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Community Reading Project stirs class discussions

Nursing students in Susan Strouse's course donned extra jackets and sweaters and restricted their use of water to prepare for a class activity recently.

Strouse, assistant professor of nursing, asked students to portray characters from the Community Reading Project selection, *Five Days at Memorial* by Sheri Fink, to enhance their discussions.

The book details the days at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans during and after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Fink, both a physician and reporter, exposes the hidden dilemmas of end-of-life care, particularly during a natural disaster or large-scale crisis.

Half of Strouse's students portrayed patients and the other half were health care providers. "We tried to simulate what we could," Strouse said. "They wore extra clothes to make themselves warmer and limited their access to water," she said.

Her exercise was successful and stressful, Strouse said, adding that the class is composed of registered nurses who are completing their bachelor's degrees. "When we talked about the book before the exercise, the students couldn't

believe how nurses and other health care workers could have let that happen," she said. "At the end, they didn't agree with some of the decisions made by the characters in the book but they said they had a better understanding of why those decisions were made."

That type of discussion is exactly what members of the CRP book selection committee want to hear on campus. Brian Jbara, director of Integrative Learning, said the annual book is chosen, partly, to generate good discussions. Fink's book will be of particular interest to health professions and nursing students.

"Fink doesn't tell the reader what to think. The committee liked that the reader is able to evaluate the events and make his/her own decision," Jbara said.

Meijer Honors College students in Jane Toot's bioethics course said the book's chaotic scenes made them anxious and angry.

Toot, professor of honors, said Fink does



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Professor Jane Toot and students in her honors bioethics course discuss the Community Reading Project book 'Five Days at Memorial.'

an excellent job of putting the reader in the situation.

"We don't have massive flooding here or

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Photo by Bri Luginbill

President Thomas J. Haas stands with teachers from the ELS Language Center during the center's graduation ceremony October 17.

ELS Language Center holds graduation

The ELS Language Center held a graduation ceremony October 17 in the Kirkhof Center.

It was the first graduation and awards ceremony since the center moved into AuSable Hall in August. President Thomas J. Haas addressed the audience and said the partnership between Grand Valley and ELS Language Center brings international students to campus and allows "for life's adventures."

"You have developed your language skills here at Grand Valley that will help you in the next steps that you are going to take," Haas said,

adding that ELS Language Center students and Grand Valley international students represent more than 80 countries on campus.

Students earned certificates for completing the course, which teaches them reading, writing and English language skills.

Zumberge Hall receives LEED Silver Certification

James H. Zumberge Hall has been awarded LEED Silver status by the U.S. Green Building Council, demonstrating the university's commitment to sustainable progress through innovative design and construction. LEED certification is based on several factors, including site sustainability, water efficiency, energy use, materials and resources, environmental quality and innovation in design.

The recent completion of the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons allowed the university the opportunity to repurpose the former James H. Zumberge Library into Zumberge Hall. A complete renovation of the existing 64,000 square feet and a 26,000-square-foot addition created the space to bring together, in one building, 15 administrative departments formally dispersed throughout campus.

The facility was completed in May 2014 as an administration hub to serve faculty, staff and students in one central location on the Allendale Campus.

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In addition to energy efficient lighting, heating and air conditioning systems, the building features an extensive underground storm water retention management system to slow down the release of stormwater back into the natural environment minimizing erosion.

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized green building certification program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council that certifies environmentally sustainable construction projects.

Grand Valley now owns and operates 19 LEED certified buildings and facilities with several more in progress.

Open enrollment continues through November

The 2015 annual benefits open enrollment period runs October 21-November 5.

Faculty and staff members can review their benefits in three steps, detailed below.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness and click on "2015 Open Enrollment"; complete the online form during the two-week period to review and update information; review and print the detailed compensation/confirmation statement.

Computer labs will be open at designated times throughout the open enrollment period. For locations, dates and times, visit www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness.

Campus works with health leaders to prepare against Ebola threat

Officials at Grand Valley are working with Ottawa and Kent county health departments and area hospitals to have a coordinated response against the threat of the Ebola virus.

Andrew Beachnau, associate vice provost for Student Affairs, said the response follows guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and includes the Campus Health Center on the Allendale Campus, which is supported by the Metro Health Hospital's infection prevention team.

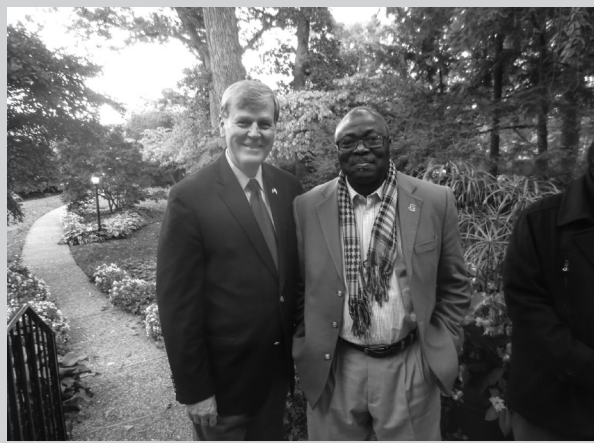
"While there are no cases of Ebola in Michigan, we are taking the necessary steps to protect patients, visitors, staff, physicians and the community from this and other infectious diseases, such as flu," Beachnau said.

Grand Valley does not have study abroad programs to nations such as Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone that have reported Ebola outbreaks, according to Mark Schaub, chief international officer. Schaub added that the Padnos International Center advises students, faculty and staff members traveling internationally to be familiar with CDC recommendations, which are posted online at www.cdc.gov.

Jean Nagelkerk, vice provost for Health, said her office has been in contact with Spectrum Health regarding the hospital's preparations and any implications for Grand Valley nursing or health professions students who are there for clinical experiences.

Since 2005, Grand Valley and Spectrum Health have established an agreement that Grand Valley's Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences would be used as an alternative care site for Spectrum Health overflow, in the event of a large-scale, health-related crisis.

Visit from Cape Coast leader



President Thomas J. Haas is pictured with University of Cape Coast Vice Chancellor D. Kuupole during a visit by several UCC leaders to campus in mid-October.

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GVFaces

Jacqueline Adams Office Coordinator, University Counsel

This is Jacqueline Adams sixth year at Grand Valley, and her first year as the office coordinator for University Counsel, a role she began in May.

She started working at Grand Valley in 2009 in the Human Resources Office. Adams then worked for Procurement Services as the office coordinator for that office along with Risk Management.

In her new position, Adams manages calendars for several administrators and assists with managing student workers. She also conducts risk management issues by handling university personal, property and auto insurance claims.

She said it was while working for Procurement Services/Risk Management that she fell in love with the insurance industry. She said she enjoys the legal aspect of her work and has learned a lot working with university attorneys and the Freedom of Information Act officer.

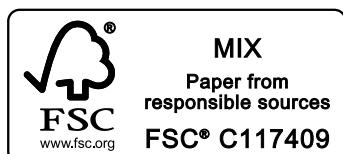
Adams earned an associate's degree in small business management from Baker College in 2011. She is currently enrolled in the 19-month Liberal Studies accelerated degree program.



Jacqueline Adams

One thing she likes about Grand Valley is the opportunities the university offers. "The university is really big on encouraging its faculty and staff members to better themselves," Adams said. "There are many resources and opportunities to do just that."

She also serves as the faculty advisor for the philanthropic student organization iPromise. In her free time, Adams enjoys participating in zumba classes, singing in her church choir, and spending time with her family.



What's Ahead

Leadership program seeks mentors

Leadership University, a program that provides development opportunities for student leaders, is seeking faculty and staff members who are interested in becoming mentors.

The program is focused on leadership, service and professional development. Student members participate in a variety of on- and off-campus activities and reflect on experiences in an online portfolio.

Faculty and staff members who are interested in becoming a mentor can enroll at www.gvsu.edu/leadershipuniversity.

Mentor training sessions will take place in the Kirkhof Center, room 2266, on October 27, 10-11:30 a.m., and November 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The program is open to all students who are interested in leadership. Students can enroll on the same website. For more information, contact Valerie Guzman, assistant director of Student Life, at x12345.



Las Cafeteras will perform on campus October 27 in the Kirkhof Center.

LA-based Latin band to share stories

Las Cafeteras, a Latin alternative band from East Los Angeles, will give a performance at Grand Valley on Monday, October 27.

The seven-member group uses traditional instruments to tell modern stories through music genres such as hip hop, rock, punk and cumbia. Their performance will take place at 8 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

"Their message is universal and inspirational," said Allison Montañe, assistant director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "Their music, songs, and poetry are very much tied to their culture, and their main focus is on social justice and activism."

Las Cafeteras formed in 2008 with the purpose of documenting the histories of their neighborhoods through music. They started as students of the Eastside Café, a Zapatista-inspired community space in East Los Angeles. Their debut album, "It's Time," has been reviewed by BBC, NPR and the *LA Times*.

The event is free and open to the public; it's sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, with support from the Latino Student Union, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Latin American Studies, Laker Connections and the Wade McCree Jr. Incentive Program.

Meijer Campus will host trunk or treat

The Meijer Campus in Holland will host a trunk or treat event for area children on Tuesday, October 28.

Members of Grand Valley's chapters of Delta

Sigma Phi and Phi Mu will hand out candy from their car trunks in the parking lot of the campus, 515 S. Waverly Road. The event will run from 6-7:30 p.m. and also feature crafts, snacks and Halloween videos inside the building.

The event is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes. For more information, call the Meijer Campus at x13910.

CCPS sabbatical lunch series continues

Faculty members from the College of Community and Public Service will showcase their research during a series of meetings in celebration of the college's 10th anniversary.

The Sabbatical Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Series continues Wednesday, October 29, from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. in the DeVos Center, room 107C. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Brian Kingshott, associate professor of criminal justice, will present his research, "Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF): Toolkit for Police Integrity," from his sabbatical in Geneva, Switzerland, and Iceland.

Kingshott said DCAF is a foundation whose mission is to assist the international community in pursuing good governance and reform of the security sector. He said the toolkit will assist police services in designing effective measures to curb police corruption, increase their ability to fight crime, improve public security and strengthen the rule of law and public trust in the police.

Campus staff helps plan NAFSA conference

More than 350 international educators are expected in Grand Rapids at the NAFSA Region V Conference, October 29-31, hosted by Grand Valley.

The conference chair is Kate Stoetzner, director of international student and scholar services for the Padnos International Center.

The conference will be held at the Amway Grand Hotel. Stoetzner said sessions will include government updates from the U.S. State Department and Customs and Border Patrol, in addition to sessions and panels on study abroad, international admissions and student services.

A host committee of faculty and staff members from Grand Valley, ELS Language Center, Grand Rapids Community College, Davenport University, and Calvin College planned local excursions and arrangements.

Two PIC staff members, Alissa Lane and Meaghann Myers Smith, plan to give presentations at the conference.

Artist-in-residence will present lecture

Nayda Collazo-Llorens, who is the Stuart B. and Barbara H. Padnos Distinguished Artist-in-Residence, will give a public lecture about her artistic practices, theories and research on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus on Wednesday, October 29.

Her presentation, "Mark Making: Shifts and Strategies," is set for 7 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

Collazo-Llorens' presentation will focus on a concept she believes to be at the core of her art practices: mark making. This term is used to describe the different lines, patterns and

textures created in artwork.

"I will talk about several recent projects that engage mark making in an expanded way, whether that involves a drawn line, text, projected light or collected data," said Collazo-Llorens.



Nayda Collazo-Llorens

Endowed by the late Stuart Padnos, and his late wife, Barbara, the nine-month Distinguished Artist-in-Residence position offers an opportunity for an individual to teach and mentor students in the art and design department as well as give campus and community presentations.

For more information about Collazo-Llorens' work, visit www.naydacollazollorems.com.

'Octubafest' continues with two performances

The third annual "Octubafest," a celebration of the tuba and euphonium as solo instruments, continues this week with performances set for October 29-30.

The final Octubafest performance will feature the debut of the GVSU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble as they perform music by Richard Wagner, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Gabriel Fauré and John Philip Sousa. Many of the series' soloists are also collaborating with students from Grand Valley's piano accompanying class for their performances.

The concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, under the direction of Paul Carlson, affiliate professor of music.

Octubafest concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/music.

Staff relations director to give 'Her Story'

The annual Her Story series will feature a presentation on Thursday, October 30, by Maggie McCrystal, director of Staff Relations in Human Resources.

McCrystal's talk will take place at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204.

The Her Story series, co-sponsored by the Women's Commission and Women's Center, provides an opportunity for the campus community to listen to authentic stories of women in leadership positions at Grand Valley.

For more information, visit the Women's Center's website at www.gvsu.edu/women_cen or call x12748.

Jazz night concludes art exhibition

Three student jazz ensembles will create an evening of art and music during the Art Gallery's Jazz Night on Thursday, October 30, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

This casual, open house-style event will feature the Shorter Jazz Combo, Coltrane Jazz Combo and Jogo Jobim while providing visitors with a final look at the more than 30 works of art gifted to Grand Valley from the Stuart and Barbara Padnos Foundation Collection.

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FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

In the News

James Moyer, associate vice president for Facilities Planning, was interviewed by *Today's Facility Manager*, as part of a feature story on the construction of the L. William Seidman Center.

Sketches

Emily Frigo, first-year initiatives coordinator for University Libraries, gave a presentation, "Evolution of a First-Year Instruction Program: Using Data to Articulate Your Value," at the National Personal Librarian and First Year Experience Conference.

Craig Benjamin, associate professor of history, honors, wrote an article, "But From This Time Forth History Becomes a Connected Whole: State Expansion and the Origins of Universal History," published in the *Journal of Global History*.

John Stevenson, associate dean of graduate studies, wrote an article, "Professionalism, Golf Coaching and a Master of Science Degree," published in the *International Journal of Sports Science & Coaching*.

Michael T. Walenta, WGVSU General Manager, was elected to a serve on the Central Michigan University Broadcast and Cinematic Arts Alumni Advisory Board.

Ranelle Brew, chair and assistant professor of public health, gave three presentations in collaboration with Allied Health Sciences students on their Kenya service learning trip at the Michigan's Premier Public Health Conference in Bellaire.

Brooks Professional Series



Students who participated in a Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies event are pictured. The group traveled to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing to learn about career and internship opportunities. The visit was coordinated by Brian Jbara, director of Integrative Learning, (back row, left) and Lisa Knapp, assistant director of Career Services (back row, right).

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The "Shared Passion: A Gift of the Stuart & Barbara Padnos Foundation Collection" exhibit is being showcased in Grand Valley's Art Gallery through October 31.

For more information, contact Stacey Tvedten, Art Gallery program coordinator, at (616) 331-8055 or tvedtens@gvsu.edu.

Student competition to award internships

Students are aiming to win the admiration of local advertising professionals during the fourth annual Yardsticks advertising competition.

Yardsticks, a student advertising competition held in West Michigan, allows entrants to work as individuals or in groups to develop a marketing campaign for a local business. All competitors work from the same strategy brief and target audience profile provided by the selected client. This year, students will develop a campaign for The Hotel Kitchen, which produces and sells various sauces under the direction of Josef Huber, chef for the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Submissions will be presented by students at the public event Thursday, October 30, in the Amway Grand Plaza at 7 p.m.

Frank Blossom, coordinator of Yardsticks and affiliate professor of advertising and public relations, said the judges will narrow the field down to the top 10 for a second round of

presentations. After round two, the best four entries will receive awards and the opportunity to work as a team, interning with The Hotel Kitchen and the Amway Grand while combining their individual campaigns into one idea.

Creative directors, designers, marketing officers and human resources directors from multiple companies and organizations will attend the event as judges and provide networking opportunities for students.

For more information, visit www.theyardsticks.com.

Artist will lead Day of Dead celebration

Local artist Rolando Mancera will lead participants at a Day of the Dead workshop on Thursday, October 30, in the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons.

Day of the Dead, or "Día de Muertos," is one of the most ancient and celebrated Hispanic traditions.

The campus community is invited to participate and build a traditional Day of the Dead alter, from 6-8 p.m. Mancera, who was born in Guanajuato, Mexico, will also explain the meaning of death in Mexican culture and discuss the artifacts for the alter.

The event is sponsored by Latin American Studies. Contact Zulema Moret at x18110 or moretz@gvsu.edu for more information.

Two upcoming events support Community Reading Project

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hurricanes, so it may be hard to relate but the author successfully puts you there," Toot said. "And she makes you ask you ask the big question, 'Does martial law supersede moral law?'"

One student said some health care workers made the situation more extreme by their actions, while others workers expressed more concern about their families and pets than their patients.

More information about "Five Days at Memorial" is online at www.gvsu.edu/read. Two upcoming events are planned prior to Fink's campus visits in March.

- A panel of area medical and community disaster planning experts will discuss the book November 19, 4:30 p.m., at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

- Noted medical ethicist Dr. Joseph J. Fins will give a presentation on February 23 at the L. William Seidman Center.