

Mulder Leaving Legacy of Energy And Empowerment

After reshaping the look and scope of the School of Education, Dr. Anne Mulder's two-year appointment as interim dean of Grand Valley State University's School of Education is about to conclude.

In May, GVSU announced the appointment of Elaine C. Collins, Ph.D. as the new Dean of the School of Education.

It has been an exciting two years for the School of Education under the direction of Mulder, who came to GVSU in 2001 to serve as interim dean.

Since that time, the School of Education has streamlined its operations by creating distinct departments and units. It has also increased the amount grant resources coming into the school, strengthened linkages with the K-12 districts it serves and has positioned itself as a significant professional school within the university setting.

"I've always been sort of a change agent wherever I've gone," Mulder said. "That's usually why I'm hired or have gone into places, because I have the ability to make change happen.

"Organizations right now are in great need of systemic change, and higher education is no exception. We are at a pivotal time for higher education in general.

"I wanted to help create some systems that would enable the School of Education to advance its agenda."

Included in that "agenda" has been the Student Information Services Center, which provides "one-stop shopping" of registration and



Anne Mulder, Ph.D., is highly regarded as a distinguished teacher, leader and administrator.

information for education students at GVSU. It is located on the first floor of the Eberhard Center at GVSU's downtown campus.

The School of Education has also benefited from improved technology, technology support and systems support. Faculty are all equipped

with adequate computer resources. The creation of common data bases and systems has created additional efficiency.

Mulder also spearheaded a major reorganization of the School of Education which created six separate units — Curriculum & Instruction, Leadership & Human Services, Foundations and Technology, Community Outreach Services, Administrative Services and the Student & Information Services Center — to create systems and a self-governing unit.

The reorganization strengthened faculty governance and empowered faculty to help make decisions concerning the School of Education.

"I believe strongly in empowerment of people, and I had incredible support of a faculty committed to advancing the School of Education and supporting students who chose education as a career," Mulder said.

Mulder, who was the first female dean at Grand Rapids Junior College, was recently named a Distinguished Faculty Emeritus by Grand Rapids Community College. She also served as president of Lake Michigan College for 10 years and was a consultant for higher education before accepting the interim dean position at GVSU.

"This has been sort of a capstone piece for me," Mulder said. "Once again, it was about things coming full circle.

"If one door closes, another opens. But you have to give time for that door to close."

Winning National Championship Title Twice As Nice For The Hosford Family

When Tom Hosford begins his teaching career, he will have stories to tell and experiences to draw from about setting, working toward and achieving goals.

Hosford, who begins his student teaching in the fall of 2003, was a member of Grand Valley State University's 2002 NCAA Division II national championship football team. GVSU completed a perfect 14-0 season with a 31-24 victory over Valdosta State in the national championship game.

What made winning the national championship extra special for Hosford was the fact that he played on the same team as his twin brother, Dan. What made it even more special for the twins was that they played on the same field as their father, Jamie, played on for Grand Valley some 25 years earlier.

Jamie Hosford, whose picture is prominently displayed at Lubbers Stadium, remains Grand Valley's all-time leading rusher. He is currently the assistant superintendent of human resources for Rockford Public Schools.

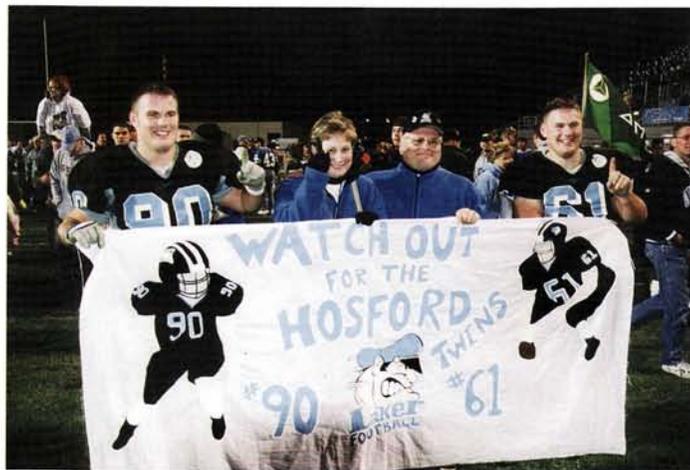
"We were real honored to play at the same school that our father graduated from," Tom Hosford said. "He's a legend there, and will be a legend there for a long time to come.

"And having my best friend (brother Dan) on the same team was a great thing."

Tom Hosford was the center for the high-powered GVSU offense that featured quarterback Curt Anes, the Division II player of the year, and record-setting wide receiver David Kircus. After Hosford's snap of the ball, the Lakers set nearly 100 national and conference offensive records.

Dan Hosford played defensive end for Grand Valley State, which appeared in two consecutive national championship games, compiling a two-year record of 27-1. The Lakers lost by a score of 17-14 to North Dakota in the 2001 national championship game.

Tom Hosford completed his student assisting portion at Sparta High



Tom Hosford, right, celebrates GVSU's national football championship with his brother, Dan, left, mother, Gloria, and father, Jamie.

School this spring and will begin student teaching in the fall. He said he will be able to draw from his experiences on the football field and bring them into the classroom where his teaching emphasis is on K-12 instruction.

"When I someday become a teacher, there will be students in there that will struggle, but life is about never, ever giving up, and always giving your best effort," Hosford said. "That is something you can control.

"We can take it back to things such as hard work, diligence, sacrifice and dedication and break it down to something like football to show that hard work really does pay off and it does work."