haven't been able to do that in a while. I'm looking forward to that."

Ten Eyck, who turns 64 in November, has taken a number of classes at GVSU, including Russian, Spanish and Latin.

"I'd go to school permanently if I could," Ten Eyck said. "I wouldn't mind being a permanent student one bit."

"As far as my legacy? I want to be remembered as a teacher."



*Professor Allan Ten Eyck enjoyed teaching for 28 years on the Grand Valley campus.*

## Osmun Completes Mission Toward Educating Exceptional Students

Greg Osmun is about to begin his second retirement.

The former associate superintendent for Grand Rapids Public Schools is retiring after serving the past nine years at GVSU. Osmun spent 27 years in public education prior to that.

Osmun, 60, has worked in the foundations program in the M.Ed. degree and taught several classes on the education of exceptional students.

"My emphasis was in those areas, but a lot of regular education people were taking those classes as well," Osmun said. "We tried to develop programs to give individuals assistance in terms

of what to do with a child that has a particular disability in a classroom."

While at GVSU, Osmun performed field work in educational administration, working primarily with individuals interested in being either a supervisor or director of a spe-



*Greg Osmun*

cial education program.

Osmun was instrumental in creating a curriculum to provide teachers with experience in autistic education. He also perpetuated GVSU's oral-deaf training program by coordinating efforts between GVSU and the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Grand Rapids Public Schools earned the Alexander Graham Bell Award — presented to the outstanding oral-deaf program in the United States — an unprecedented two times during the 1990s. "I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to assist with such an important program," Osmun said.

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