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Valleys battle for funds

This year's Battle of the Valleys competition features new events to attract the GV community

> By Shawn Zalewski **GVL News Editor**

In between meeting with the university's provost and returning phone calls and e-mails, Grand Valley State University President Thomas J. Haas found himself detained at the hands of students.

However, his experience was not motivated by crime, but by charity.

"This is one of the many silly things I've done in my career," Haas said. "It's great to see students investing their time, talent and treasures (money) with a drive to support a younger generation.

As part of the annual universitywide charity, Battle of the Valleys, Haas agreed to stay within the Kirkhof Center's Lobby for an hour to raise money to support Burton Middle School in Grand Rapids.

In a one-hour blitz of donations, the "Haastage" event raised more than \$1,000 for the cause, as department heads and administrators stopped by to visit their incarcerated leader and to donate money.

Some donated up to \$100 after being contacted by members of Student Senate, seeking "Benjamins for

"The most important thing is to beat Saginaw Valley," said Dean of Students Bart Merkle after he donated. "I hope this week continues to go well, and I am impressed with how senate has organized the event."

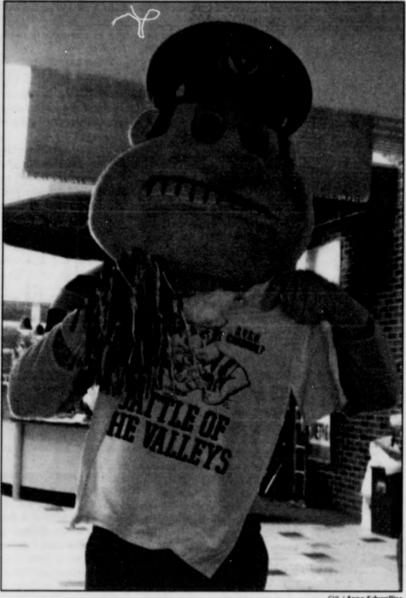
So far, donations were received from a diverse array of payment methods, including T-shirt sales, online donations, campus dining transactions and even spare change, said Rob Daigneau, vice president of finance for Student Senate.

Those who did donate need not worry about where their money is going, Daigneau said. To ensure the money will support renovation of the Burton Middle School library, all donations are collected and counted at least twice a day, he added. When a cash box contains \$500, it is then emptied and counted three times - twice by members of senate and once by a staff member from the Office of Student Life. From there, the money is placed into a safe in the OSL, which is only accessible to Office Manager Michele Golightly.

The majority of the revenue has derived from the sale of custom Tshirts, depicting an illustration of school mascot Louie the Laker ready to devour a Cardinal, the mascot of rival Saginaw Valley State University, Daigneau said.

Tim Tebbe, a freshman international business major who designed the shirt, said he joined the campaign because it was an excellent idea to help out the community.

"I figured I'd draw out Louie for once as opposed to another computergenerated image," Tebbe said about the shirts after purchasing a few for his family. "I hope it helps the cause and is



Laker pride: Louie the Laker holds this year's Battle of the Valleys T-shirt as part of a fund-raising event in the Kirkhof Center Tuesday afternoon. BOTV donations will be collected through Friday.

recognizable for years to come."

Jessica Zuchetto, vice president of public relations for Student Senate, said many students know about the campaign by word of mouth. She added that posters, pluggers, Web ads and the increasing appearance of the event Tshirts have also better informed campus compared to previous years.

The excitement was not confined to Kirkhof, as a party got underway early at the Main Street Pub, where about 100 students showed up to dance and buy T-shirts Monday night. Held in the restaurant's basement, the dance party offered a cash bar and disc jockey, all at an affordable cost thanks to the efforts of a Special Events Planning class.

The Residence Housing Association and Spotlight Productions also drew a crowd to the Grand River Room Tuesday night for a Halloween Party. More than 100 students dressed in costumes danced the night away, while members of senate spread the word about the charity battle.

On Wednesday, an art auction was held downtown as several donated paintings, ceramic items, photographs and pieces of jewelry were sold for the

T-shirts will be sold and donations collected until Friday at 11:59 p.m., and the final total will be announced during halftime of Saturday's home football game.



Showing their spirit: Associate Director of tudent Life Michelle Burke (left) and Jennifer Rybski, graduate assistant in the Office of Student Life (right), donate money toward President Thomas J. Haas' bail as he is held "Haastage" for the Battle of the Valleys fundraiser in the Kirkhof Center lobby on Tuesday.



Michigan election race lures some big spenders

By Brandon Hubbard GVL Assistant News Editor

Both Gov. Jennifer Granholm and candidate Dick DeVos made their campaign fund raising public Friday, disclosing that the Republican challenger has spent more than \$35 million of his own money during the race, according to the State Elections Division.

In total, DeVos' Republican campaign raised \$41.23 million from more than 26,000 sources, and Granholm's campaign totaled \$14.93 million from more than 30,000

"I can tell you this - I'm not taking any special interest money," DeVos told the Detroit News Saturday, addressing his spending. "I can't be bought."

He continued, saying he would not be investing so much money if he did not think he could turn Michigan's economy around and make a change for its residents.

Rich Robinson, the executive director of the nonpartisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network, said statistically, 95 percent of the time big spending has led to a win in Michigan gubernatorial race. The amount spent this year, about \$60 million, far exceeds any other campaign in Michigan's history, he

"Apparently, Mr. DeVos thinks it is warranted to get his message out," Robinson said. "He has really set the bar for where this thing has gone.'

The gubernatorial race is not the only place that is flush with money this year, he added.

Political Action Committees, such as the Coalition for Progress, the United Auto Workers Voluntary PAC and Generations PAC, are spending more than ever before, Robinson said.

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Presidential transition brings new responsibilities

By Brandon Hubbard GVL Assistant News Editor

After leaving Grand Valley State University in July, former university president Mark Murray has been busy

making the transition into corporate life as president of Meijer,

Though he has served less than five months at his new job, Murray is already a part of making change.

Continuing Murray his hallmark of

innovation, Murray was involved in the Oct. 23 decision to offer prescription antibiotics to all Meijer customers. The change rivals a recent decision by competitor Walmart, which began offering \$4 prescriptions.

The list of drugs, including Amoxicillin and Penicillin VK, targets prescriptions most often filled for children, Murray said.

"It's something unique to Meijer, not

something we copied from someone else," Murray said. "It speaks to a recognition that our core customers, in so many cases, are families."

One of the high points of the program has been building a strong partnership with families and the creating trust in Meijer as company, he added.

Murray said the most noticeable difference between jobs, thus far, is the traveling.

"Other than visiting alums, which I would occasionally get out of state to do, travel was generally in the state," he said. "This job has a little more out of state travel.'

Much of the work is the same, as it is still centered on meeting with other senior leaders to make decisions, Murray said. However, now the meetings are with those involved in merchandising rather than academic programs, he added.

A speaker at GVSU's newly appointed president Thomas J. Haas' Investiture Friday, Murray said it was nice to see the community again

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Seeing stars: Ross Hammond sang on "Idol."

Student advances in 'American Idol' competition

GVSU sophomore Ross Hammond travels to Hollywood for the show's second round

> By Shawn Zalewski GVL News Editor

Amid the suspicion and secrecy often associated with reality television, one Grand Valley State University has his sights set on "American Idol" stardom.

Ross Hammond, a sophomore international business major from Byron Center, has advanced through the initial audition rounds of the singing competition and must wait until the series debuts in mid-January to find out how far he will advance.

Some elements of the show have been filmed, however, Hammond said he cannot discuss many details beforehand. He signed a contract stating he will not disclose any specifics about his success, even to his immediate family.

In the wake of his experience, he said people have frequently asked how far he has made it on the show, while others have asked him to give them shout-outs if he makes it on TV.

People knew who I was but then really approached me and congratulated me after they found out I was involved with the show," Hammond said. "Most

people have figured out I can't say too much." Although he has made it to

Hollywood, Hammond said there is no guarantee he will appear on the nation's television screens. The audition process is more

complicated than it appears on the show, Hammond said. The producers make contestants do things they normally would not do to create a TV show, such as making it seem as though "American Idol" prospectives were cut earlier or later than they really were, he added.

"It all depends on what the producers want to show," Hammond said. "As much as they want to show the best

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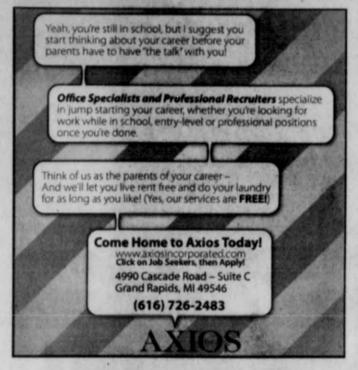
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Walking becomes the golden ticket at GVSU

By Erik Westlund

GVL Staff Writer

If a pair of gold painted shoes is spotted on campus this week, do not ignore them.

They could be the ticket to claiming free merchandise.

The Golden Shoe Campaign kicked off Wednesday night at the Cook Carillon Tower in an effort to promote better health and curb obesity at Grand Valley State University by encouraging students and faculty to walk more.

Six students from a GVSU Volunteerism and Nonprofit Sector class organized the event and set up two routes on campus for students and faculty to gather and walk. Along these routes, two pairs of gold painted shoes are hidden,

and the two people who find them will win an \$80 gift certificate to Gazelle Sports or a certificate for a pair of New Balance shoes.

Nicole Atherton, who helped organize the event, said college students often put off being healthy in favor of convenience, and this is an easy way take a small step toward a better lifestyle.

"Like a lot of people, I'm just as guilty for ordering pizza and taking the bus," she said. "I lost a lot of weight my freshman year just from walking on campus, so I think a big part of it is just making walking your day-to-day routine."

According to the Surgeon General's Web site, 30 minutes of brisk walking several times a week can result in a weight loss of 10 pounds a year.

GVSU senior Barb Geisman, who maintains an active lifestyle, said walking is the best activity for students who do not get much exercise

"Walking is easy on the joints, and there is much less risk of injury as opposed to running," she said. "Plus, unlike other sports, you don't need to buy any equipment — you can just go out and walk."

The Golden Shoe Campaign started last September in the East Hills neighborhood of Grand Rapids to encourage people to support local businesses while promoting the health benefits of walking.

Nakia Vance, who also helped organize the campaign, said it is important to bring programs from Grand Rapids to GVSU campuses.

"Many students think there is a big separation between Allendale and Grand Rapids, and that's not the case," she said. "This is a good way to get people from both areas involved."

Route maps and entry forms can be picked up at the 2020 Information Desk in the Kirkhof Center. All who register will be placed in a drawing to win a wellness basket, which will contain items donated from local businesses.

There are two routes participants can choose from, one is 2.2 miles and the other is 3.1 miles.

Student organizers said they hope this event will produce a lasting change in attitude on

"I hope it would be something that would continue at Grand Valley after this event is over," Vance said. "It would be great if it just kept going."

Students Jenifer Adams, Kelly Weir, Beth Smalla and Danielle Smith also helped organize the event.

The Golden Shoe Campaign will continue this spring in Grand Rapids with walking routes in the John Ball Zoo and Pew Campus areas.

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Thus far, Robinson's organization has tallied PAC fund raising at \$47 million.

"The system is awash in money," he said.

While there is no question that huge amounts of money are being spent, Roger Moiles, an adjunct professor of political science at Grand Valley State University questions how funding alters the democratic process.

"First of all, it's a matter of free speech, their ability to express themselves and use their pocketbook to do it," Moiles said. "But it also is a threat to democracy, because it scares off anyone who doesn't have enough money to wage an effective campaign."

Moiles said one example of this was the Republican primary. The deterring factor for other Republican candidates was not that they did not have ideas of how to challenge Granholm, rather it was DeVos' ability to fund a campaign that discouraged them, he added.

Moiles said this means the voter does not get a full range of choices.

He disagreed with Robinson's notion of money leading to wins by citing the 1994 U.S. Senate race in California, when candidate Michael Huffington put \$30 million of his own money into the race and lost.

"The money is used for television and radio advertisements to get your name out there, but that doesn't mean the voters are going to buy into that," Moiles said. "When you think about the sorts of choices everyday people have to make about how to put food on the table, or am I going to have a job next week, or how do I pay for my kid's tuition, and here is someone spending \$35 million. It may not sit well with some voters."

With less than a week before voters fill out their ballots on Nov. 7, Rasmussen Reports, an independent pollster, has Granholm leading DeVos 54 to 43 percent.

Murray

coming together to celebra

coming together to celebrate the event, he said.

"These are good people who are working together for a common purpose and well on their way to meeting that purpose," he said.

Murray has been in contact with Haas several times since the university's presidency switched hands, he said.

"I think, actually, I know his focus is very student centered," Murray said. "I know he also has come to an understanding of what a special place GVSU is, so I'm very optimistic."

Although the new president was already given the student-driven nickname "T. Haas," Murray said he is not jealous.

"I was treated very well, but it's a nice touch," he added, laughing. Murray said what he misses most about GVSU is the regular

interaction with students.

"It is fun when I'm visiting the Standale store, or visiting another store, to run into GVSU students," he said. "I certainly do miss the

While he created many good memories at GVSU, Murray said the success of the sports teams and the students' artistic and professional performances stood out in particular. Watching the students in action on Student Scholarship Day was always a highlight, he added.

Since his transition to Meijer, Murray said he has not been able to visit GVSU often, but hopes to more in the future.

"It'll give me a chance to get back with the friends I made out there," he said.

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people, they still have to make good TV. They filmed both positive and negative reactions, so that they can show me winning or losing depending on the eventual outcome."

He has met Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul and said the judges are smaller and less intimidating in person.

"When you watch the show and see the contestants, you think they all have major insights and connections to the music industry," Hammond said. "After going through it, you find out they are all regular people from small towns just like I am."

Hammond thought of joining after he saw his friend Jordan Sutherland make it to Hollywood from an audition in Greensboro, N.C. Hammond said he "hoped for the best, but expected the worst"

going into the first audition.

His "American Idol" opportunity
was "one of the most nerve-racking
experiences" of his life, he said.
Hammond added that after watching
and hearing the contestants who
auditioned before him, he thought,
"Holy crap, they're really good."

He sang "Over the Rainbow" for the judges, inspired by previous Idol runner-up Katherine McPhee.

Though it would be difficult to choose his "knockout" song to perform in the finals, Hammond said he would most likely pick Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" for

its huge vocals and potential crowd

contact with students."

involvement.

"I've watched all the seasons of the show, and thought it'd be cool to go and do that," Hammond said. "If (Sutherland) could make it, maybe I should give it a try."

Hammond was one of only 17 people who made it to Hollywood from Memphis, Tenn. out of the hundreds that tried out. He said he found it difficult to request time off for the four days he spent in Memphis, during the first round in

early September. Although it did not affect his school schedule much given the weekend performances, he did miss a few days of work at Kleiner Commons.

Singing has been an integral part of his life, after his parents put him in various church choirs as a child, he said. Gradually, Hammond became fond of karaoke and has entered several competitions.

Currently, he is a member of two choirs at GVSU, the University Singers and Varsity Men's Choir.

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GVL DIGEST News in Brief

Students to learn healthy eating habits

The Grand Valley State University Fitness and Wellness Center will hold Mindful Eating, a free seminar about eating habits on Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof

Topics will range from multitasking when eating. skipping meals, ignoring hunger and using food for comfort.

For more information. contact the Fitness and Wellness Center rec@gvsu.edu.

Panel to explain career options

A panel of professionals will help identify career opportunities during the presentation Beyond Your Degree: The Skills and Experiences Valued by Science Employers on Monday from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in room 215/216 of the Kirkhof Center.

Sponsored by Career Services, the discussion will delve into how certain skills can be developed during a liberal education and how to increase participation to generate meaningful career experiences, according to a press release.

learn more, email Career Services at career@gvsu.edu.

Iraq documentary to look at American occupation

The Wealthy Theatre will present "500 Miles to Babylon," a 120-minute documentary about the occupation of Iraq, Sunday at 6 p.m.

"Through impromptu interviews, glimpses of daily life, still photographs and footage of car bombs, demonstrations, night time graffiti artists, Sufi ritual and the celebrations following Saddam's capture, (the film) will reveal the complex situation in contemporary Iraq through a personal lens," according to the Wealthy Theatre's press

The historic Wealthy Theatre is a part of the nonprofit Community Media Center.

Formore information, visit http://www.wealthytheatre.

Professional Development Symposium to begin

The Student Council for Exceptional Children will hold its 12th Annual Professional Development Symposium on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center.

Subjects speakers will address include English as a second language, brain gym, adaptive art, physical education and first-year teaching, according to the press release.

Cost is \$10, and students can register at the 2020 Information Desk or by e-mailing Betsy Lewis at scec@student.gvsu.edu. The registration cost is \$15 at the door.

Forum helps clarify state ballot concerns

Organization officials examine the proposals appearing on the Nov. 7 ballot

> By Laura Mazade GVL Staff Writer

Although attendance was low, the energy of the discussion was high as the Nov. 7 ballot's Proposals 5 and 3 were scrutinized in the Loosemore Auditorium.

The two issues up for public vote include whether or not more funding should be put into Michigan schools and the legalization of mourning dove

Understanding ballot proposal issues is important for voters, said Bill Byl, director of the Public Policy Institute at Grand Valley State University and moderator of the ballot proposal forum Monday night.

Proposal 5, also known as the K-16 Initiative, would require mandatory school funding levels for many of the state's schools,

Debating in favor of the proposal was Michael Shibler. Rockford Public Schools superintendent, who said the proposal is a move in the right direction for adequate and appropriate funding.

"If the proposal passes, it will provide public schools, community colleges and state universities with consistent and reliable funding," Shibler said.

He urged the audience to vote for the proposal in order to close the gap between different school district's funding and require the state to do its part in funding teachers' retirement.

"We believe the money is currently available," he added. "If the state would provide, we would not have this problem

Tricia Kinley of the Michigan

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important language directing two-thirds of the money to go into teacher pension and health

She added the funding can The proposal is not about come from two places - through education, but about funding tax increases or cutting funds in teacher pension and health care other areas. systems, she said. It does not

care costs.'

"More money in the system does not result in higher student achievement," Kinley added.

Another issue focused on at the forum was the debate of Proposal 3, a referendum to allow the hunting of mourning doves in Michigan.

Supporter Paul Zeman of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs said hunting mourning doves will not impact the bird's population because hunting only accounts for 5 to 10 percent of mortality.

"Proposal 3 is good for Michigan's economy," Zeman said. "I'm one of the thousands of Michigan residents that travel out of state every year to spend \$150 a day to go down to Indiana to hunt mourning doves.'

Since they are challenging to hunt, some residents are attracted to the sport of shooting mourning doves, he added.

"Mourning doves are the most hunted species in North America," said Zeman, adding that 40 states have already legalized mourning hunting.

Cullen Schwarz of the Committee to Keep Doves Protected said his respective committee is against the proposal because there is no good reason to shoot mourning doves.

Doves are not shot for food but for target practice, and the hunting of the doves is unethical and pointless as there are already 40 game birds legally hunted in Michigan, Schwarz said.

"There is no reason to add another one," he added. "We don't want to take away any of the 40 that we got. We just need our reasonable balance, and we don't feel that it is necessary."

Schwarz said not allowing mourning dove hunting will provide what Michigan voters

"Mourning doves have been protected in Michigan for 100 years, so it's apart of our tradition and values," he said.

Proposals 1 and 4 were briefly discussed at the forum.

Grand Rapids Attorney at Law Tim Orlebeke said Proposal 4 will restrict the government's eminent domain powers by prohibiting it from taking private property for transfer to another individual or a business for economic development.

If adopted, Orlebeke said the proposal would increase compensation to owners, limit reasons and raise standard of proof to take property.

For Proposal 1, Zeman said the ballot prospect would protect conservation and recreation

This program will be broadcast on GRTV channel 24 on Saturday at 10 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and Monday at 5 p.m.

GVSU Web site refreshes with new design

The updated GVSU Web site provides a new layout design, easier navigation for users

> By Andrew Storm GVL Staff Writer

Boasting a new color scheme and a less-confined layout, the new Grand Valley State University Web site is now available for preview.

Last week the Institutional Marketing department debuted a sneak peak of the new http:// www.gvsu.edu home site. Users can find the link at the lower right corner of the current GVSU home

The revised site is expected to launch by mid-November, said Dave Poortvliet, Institutional Marketing Web manager.

"It's been four years since the Grand Valley Web site has been redesigned," Poortvliet said. 'We've received a lot of feedback and have consulted an outside agency to help improve our Web presence.

Research on other notable university Web sites helped shape the new look, he added. His team looked at the Web sites of Michigan State University, Western Michigan University and others. Combining some of the features those institutions incorporate in their pages helped mold the new look, he said.

Accessibility polls have also

said. The Web team looked at top searches and page views to make information as easy to find as possible, incorporating that into the new home page, he added.

Chamber of Commerce debated

against the movement, as she

said people should not be fooled

insure the money to be directed

into the classrooms, Kinley said.

student achievement, controlling

class sizes or controlling the

cost of college tuition," Kinley

said. "However, there is very

"There is not one word about

by Proposal 5.

"On the old Web page links campuses, admissions and major academic programs were listed," Poortvliet said. "On the new site, we list those same links but include links to the sections within each. By doing so, our goal is that visitors can find what they need without having to search too much."

Among the new features, the Web site now allows the user to find commonly clicked on resources with greater ease. At the top of the page, users will find a link to e-mail and Blackboard. Poortvliet said these two pages are among the most popular so it would make sense to make them as easy to find as possible.

With the old Web site, people spent an average of three seconds searching and gave up if not able to find something, Poortvliet said. Initial studies of the new Web site show people are finding what they need within those same three seconds, he added.

Some of the other new accommodations are directed to those with Internet access on wireless devices as a more readable view is now available to those users. Poortvliet said accessing the old Web page on a cell phone was often messy and impossible to navigate, while the updated mobile version is simple



A new look: The old Grand Valley State University Web site (left) receives updates visible on new site (right)

and easy to use.

The new GVSU Web site is now compliant to standards put forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Poortvliet said. For example, those who are blind will soon be able to have the GVSU site read to them.

The possibility of further

expanding and changing the Web site will be much easier thanks to this redesign, Poortvliet said. The old site is much more structured whereas the new one has built in room for expansion at a later time, he added.

The Institutional Marketing Web team continues to look for

feedback, he said. Users are invited to share their thoughts about the new Web site and in return will be entered into a drawing to win a Dell DJ Ditty MP3 player.

Those navigating the new site can submit their feedback by visiting http://www.gvsu.edu/

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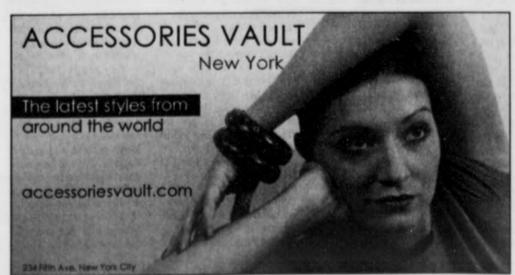
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EDITORIAL

Give and take

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees made the right decision in approving the construction of three new on-campus housing structures, but needs to keep an eye on how it will affect parking in Allendale.

As more students flock to GVSU, university officials had a hard time playing catch-up this fall with accommodating the growing

The fall's overflow of freshmen caused about 82 students to bunker down with two or three others in lounges of the traditional-style dorms in Kistler, Copeland and Robinson. Still others were forced to hunt for off-campus housing options this year.

Responding to the need for more residency on campus, the Board of Trustees rightfully approved a project for three additional living centers to be built. The project includes a new Honors College building and two other structures modeled similar to the Murray Living Center. Setting a completion deadline for August 2008, the Board has continued to take the steps necessary in making GVSU a more convenient and welcoming place.

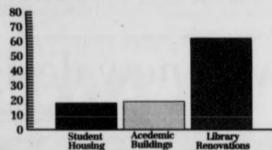
As living space increases, however, students may feel a squeeze elsewhere. The 200,000-square-foot project was recently approved to cover the grounds of Allendale's parking lot N, located on the south end of campus. By occupying space used for parking and ushering in more students as on-campus residents, parking space may easily become a No. 1 concern as the living centers take shape.

While university staffers have conducted studies and analyses of existing conditions, finding there was adequate space for parking on campus, they must continue to do so as workers break ground to begin construction. By 2008, GVSU's enrollment may increase substantially, and parking should remain an issue on the minds of those heading the project.

Residence and transportation are both important facets of student life. By keeping up with both, GVSU will become a more efficient place to live and learn.

Lanthorn Web Poll

Last week's question: What should GVSU's next major construction project be?



This week's question: How did you contribute to Battle of the Valleys?

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"After going through it, you find out they are all regular people from small towns just like I am."

Ross Hammond

GVSU sophomore, about the "American Idol" contestants he met during his audition process for the show

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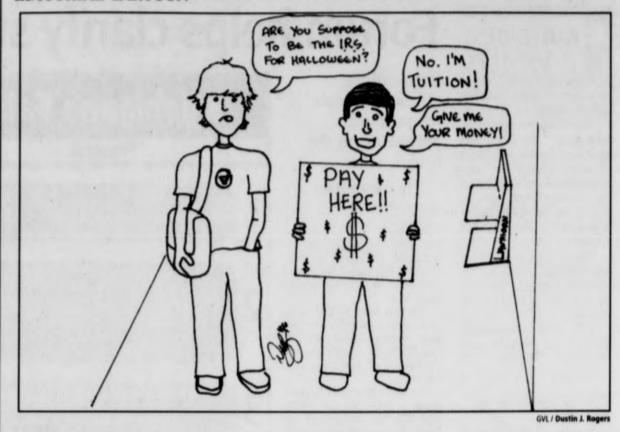
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



YOUR INSIGHTS

Will you participate in Battle of the Valleys? Why or why not?



"Yes, because I'm all about school spirit. I'm painting myself for the game."

Becky Takacs Freshman Nursing



"What is Battle of the Valleys?"

Kristen Gorlitz Philosophy, Film and Video



"I have already — I've been held 'Haastage,' and I'm glad to do so.

Thomas J. Haas **GVSU President**



"Yes, because it's a tradition. I'll go to the game and cheer on Grand Valley."

Travis Quitiquit Computer Information Systems

GVL STUDENT OPINION

The iPod revolution continues even without Ruckus'

By Laura Wasilewski GVL Staff Writer

I had long ago refused to buy an iPod simply because they were hip.

I mean, I had a perfectly good CD player, so what was the need for an iPod, or any mp3 player for that matter? Any mp3s I had could be put onto CDs and played in my CD player, so it worked fine for me.

While iPods are popular, they aren't the "it" thing anymore. Between shuffles and minis and nanos and videos, if you only have a regular iPod you're already way behind the times.

Since they were no longer so popular, I finally thought about getting one. I checked out the Apple Web site, where they have some refurbished iPods for very decent prices.



now.

Now. the only things to add are the songs - and in this case - videos if I so choose. Having previously learned my lesson, I thought, "Hey, now I can do all of this legally and not have the Recording **Industry Association of** America breaking down my door."

Luckily, I have not been tracked down by the RIAA since I have been using the Grand Valley State University-approved legal alternative Ruckus.

But don't think me the However, I was lucky saint yet, because I'm only using it because I have to. enough I originally had Morpheus, to get one for my but they didn't have a lot birthday. of songs, so I switched to Hey, I'm While the RIAA didn't one of the

get me, viruses did. They destroyed my entire computer, which had to be rebuilt from scratch. It was a tragedy, and I decided to stay away from Ares and take GVSU up on its offer of the free, legal Ruckus.

Ruckus has its serious drawbacks, including limited music, and (what I find most annoying) the licenses are only valid for a month, so you have to keep renewing them. However, with my new iPod, I was willing to stick it out in the name of

So I clicked on Ruckus'

little button to transfer the tracks to a portable device. However, to do so I had to upgrade to the "Ruckus to Go" service. Still wanting to go the legal route, I decided to click on the "TELL ME MORE!" button. Since iTunes is 99 cents a song, Ruckus might

I checked out the Ruckuscompatible players. Astoundingly, anything iPod is not one of them.

be a better deal. Before I

agreed to the subscription,

Now, I'm sure this is because Apple wants to keep the monopoly on iTunes providing the music for their iPods, but any service for mp3s is useless unless iPods are involved.

I know GVSU is trying to help us do the right thing, but unfortunately it's a waste of money if iPods aren't a part of it.

Illusions, realities and new hope for rock

By Derek Reed **GVL** Columnist

Let's face it, rock and roll loses. I know it's not what you want to hear, and it's not what I want to say, but it's the truth. I was watching a docu-

mentary film in one of my classes the other day that focused on the music of the 1960s. It started in the early 1960s and showed the transition from the 1950s. The usual bands were mentioned - The Stones, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin and so on and so forth. Jam packed with old footage

I've ever seen. It took a different spin when it started showing the

from their beginnings, this

film was one of the coolest

modern day (well, actually, it was about 1998 when the film was made) interviews the creators had conducted with the former rock icons. It was sad. Keith Richards sounded like he was talking through a fan, and most of the others were just babbling incoherent gibberish.

Why was it so sad I wonder? Maybe it's because we have this romantic image in our brains of who and what these people were. Even more than that, we have a romantic notion of what that time was like. It was the time of free love. It was when civil injustices were fixed (or so we hoped). It was when the people of America showed that they, not the government, run this

It was like waking from a dream or seeing a star fall from the sky. In one single instance, I realized this image I had painted of the legends in my head wasn't real. They're just like you or me. This idea of rocking and rolling all night, and well you know the rest, doesn't turn out the way you'd think. Just look at the ones that "partied every day." They're burnouts. They have holes in their lungs and spots on their livers. There is nothing sadder

than an aging rock star. Maybe the ones like Hendrix and Joplin were the lucky ones. They died at their peak, and that's how we remember them. We remember the larger than life image rather than a broke

old person trying to profit by organizing a reunion

Perhaps I spoke too soon. Maybe rock and roll wins - at least the spirit of it. You see, all these people held such great ideals. They wanted to end racism, they wanted world peace, they wanted these great things - they just got lost. They got lost in the drinking and drugs

So I say we give birth to a new generation of rock and roll. Let's carry the ideals without all the extra luggage. We can be a new generation that has the same beliefs and also the responsibility to not kill ourselves in the process. I for one still believe that rock and roll can save our souls.

GVL DIGEST Laker Life in Brief

President Haas to discuss

international topics Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m., students will get the chance to discuss international students and programs at Grand Valley State University with President Thomas J. Haas. The event will feature teas from different areas of the world and international will students information about the different areas where the teas come from. While the event was originally planned for international students to get to know President Haas, it is now open to all students.

The event will take place on GVSU's Pew Campus in the University Club.

For more information, contact Nils Michaelis at usanils@hotmail.com.

Accidental Encounters to encourage discussion

Valley Grand State University's Counseling and Career Development Center will host Accidental Encounters designed to raise awareness about the impact of stereotyping tonight at 7 p.m. in Laker Village South. Participants in the program will discuss the topic of stereotypes in a safe and relaxed environment. The discussion will be based on their reactions to the film "Crash."

For more information on Accidental Encounters. contact | the Counseling Center at gvcounsl@gvsu.

Seminar to show how to find internships

The How to Find an Internship Seminar, hosted by Career Services, will demystify the process of finding internships for students.

At the seminar, students will learn about strategies and resources they can use to find internships. The seminar will be held in the Pere Marquette Room of the Kirkhof Center from 1 to 3 p.m. today.

For more information, e-mail Career Services at career@gvsu.edu.

Pre-Physical Therapy club to host luncheon

The Pre-Physical Therapy Club will host the Nacho Taco Luncheon Sunday from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center.

Tickets for the luncheon will be \$5 in advance and may be purchased from any Pre-Physical Therapy Club member, or \$7 at the door. The event will raise money for Alternatives in Motion, a non-profit organization that buys wheelchairs for those who cannot afford them.

Johnnie Tuitel, who is a motivational speaker and co-founder of Alternatives in Motion, will give a talk at the event.

For more information, contact Amanda Koenigshof at koenigsa@student.gvsu. edu or visit http://www. alternativesinmotion.org.

Fair lays out building blocks for health

LAKER LIFE

The Pew Campus Wellness Fair welcomes community to learn about healthy living

> **By Leslie Perales** GVL Laker Life Editor

Free screenings, guest passes and massages were given to Grand Valley State University students at the Pew Campus Wellness Fair on Tuesday.

"(The Campus Wellness Fair) is really our way to try and reach students that are at this campus who may not have opportunities to get to some of the events going on in Allendale," said Steve Lipnicki, student services coordinator for the Pew Campus, "We try to look at a cross section of agencies and departments to cover as many health related topics as we can."

Among the attending organizations, the GVSU Family Health Center, which is located downtown near Division and Fulton streets, provided information about immunizations as well as flu shots on site

Information was also available from the Kent County Health Department about sexually transmitted infections, personal health, safe sex, Hepatitis B and C, different types of influenza and information about

"I'm interested in fitness and health and wanted to see what kinds of things Grand Valley has to offer and how it can positively affect my life," said GVSU junior Kimberly Gorski, who attended the event.

Chris Safranek, a graduate assistant at the Fieldhouse and Recreation Center, gave students information about services offered on the Allendale Campus and handed out bags filled with personal care items, while the GVSU Physical Therapy Department offered posture screen-

"Back problems are one of the major causes of pain and loss of work time," said Barb Baker, assistant professor in the Physical Therapy Department. "Some of those problems can be avoided if people work on their posture."

The Campus Health Center provided information on various health issues, and representatives from the center handed out packets about how to quit smoking

GVSU's Work Life Connections also made an appearance. Work Life

Pulling his weight: YMCA of Grand Rapids employee Bennett Mallory (left) tests the strength of GVSU freshman Nick Brennan e Pew Campus Wellness Fair on Tuesday. The YMCA was one of many organizations represented at the fair

specializes in services for faculty and staff of the university, while allowing students to attend some of its functions such as the Brown Bag Lunch programs.

Information about cancer and how to prevent certain types of cancer was made available by Colleges Against Cancer. The group's members gave students healthy tips including not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, eating fruits, vegetables and whole grains, limiting alcohol intake and protection from the sun and ultraviolet rays.

GVSU's Alert Labs offered information, and Pew Campus Services held a free raffle for a \$50 gift The YMCA of Grand Rapids

certificate to Harvest Health Foods.

distributed guest passes for students as well as brochures about its services. YWCA handouts educated on topics of domestic violence and sexual assault therapy, counseling, support groups and group therapy on a short-term basis.

Monologue auditions open to GV community

By Leslie Perales

GVL Laker Life Editor

For the first time in Grand Valley State University's history, at least one male will be helping to direct this year's production of "The Vagina Monologues."

"I'd seen last year's production, and I volunteered to help out through my WGS (Women and Gender Studies) class, and I really had a great time, and I learned a lot of new things," said sophomore Evan Griffiths, a male director. "When I found out that they were relying mostly on students to run the show. I knew that I wanted to be involved."

This will mark the sixth year the university has participated in the V-Day college campaign founded by Eve Ensler, a playwright, performer and activist. V-Day is a worldwide campaign to help end violence against women, using creativity to increase awareness and raise money "until the violence stops," according to the Vday.org Web site.

Auditions for the production will begin this weekend as students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to come try out. While only females are accepted for

roles in the production, males are welcome to volunteer in directing and the many other behind the scenes duties

"I'm very happy to be involved," Griffiths said. "I think it's very important for men to get involved with 'The Vagina Monologues' and other things like it because so much of what it deals with affects men, and I think we have to start caring

Senior Jessica Preville, a chair for this year's production, said anyone who wants to audition should do so regardless of previous acting experience. Whether a student has extensive acting experience or none, the goal of the production is to include everyone who wants to take part, she added. Preville is also helping to organize the event and direct.

"It's a really good opportunity to raise awareness - especially about rape on campus - that's one of the issues that kind of gets pushed under the rug a lot," Preville said. "It's also at opportunity to raise a lot of money for organizations, including some on campus like Eyes Wide Open."

GVSU will have three performances of the monologues

The monologues themselves come from a series of interviews Ensler conducted with hundreds of women around the world. Some of the monologues are happy or funny while others are eye opening, shocking, even depressing. They touch on subjects such as rape, female genital mutilation, menstrual cycles and short skirts, incorporating various other topics.

Ensler first performed the play in 1996 and founded the first V-Day in 1998 in New York. Lastyear, more than 2,500 events in 1,100 communities took part in the V-Day campaign and more than \$6 million was raised for charities

around the world. After production costs, all money raised by the V-Day campaign goes to charity.

At GVSU last year, funds went to local organizations such as the YWCA, the Center for Women in Transition and GVSU's Eyes Wide Open and other national and international organizations.

Preville had some advice to give to those wanting to audition for "The Vagina Monologues.

'We've all been there - don't be so nervous," she said. "We try really hard to incorporate everyone who wants to be involved as much as we can.'

In 2005, more than 60 actresses were involved in the production, the largest group ever at GVSU, Preville said. She added the 2006 organizers are looking to include more women

Open auditions will take place Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center room 227 with no appointments or sign up necessary. Those auditioning only need to attend one audition date. The audition will be a cold reading of a scene or monologue from the play, and no prepared pieces are necessary.

For more information, contact Preville at womenctr@gvsu.edu or visit http://www.vday.org.



Acting out: Brooke Heintz (top), Ebone Colbert (middle) and Samantha Schenk perform their act "My Angry Vagina" during last year's production of "The Vagina Monologues" in the Cook-DeWitt Center. Auditions for this year's performance will be held Sunday and Monday

Students to learn, develop leadership skills

By Jill Chapman GVL Staff Writer

Putting leadership skills to work, students will soon have another opportunity to utilize their administrative talents.

The Intermediate Leaders Institute gives students the chance to learn interpersonal leadership development, communication skills, team dynamics, networking skills and conflict management.

"This will be my first time attending and helping to plan this event through my internship," said Charlotte Sasinowski, a Laker Leadership and Service intern. "I'm really excited to see how it's going to turn out."

The event will also give students the opportunity learn to become group leaders in the community while developing characteristics necessary to become a more established member of the GVSU leadership community. Students will also be able to meet other peer

The Intermediate Leaders Institute will be beneficial to students because it is a way for them to enhance themselves as leaders as well as in organizations, Sasinowski said. The event will provide knowledge that can be helpful to anyone trying to find a job, she added.

The institute will focus on ideas of "collaboration, common purpose and controversy with civility," said Rebecca Ross, graduate assistant for the Office of Student Life and Laker Leadership Programs.

"The Intermediate Leaders Institute is a part of the core Laker Leadership Program offerings from the Office of Student Life," Ross added. "Each of the core programs are designed to help students develop individual, group and societal values."

Ross said students should attend the events to educate themselves on team dynamics, conflict management, interpersonal leadership, communication skills and networking.

"These topic areas directly translate to work in student groups, organizations and future career environments," she said.

There are other programs students can participate in if they cannot attend the Intermediate Leaders Institute. They include the Emerging Leaders Retreat, the 10th annual Leadership Summit Conference, another Intermediate Leaders Institute event and the Advanced Leaders Capstone.

The deadline to register for the Intermediate Leaders Institute is Nov. 7. It is free to GVSU students and lunch will be provided. Interested individuals can sign up http://www.studentlife.gvsu.

edu/signmeup. For additional information, visit the Laker Leadership Program's Web site at http://www.gvsu.edu/leadership or contact Ross at leadership@gvsu.

The institute will be held Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 204 of the Kirkhof Center on GVSU's Allendale Campus.



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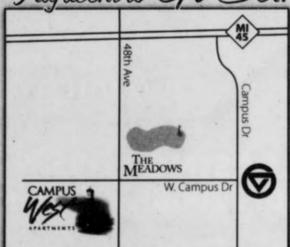
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The Grand Valley State University football team looks to extend its winning streak to 23 on Saturday when it faces Saginaw Valley State University. For many weeks, the Lakers have boasted the longest active winning streak in all of collegiate football.



The Saginaw Valley State University football team comes into Saturday's game against the Lakers with three losses. The Cardinals need to win the rest of their games in order to have a legitimate shot at making the playoffs.



After winning the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic

Conference Tournament for the sixth straight year, the women's cross country team of Grand Valley State

University will compete in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional this weekend for a chance to make the national championship. The men will also be active in the meet.



The Grand Valley State University women's basketball team, currently ranked No. 2 in the nation, will be in action against Division I Michigan State University in East Lansing tonight. Last year, the Lakers lost 84-77 to the Spartans who were then ranked No. 10.

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FOOTBALL **STANDINGS**

Team | GLIAC | Overall

Grand Valley	8-0	9-0
Northwood	7-1	7-1
Ferris State	5-3	6-3
Saginaw Valley	5-3	5-3
Wayne State	5-3	5-4
Michigan Tech	5-4	5-4
Indianapolis	4-4	5-4
Hillsdale	4-4	4-5
Ashland	3-5	3-5
Mercyhurst	3-6	3-6
Northern Michigan	2-6	2-6
Findlay		2-7
Gannon	SPA	1-8

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Team | GLIAC | Overall

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Grand Valley	17-1	25-2
Ferris State	12-6	21-7
Michigan Tech	11-7	15-14
Northwood	10-8	16-11
Northern Michigan	8-10	16-11
Saginaw Valley	6-12	14-13
Lake Superior State	2-16	5-22
Hillsdale	17-0	28-0
Findlay	12-5	22-8
Ashland	11-6	18-9
Gannon	5-12	9-14
Mercyhurst	2-15	7-18
Wayne State	1-16	1-21

Courtesy of http://www.gliac.org

GVSU prepares for battle against valley rival

Football gets set to play conference foe Saginaw Valley State University at home on Saturday

> By Jayson Bussa **GVL Sports Editor**

Grand Valley State University head football coach Chuck Martin said his goal every year is to, first and foremost, win the conference championship. However, that is not always so easy. Just ask the GVSU senior class

The current senior class, which boasts standout players such as quarterback Cullen Finnerty, defensive end Mike McFadden and running back Astin Martin, among others, has recorded a mind boggling overall record of 46-4. To boot, they have two national championship rings around their

As for conference titles, GVSU's performance has not been so prolific, as the Lakers have only recorded one over the

'We talk about it a lot," Martin said. "We know that we play in a good conference with a lot of good teams, and we're respectful of that.'

Finnerty agreed that the subject of the

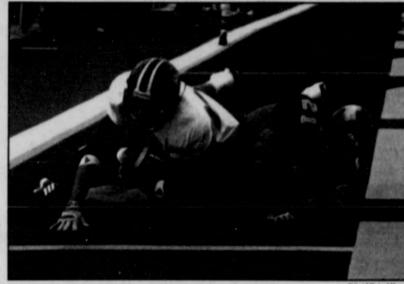
seniors winning only one conference title comes up quite often, but he and his teammates try not to dwell on it. Finnerty added he will not let that fact hover over his head as he and fellow seniors compete Saturday for the chance win their second Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

SPORTS

Last year, the Lakers logged a perfect conference record to take home the conference title with Saginaw Valley State University on their heels in second. In 2004, the Lakers dropped to third place behind Michigan Technological and Northwood universities. In 2003, the Lakers had only one loss but fell into second place to a perfect SVSU squad.

In the present, the Lakers have battled tough in the GLIAC, producing a perfect conference record of 8-0, which puts them in first place.

The Lakers will continue their trek through the conference schedule on Saturday when they face SVSU. The Cardinals are 5-3 in the conference and are tied in a knot for the third place position. The



Putting up points: Senior wide receiver Eric Fowler holds the ball in the end zone for a GVSU touchdown against Ferris State University during last Saturday's 28-6 win. The Lakers will take on Saginaw Valley State University Saturday in Lubbers Stadium

game is one of only two the Lakers have left on their schedule. If GVSU defeats the Cardinals, it will be guaranteed a piece of the conference title as second-place Northwood already has a loss.

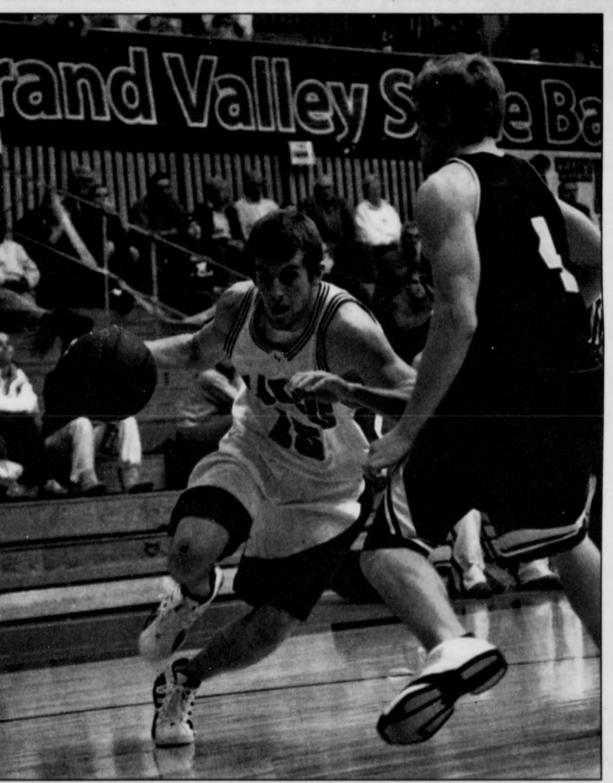
Martin said the pressure to capture what

seems to be an elusive conference title is enough to help motivate his players.

"To try to motivate us, I can't really say, 'We've only won three national titles in the last four years," Martin said. "That's not a

See Football, B5

Lakers return with seasoned roster



Making his move: Senior Kyle Carhart dribbles the ball toward the basket during a home game last year. A new season will start Wednesday night.

The GVSU men's basketball team boasts a lineup of four returning starters

> By Marc Koorstra GVL Staff Writer

The Grand Valley State University men's basketball team had one of its most successful seasons in school history during the 2005/2006 campaign. However, an early exit from the NCAA tournament left a sour taste in the team's mouth.

"That was absolutely heartbreaking," said senior forward Mike Hall. "The world seemed to stop after that game. We had very high expectations, and we thought we could go all the way.

The Lakers fell to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville 65-61 in the first round of the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. GVSU finished the season with a 27-4 record, including 17 straight victories, and a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

Expectations remain high for the Lakers entering the 2006/2007 season as they return four of five starters from last year's team. GVSU is currently ranked No. 5 in the nation by Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook

In addition to Hall, The Lakers return junior big man Callistus Eziukwu, who led the team in blocks, rebounding and was second on the team in scoring and steals. He was also an All-GLIAC North Division

Junior Jason Jamerson earned Second-Team All-North Division last year. The sharp-shooting guard led the team in scoring at 13.4 points per game and made 77 three-pointers, the third highest total in school history.

Sophomore guard Pete Trammell is also returning

The Lakers lose the services of point guard Courtney James, an All-North Division selection and the team leader in

"Courtney was our on-the-floor and off-the-floor leader," said head coach Ric Wesley. "He was the bridge between the coaches and the players on the floor, so we lose a lot with him, but that is the nature of college basketball."

See Men's basketball, B5

Basketball brings notable rookie, veteran experience

By Kathryn Zelenak GVL Staff Writer

The 2006/2007 women's basketball team at Grand Valley State University may have some big shoes to fill.

Last season's team was the first-ever at GVSU to obtain the NCAA Division II National Championship with an overall record of 33-3. The Lakers also ended last season with a 22-game winning streak a new school-record - and tallied a 91.7 winning percentage.

The team is currently ranked No. 2 in the 2006 Women's Division II Bulletin Preseason Basketball Top 25, just below University of North Dakota.

One player missing from this year's roster is Niki Reams, who led the team last year with 235 total rebounds, 69 steals, 575 points and also had the highest rebound average with 6.9. However, the rest of the women are returning this year, including 10 letter winners and four starters.

The freshman class features guards Carlie Holden and Keiyana Arnold, center Lauren Buresh and forward Sam DeNio.

"Keiyana is a quick guard who handles and distributes the ball well," said head coach Dawn Plitzuweit earlier this year. "Carlie has great size and will be a solid defender for us in time. Both players will come in and assist us over the next few-

Holden led her high school to conference and district championships as a junior and a co-conference championship her senior year. Arnold, who plays point guard, helped her high school obtain a 56-16 overall record within three seasons and three straight Huron League and district championships. Buresh averaged 15 points, eight rebounds, 3.1 assists and 3.4 steals as a senior in high school.

These freshmen are just a small portion of the players that will contribute to a team already set with high expectations.

One returning player who will look to continue on last year's success is Julia Braseth. Braseth was named NCAA DII National Championship Most Outstanding Player last season.

Other top returnees who will most

likely be starters in the upcoming game against Michigan State University include senior Erika Ryskamp and juniors Crystal Zick and Erin Cyplik. Braseth dominated the offensive boards last season with 92 rebounds. Ryskamp connected on 67 of her three-point attempts. Zick kept the ball moving with her 166 assists, and Cyplik started in 35 out of 36 games played.

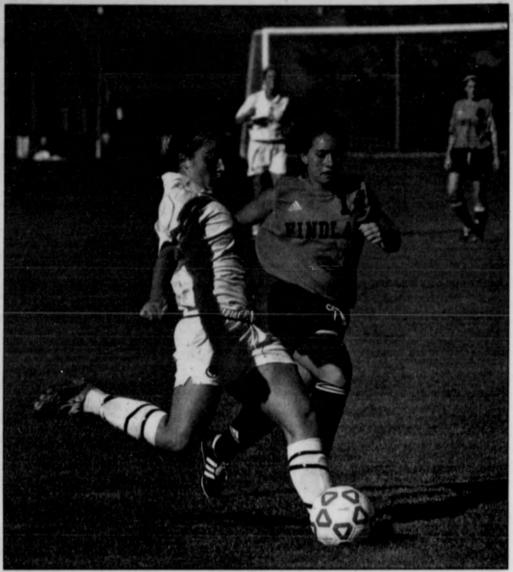
Last season, only three universities were able to beat the Lakers - Michigan Technological, Lewis and Drury. GVSU will look for revenge when it faces these three teams again in the 2006/2007 season.

The Lakers will take on Drury Nov. 24, compete at Lewis on Dec. 30 and play Michigan Tech on Jan. 3. However, the GVSU women's basketball team is set to play its first game of this season in Lansing tonight.

"We are very excited to play Michigan State this week," Plitzuweit said. "This is an opportunity to play one of the elite programs in women's basketball and will help us prepare for the rest of our season.



Power in the paint: Senior center Julia Braseth drives the ball around the defense during a game last year. The women will play against Michigan State University tonight.



GVL Archive / Matt Butterfield Stealing the show: Ashley Elsass takes the ball from a University of Findlay player on Oct 6. Regional play will begin Friday.

Soccer prepares to host **NCAA** regional games

Regional soccer tournament will come to GVSU this weekend, Laker play to begin Friday

> By Matthew Verdonk GVL Staff Writer

For the first time since Grand Valley State University women's soccer head coach Dave Dilanni took the helm in 2002, the No. 1 seeded Lakers (15-1-1) will play host this weekend to the other three qualified teams in the NCAA Division II regional tournament.

"It's always rewarding to be able to say you're the No. 1 seed, but

you still have to play the games," Dilanni said. "Everyone's zero zero from here on in.

It is simple, but true. The regular season statistics and records lost importance Monday the instant the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Committee announced the 32-team bracket.

Teams from No. 4 Quincy University (16-4), No. 2 Mercyhurst College (16-3) and the No. 3 University of Indianapolis (16-4-1) have to go through Allendale on the postseason road because, despite having one more win than GVSU, all have three or more losses to the Lakers' one.

First up for GVSU is Quincy, a team the Lakers already defeated this season by a score of 3-0, in what

Dilanni dubbed the most complete game his team played all year.

"We're playing a heck of a team," Dilanni said. "They have very special players through the

The Lady Hawks will be hungry for a victory on Laker turf. Dating back to 2002, they have lost all five meetings with GVSU women's soccer teams and have been outscored 13 to three.

Laker junior defender Sue Christenson said Quincy did not play up to its potential in the contest earlier this season, but her team was

firing on all cylinders. "Our defense played awesome," Christenson added. midfielders won all the balls in the

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Players, teams vary in rank on NFL's midseason report card

By Bill Selles GVL Staff Writer

While the NFL season is only half over, Most Valuable Player candidates are clearly separating themselves from the field.

Leading the pack is Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning. Manning has thrown 15 touchdowns to only two



interceptions and leads the league with a 108 quarterback rating. Behind Manning's leadership, the Colts are undefeated at 7-0. Manning also played a statement game this past week in a come from behind win over Denver where he threw four second half touchdowns. Look for Manning to solidify his MVP candidacy this weekend when the Colts play the New **England Patriots**

After a down year in 2005, Donovan McNabb has returned to his old form and before the Eagles' three-game losing streak was the runaway favorite to win the MVP through six weeks of the season. McNabb still leads the league in passing yards and touchdowns, but the Eagles' 4-4 record serves as a strike against

Another legitimate first half MVP candidate is Chicago Bears quarterback Rex Grossman. While Grossman does not have the magnificent stats of Manning and McNabb, the young quarterback has been the difference between a 2005 Bears team with a dominating defense, and the 2006 squad that destroys teams on both sides of the ball. Grossman has been surgically accurate with his passing in every game but one this season. Two weeks ago against Arizona, Grossman played what some experts called the worst game in NFL history. Despite that, the Bears won and remain undefeated. However, that one game was bad enough to taint his stats and give Manning and

McNabb a leg up. There are a few MVP candidates who still have a shot, including Michael Vick, LaDainian Tomlinson, Larry Johnson, Julius Peppers and Marc

Top five teams: 1. Chicago Bears 2. Indianapolis Colts 3. Denver Broncos 4. New England Patriots 5. San Diego Chargers.

Bottom five teams: 28. Houston Texans 29. Miami Dolphins 30. Detroit Lions 31. Oakland Raiders 32. Arizona Cardinals.

Biggest surprise: New England Patriots - I know it is tough to say the best team this decade is a surprise, but the Patriots (6-1) once again lost a ton of talent in the off-season. Coach Bill Belichick, with the help of veteran quarterback Tom Brady, gave the Patriots a comfortable lead in the AFC East and momentum heading into Sunday's showdown with Indianapolis.

Biggest Disappointment: Pittsburgh Steelers — The NFL is a league of parity, and there is nothing tougher to do than repeat as Super Bowl Champions. However, the Steelers (2-5) have looked awful. While Ben Roethlisberger's injuries have hurt the offense, there is no excuse for losing to the Oakland Raiders.

Second half outlook: With half of the NFL season already past, the cream is rising to the top in the form of the Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts. The Bears run into a tough schedule of consecutive road games against the New York Giants, New York Jets and New England Patriots. As good as the Bears are, fans should expect a loss or two on the road trip. Indianapolis faces New England on Sunday and has matchups against Cincinnati as well as Dallas and Jacksonville still on its schedule. Do not expect a 16-0 team this year.

My preseason prediction of the Broncos winning the Super Bowl over the Carolina Panthers still looks feasible, but the Broncos' defense will have to get back on track following the second half pounding it took at the hands of



Cross country to defend titles

This weekend, the Grand Valley State University men's and women's cross country teams will compete for a chance to reach the NCAA Division II National Championship. The Lakers will travel to Kenosha, Wis. where they will take part in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional beginning at 11 a.m.

The women won their sixth straight Great Lakes Intercolle giate Athletic Conference title this year. The Lakers will also defend the regional title as they have won it for the past five years.

Additionally, the men won the GLIAC title a few weeks ago. It was their fifth straight conference title. The Lakers are also the reigning regional champions on the men's side as they have won it for the past four years.

Tennis receives awards

After five years of coaching Grand Valley State University tennis, head coach John Black was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for the first time in his career. This season has been Black's best season so far with a 8-1 conference record.

Five of his players also earned plaudits from the conference. Making the All-GLIAC First Team for the Lakers was sophomore Lind-say Grimmer and junior Jenna Killips. Junior Emily Zellner was awarded a spot on the All-GLIAC Second Team. Earning honorable mention status for the Lakers was sophomore Audrey Koopsen and freshman McCall Monte.

Conference honors Tafler

Sophomore forward Katy Tafler of Grand Valley State University's soccer team earned Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week status for last week's hat-trick performance. Tafler scored three goals in Friday's 5-0 win against Ferris State University on the road. The hat trick was the fifth for her this year. She also scored her 30th goal of the season in the effort. She ranks first in points per game out of all Division II players.

Another sweep propels GVSU into conference tournament

The Laker volleyball team beats Northwood University, improves its record to 25-2

> By Brandon Watson GVL Staff Writer

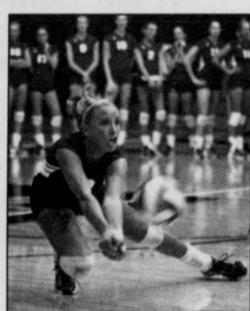
No. 5 Grand Valley State University's volleyball team advanced to Friday's semifinals of its conference

The Lakers swept Northwood University on Tuesday, 3-0 (30-20, 30-22 and 30-21) in quarterfinal action. With the win, the Lakers run their record to 25-2 on the season.

"We felt really prepared today," said head coach Deanne Scanlon. "Now we're on our way to Hillsdale to try and win the conference."

GVSU drew the No. 2 seed in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament and will play No. 3 Ferris State University Friday at Jesse Phillips Arena in Hillsdale. The semifinal match marks the third time the rivals will meet this season, with GVSU taking both previous matches.

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Passing it up: Junior Cortney Lokker digs a hit against Ferris State University on Friday in the Fieldhouse Arena. The Lakers defeated Northwood University Tuesday, 3-0.

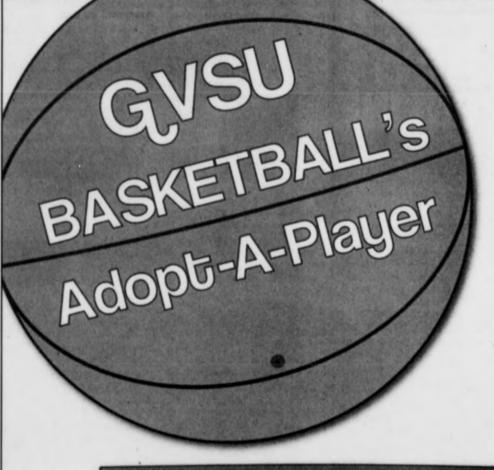
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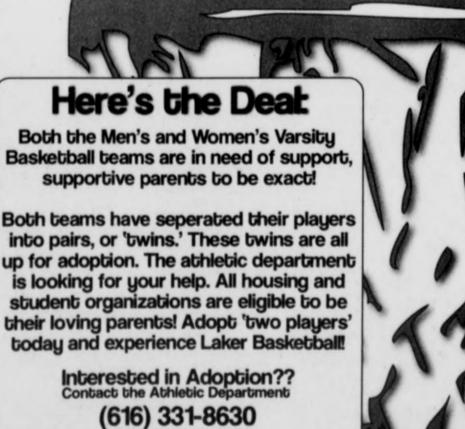
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Do it for the twins!

Superheroes simply cannot compete with **Tiger Woods**

By Brandon Manus GVL Staff Writer

Game: "Justice League Heroes" System: Xbox, PS2 Genre: Action

The idea of Batman and Superman alone should be more than enough to make a quality piece

of software. Throwing in legendary superheroes like Wonder Woman, Green Lantern and the Flash is just icing on the cake. In reality, however, the result is a lackluster, beat-



em-up action game. The story line, written by Dwayne McDuffie, writer for the "Justice League" series on Cartoon Network, is too elaborate and unrealistic to imagine, even at comic book standards.

The disappointment continues on the audio and visual fronts as well. Drab levels, uninspiring enemies and terrible voice acting are the hallmarks of the game.

The characters, who should be the highlight, are the biggest let down. Superheroes like Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman often feel powerless and weak, dying far too easily at the hands of a random robot or thug.

The gameplay is standard fare as well - go through a level, fight a boss, watch a cinema, rise and repeat. Combat is initially somewhat entertaining, but quickly becomes little more than button mashing.

The silver lining of "Justice League Heroes" is the versatile system used to upgrade the superheroes. These orbs can then be used to augment the fundamental attributes and superpowers of the characters allowing gamers to personalize their superheroes.

The biggest problem with the game is the mediocrity it settles for. It is not that the game is terrible, but the lackluster graphics, standard combat and forgettable story line are the kryptonite keeping this game from fulfilling its mission.

The Good: The upgradeable The Bad: The lack of superheroes The Terrible: The voice acting Score: 5/10 (5 is average)

Game: "Tiger Woods 07" System: X360 Genre: Sports

For the last several years, "Tiger Woods" golf games have delivered the best golf experience for gamers in the comfort of their own home. This year's edition, "Tiger Woods 07," aims to correct last year's subpar game in an effort to return to the top of the leaderboard.

The first thing gamers will notice is how beautiful the game looks. All of the courses look amazing, and it is clear the extra power of the X360 is being put to good use.

"Tiger Woods 07" conveys the feel of being in a PGA tournament, due not only to the great visuals but the sound effects as well. The crowd reacts to how gamers play, and the ambient sound in the background really enhances the experience.

The tried and true analog swing is still the same, which is fine because there is no better way to swing a golf club outside of the real thing. Things do get a little hazy on the greens, however, as controlling the putter can be frustrating.

One the biggest complaints of last year's game was the lack of available golfers and modes of play. This year, the game boasts more than 20 modes of play and several recognizable golfers to keep gamers challenged for some time.

"Tiger Woods 07" is also available on the PS2 and original Xbox. Each version is essentially the same game with the X360 version getting a definite nod in the graphics department.

Bottom line, this year's edition provides a fun and engaging game on all platforms, creating the best place for gamers to get their golfing fix during the cold winter months.

The Good: The depth of the createa-player mode
The Bad: The extra coin this game costs on X360 The Frustrating: The putting game

Score: 8/10 (5 is average)

Author explains culture's impact on writing

Moroccan writer visits GVSU. shares thoughts on language, racism, immigration

By Michelle Pawlak

GVL A&E Editor

Using the characters she created, Laila Lalami was able to convey the experiences of illegal immigrants on paper.

The renowned author visited Grand Valley State University Tuesday to allow others to experience her work through her presentation. The Cook-DeWitt Center offered standing room only as Lalami, author of "Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits," spoke about her book, life and many other topics including language, racism and immigration.

"We wanted to bring more cultural diversity and awareness to the university," said Khedija Gadhoum, GVSU professor of Spanish and Latin American studies and organizer of the event. "I think it's very important that students have exposure beyond what's going on in this continent."

Gadhoum added she was pleased with the turnout and success of the event.

Beginning at 1 p.m., Lalami took the stage first talking about

from her book and finishing with a question and answer session with the audience.

looking for the fact that art did matter," Lalami said, explaining her choice to become a writer.

She said one of her reasons for writing "Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits" was to display people of her heritage from their point of view instead of a negative outsider's view.

"I (write) because I feel the need to do it," Lalami added. "I want myself in the books of hunters."

immigration from Morocco to Spain across the Strait of Gibraltar through the eyes of four main characters. The book flashes backward and forward to show the lives of the characters before crossing the river and after living

Andi VanderKolk, president of the GVSU Arab Culture Club, said the goal of bringing Lalami to campus was to promote

"We always want to get different perspectives of Arab Americans," VanderKolk said. 'Nowadays, people think Arab just means political concerns. Arab culture is an old civilization

She added she thinks GVSU her past, then reading an excerpt does a good job of providing

"In a subconscious way, I was

to bear witness and connect with readers. For I am a lion myself, and I'm tired of reading about Her featured book is a literary narrative about the illegal

in Spain.

understanding of the Arab culture.

with a lot to offer."

Taking notes: GVSU Junior Rachael Williams (right) interviews Moroccan author Laila Lalami (left) after a discussion of Lalami's book "Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits" on Tuesday in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

opportunities to learn about other cultures.

"The Arabic culture is growing here - clubs, classes - and there are a lot of people on campus working to make sure the growth continues," VanderKolk said.

GVSU junior Harleen Chawla said she thought the event was a good opportunity for students, and the university should offer more presentations of similar nature.

"These events give students a lot more knowledge beyond the

parts of their lives.

classes they have to take," Chawla added.

Gadhoum said she hopes to offer more cultural events in the future

"My job as a teacher is to bring knowledge and educate," she said.

"I want to take these opportunities to share different experiences."

She added she felt the event was greatly supported by the GVSU community, which was shown through a long list of universityrelated sponsors.

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Ensemble harmonizes with brass instruments

By Brandy Arnold GVL Staff Writer

The Faculty Brass Ensemble's rich sounds and gleaming brass captured the audience's attention Monday night.

The quintet includes Richard Stoelzel and Dorival Puccini playing the trumpets, Allen French on the horn, James Cumiskey's trombone playing and Daniel Clouse showing his tuba skills. The group performed as part of the Artist-Faculty Series in the Cook-DeWitt Center on Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus.

an eclectic mix of contemporary and classic work. Stoelzel, music selector for the program, said he tried to pick fun and intriguing music.

"By performing music from different genres, we hope to provide something for everybody," he said. French echoed his sentiments.

"Hopefully people had fun and will want to come back," he said. 'We always love to see more people come out.'

Special guests Diane Penning-Koperski sang, and Dale Schriemer narrated poetry to the melody of the quintet. Also accompanying the group was Tony Bush, the new Allendale High School music director and GVSU student Paul Mueller.

This visual aspect of the show also made it enjoyable, Stoelzel

"It's nice because you don't have to look at the same five faces for two hours," he said. "It was a pleasure having all of them with us

Between pieces, the performers bantered with the audience and amongst themselves. The colleagues' good rapport helps stage presence, which makes the performance better, Stoelzel said.

"We know how to play off of each other," he added. "We've learned to listen and communicate.'

GVSU junior Lindsay Thomas said a major reason for attending such concerts is the chance to sit back and relax.

"I just like to come to these performances by myself for a bit of downtime," she said. Audience members are not the

only ones who use the concerts as an opportunity to relax. Most of the performers have parts in the show that help them unwind. A section in the piece "Centone

X" is Clouse's moment of Zen, as

he is then able to break from the other performers with one long note, he said. Cumiskey added his favorite part of the program was the poetry accompaniment because it makes

the performance less elusive for the The quintet taking turns introducing the pieces and composers, each giving a little

background, made it easier to follow the program, Thomas said. She added she had a lot of fun and would like to see the Brass

Ensemble perform again. "It's extremely important that students go out and see what their university has to offer," she said. "Sometimes people will overlook events like these, but they must take advantage of these resources."

Stoelzel said he wants the program to get the audience thinking about the music as they leave the performance. Not only does the audience experience relaxation and entertainment, but also culture and enlightenment, he said.

"Hopefully students weren't out in the audience doing homework,"

Cumiskey also emphasized the effects a performance can have on an audience.

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Former South Africa leader dies GVL DIGEST

P.W. Botha dies Tuesday, South African officials remember his impact on country

> By Clare Nullis Associated Press Writer

CAPE TOWN, South Africa Former President Nelson Mandela said Wednesday the death of P.W. Botha, the apartheid-era leader who resisted pressure to release Mandela in the 1980s, should serve as a reminder of the country's "horribly divided past."

Mandela added that it should also evoke how citizens of all persuasions ultimately came together to save the country from destruction, the South African Press Association reported.

"While to many Botha will remain a symbol of apartheid, we also remember him for the steps he took to pave the way toward the eventual peacefully negotiated settlement in our country," Mandela said, who spent 27 years in prison before Botha's successor, F.W. de Klerk, freed him in 1990.

Botha, 90, died late Tuesday at his home on the southern Cape coast.

Tributes poured in for the man known to many as the "Old Crocodile" because of his feared temper and ruthlessness. Even those similar to Mandela who suffered under Botha's rule from 1978-1989 were magnanimous toward their former oppressor.

President Thabo Mbeki said Botha led the country "at a difficult time.'

"It stands to his credit that when he realized the futility of fighting against what was right and inevitable, he, in his own way, realized that South Africans had no alternative but to reach out to one another," he said in a

Botha liked to depict himself declaration and the worst



Leaving a legacy: In this June 3, 1998 picture, former South African President P.W. Botha stands outside the court in George, South Africa, where he is on trial for possible complicity in state-sanctioned killings and violence when he was head of state from 1978-1989. Botha, South Africa's last hard-line white president who led the country through its worst racial violence and deepest international isolation, died Tuesday, the South African Press Association reported. He was 90.

as the first South African leader to pursue race reform, but he tenaciously defended the framework of apartheid, sharply restricting the activities of black political organizations and detaining more than 30,000 people.

Through a series of liberalizing moves, Botha sought support among the Asian and mixed-race communities by creating separate parliamentary chambers. He lifted restrictions on interracial sex and marriage and met with Mandela during his last year as president.

After each step forward, there was a backlash, resulting in a 1986 state of emergency

reprisals in more than four decades of apartheid.

De Klerk ousted Botha as National Party leader in September 1989 in a bitter fight over the pace of apartheid reform. Mandela took power after the first democratic elections in 1994.

De Klerk said in a statement his relationship with his predecessor was "often strained," and he did not like Botha's "overbearing leadership style." However, he said it was under Botha's leadership that the government first made contact with Mandela and African National Congress leaders in exile.

"P.W. Botha was a strong and an effective organizer," de Klerk said. "I would like to honor Botha for the enormous contribution that he made to preparing the way to the new South Africa.'

The African National Congress, which now rules South Africa but was outlawed as a terrorist organization under Botha, was one of the first groups to offer condolences on Tuesday — a symbol of how the new multiracial South Africa is trying to heal the wounds of its apartheid past.

"The African National Congress extends its sympathies and condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of former President P.W. Botha, who passed away," the party said in a statement. "The ANC wishes his family strength and comfort at this difficult time.'

Botha spent his final years seclusion, stubbornly refusing to appear in 1997 before a panel investigating apartheid-era crimes. He risked criminal penalties by defying subpoenas from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to testify about the State Security Council he had headed.

The council was believed to have sanctioned the killings and torture of anti-apartheid activists, and the panel was investigating Botha's possible involvement. Botha denied knowledge of killings, torture and bombings carried out during his rule.

Girl pleads guilty to robbing grandmother WARREN, Mich. (AP)

A 16-year-old suburban Detroit girl has pleaded guilty for her role in the gunpoint robbery of her 65year-old wheelchair-using grandmother, authorities

Three other teenagers have been charged in the case and face a court hearing Nov. 9.

The teens broke into the woman's home on Oct. 17 and took pain medication, cash and a cell phone, according to Warren

Kerry apologizes for 'botched joke'

WASHINGTON (AP) Sen. John Kerry apologized for "a botched about President Bush's Iraq policies that led Bush and fellow Republicans to accuse him of insulting U.S. troops, Some Democrats in close races assailed Kerry, while others called the flap a ploy by the GOP to alter its fortunes in next week's midterm elections.

"Of course I'm sorry about a botched joke. You think I love botched jokes?" Kerry said during an appearance on Don Imus' nationally syndicated radio program. "I mean, you know, it's pretty stupid."

North Korea returns to disarmament talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea said Wednesday it was returning to nuclear disarmament talks to get access to its frozen overseas bank accounts, a vital source of hard currency.

Mich. GOP to sue Dems

Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) Republicans planned to file a federal lawsuit Wednesday to block Democrats from spending \$440,000 on battleground races that could determine which party controls the Michigan Senate.

The suit, a copy of which was provided to The Associated Press, alleges incumbent Democrats exceeded the annual \$20,000per-person limit individuals can donate to legislative caucuses in this case the Senate Democratic Fund.

Republicans hope to get an injunction issued by a judge which would block much of the

week of a hard-fought campaign season.

"This is an unprecedented collaboration to violate campaign finance law that is shocking both in size and coordination," said Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming.

Sikkema is a plaintiff in the

Tom Lenard, spokesman for Senate Democrats, said the GOP's suit is another "desperate attempt at trying to talk about anything but jobs and their record of failure. We continue to stand by our position that the law is on our side. This is just another effort to distract and

confuse voters.' Democrats, who are trying to

Democrats' spending in the final win control of the state Senate for the first time since 1983, argued the practice is legal and said two Republicans did the same thing in two toss-up districts in 2002. Republicans said those cases involved reporting errors, and a campaign finance expert has said Senate Democrats should return the money.

The suit seeks an injunction against the money being spent and accuses 12 Democratic Senate candidates of giving more than \$440,000 in illegal contributions.

Republicans, who have a 22-16 edge in the Senate, also control the state House 58-49. The GOPled legislature has frequently clashed with Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

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Saginaw houses burn on Devil's Night

Associated Press

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) Sixteen houses burned during a fiery Devil's Night in Saginaw resulting in \$150,000 in damage.

The fire calls kept 28 Saginaw firefighters and supervisors busy Monday night and into Tuesday afternoon. There were 16 calls to house fires over the night, all almost certainly cases of arson, fire officials said.

At least five of the fires were rekindles - symptomatic of a fire department understaffed to deal with the high volume of fires, said fire Battalion Chief Donald Coleman.

"When you have all those fires like that, you have to take people from one fire to another, and you can't do your salvage and overhaul as well," Coleman told The Saginaw

He said firefighters who worked overnight escaped injury but were generally "pretty beat up."

Flames charred eight vacant houses in the city, causing an average of \$15,000 in structural damage. Coleman said crews will demolish at least four of them at a cost of about \$8,000 each.

Devil's Night was the name given to the night before Halloween in Detroit, gaining notoriety after the high number of arson fires in the city during the 1980s and early 1990s. Saginaw is about 100 miles north of Detroit.

Resident Felicia Hooker said Devil's Night comes around more than once a year in her neighborhood.

"Every night, a house goes up in flames around here," she said. "I got used to it."

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Football

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super motivator. To say, 'Hey, we've only won one GLIAC title in the last few years,' that's different."

The Cardinals came into the season projected as a front runner for the conference title. However, with a triad of losses, SVSU is now struggling just to stay in the playoff hunt.

"This may not be their best year," Martin said. "They have some injuries too, and that doesn't help."

The Lakers defeated the Cardinals last year 24-17, but it was SVSU that was victorious in 2004 by a score of 31-20. The GVSU/SVSU series is currently at 24-10 in favor of the Lakers.

Martin said the Cardinals offense has a tough time stopping the run, but without offensive lineman Brandon Barnes in the lineup for the Lakers due to injury, it is likely to be a push. The Cardinals have allowed an average of 152.5 rushing yards per game along with 180.2 yards through the air. They also average 308.4 total offensive yards per game through what Martin called a "really balanced offense."

Aside from a conference title, the longest active winning streak in collegiate football will be on the line as the Lakers have won 22 straight.

Kickoff for the game will be at 7 p.m.

Men's basketball continued from page B1

Junior L.J. Kilgore and freshman David Thompson will have the duty of picking up where

"L.J. played a lot of big minutes for us last year, so it's not a huge adjustment for him," Wesley said. "David has a lot of athletic ability and a lot of talent, so we just have to be patient with him, and he will be fine."

Seniors Dan Redder and Kyle Carhart will play key reserve roles for the team. Carhart saw action in all 31 games last year and was named to the GLIAC All-Tournament team.

The 6-foot-10-inch Redder was fourth on the team in scoring last year at 8.6 points per game. He will be called upon to start at center for the first part of the season due to an injury sustained by Hall, who will miss four to six weeks with a broken bone in his hand.

"Mike being out makes things difficult for us because he's such a versatile player," Wesley said. "Fortunately, he will only miss the first few games of the season."

The Lakers saw their first action of the season Wednesday

night in an exhibition game against Michigan State University at the Van Andel Arena.

"We are fortunate to have a good relationship with Michigan State, and we have now been able to play them twice," Wesley said. "I also think, with their medical school coming to Grand Rapids, it is good for them to get some exposure in the area."

GVSU will play one more exhibition game against the University of Detroit Mercy on Tuesday. The Lakers will host their first regular season game against Davenport University on Nov. 16.

Soccer

James left off.

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center and controlled the flow of play, and our forwards finished."

A similar effort will be needed to advance to play the winner of the other game between Indianapolis and Mercyhurst, a team that handed the Lakers their only loss this season.

"It would be a dream come true to play Mercyhurst because we played so bad against them last time," Christenson said. "We want a second chance and revenge."

In practices this week, Dilanni said he wanted to focus on beating the defensive system employed by the Lady Hawks and funneling players in the middle third of the field to slow down opposing

midfielders. He also said he wants to utilize sophomore forward Katy Tafler.

With junior central defender Kourtney Willert out indefinitely, Dilanni worked to solidify his back line.

While the loss of Christenson's "right hand man" is significant, she said she is confident in the ability of her counterparts to step up.

"Emily (Berner) is really smart on the ball and good in the air," she added. "I love having El (Elena Sobolic) out there because I know I can always count on her. She has the speed to help out and cut off a lot of passes."

The Lakers will not make the mistake of looking past any opponent, but if they emerge as champions of the Great Lakes region, they could meet the defending national champions from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in the NCAA quarterfinals assuming they win their regional tournament.

"We're just focusing on Quincy because we have our hands full with them," Dilanni said. "We're looking for our best players to make plays and come up big when their efforts are needed most."

It all begins Friday at 11 a.m. when Mercyhurst and Indianapolis take to the pitch. GVSU will take on Quincy at 1:30 p.m.

The winners of those two contests will move on to play Sunday at 1 p.m. in the regional championship game to decide who moves on to the NCAA quarterfinals.

Volleyball

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On Tuesday, the Lakers took care of business without looking ahead to the rematch with the Bulldogs.

The Lakers got out to an early start in game one, but the Timberwolves fought back to a tie at 11. GVSU ran off eight points in a row and took a commanding lead, en route to hitting .515 in game one.

While GVSU senior Megan Helsen notched three aces in the game, Northwood burned two timeouts in an attempt to stop the Laker momentum but could not build enough of its own push to win.

In game two, GVSU recorded a .406 hitting percentage and built an early 18-9 lead. Northwood drew the deficit to 27-20 with a five-point run, but still could not overcome the Laker attack. After their run was over, the Timberwolves mailed it in and appeared to stop competing.

Game three flew past just as easily for the Lakers, even while having their worst attack percentage of the match with .270. GVSU got out to a dominant 11-3 lead but saw Northwood close to within five points with a minirun. The closest the Timberwolves would get was 24-18 as the Lakers pulled away for the win.

Senior Meghan Moore led the way with 19 kills in the match while hitting .552 in the contest. Moore ranks third in the GLIAC in attack percentage at .366 per match and fifth in kills per game at 4.13. Sophomore Danielle Alexander had 10 kills and hit .471, adding two aces. Junior Erica Vandekopple hit .412 for the match along with nine kills.

Sophomore Jamie Ashmore added seven kills, seven digs and 39 assists. She ranks fifth in the conference at 11.20 assists per game. Helsen added four kills, five aces and seven digs. Junior Allyson Riley leads the GLIAC in digs at 5.78 per game and recorded 12 during the match, adding three aces as well.

GVSU has only gone to a fivegame match four times this season, sporting a 3-1 record in those contests. Postseason matches can have a tendency to go five games, but Scanlon said she believes her

team is well prepared.
"I think that we condition in the off-season better than most teams," she said. "Because of that, I think

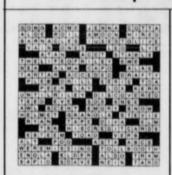
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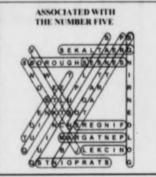
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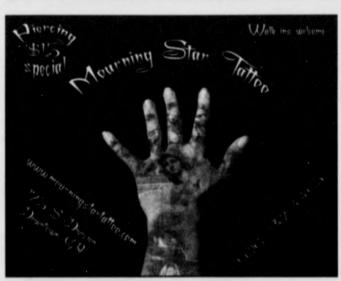
Hillsdale College swept

Hillsdale College swept Northern Michigan University Tuesday and will play No. 4 seeded Ashland University on Friday. The winner of that match will play the winner of the GVSU/FSU match in the finals of the GLIAC Tournament.

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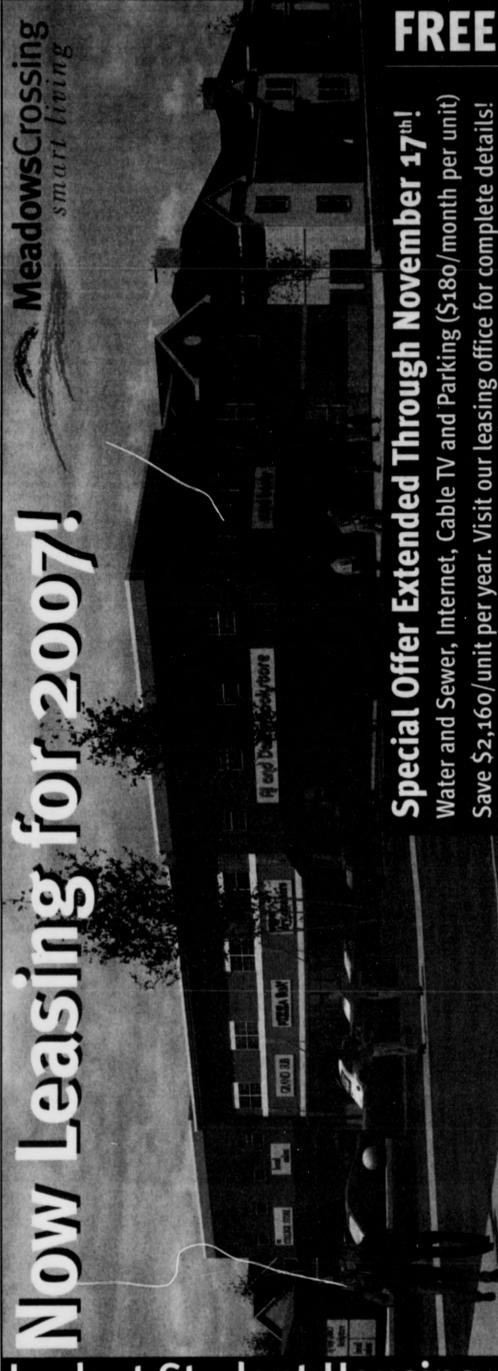


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A man has been arrested for trying to use a \$100 bill with no president's portrait and the name of former President Clinton.

The man, who has not been identified, was arrested Friday after trying to use the bill to buy cigarettes at a Batesville gas station.

The bill was unmistakably fake due to the fact that the ink was running on the bill, the president's face was missing and for the president's name, it had the name Clinton on it," said Deputy Nathan

The sheriff's office expects to file counterfeiting charges against the suspect, authorities said.

'Of all the cases I've worked with phony money, this is the sorriest bill I've ever seen," Lt. Brenda Bittle

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - Steve Milton keeps springing back and springing back to rubber bands.

Through concentration and perseverance, he has created a 3,300-pound ball comprised of rubber bands. His creation measures almost 5 feet tall and takes up half his two-car garage

Though it's not official, the 26-year-old Eugene man believes he has broken the record for the heaviest such ball, eclipsing John Bain's mark of 3,120 pounds.

Milton has posted updates of his ball's growing girth on his MySpace page. He's also uploaded videos of the ball crushing things, such as when he used a forklift to drop the ball on an old van.

Milton started building the ball last November. He bought rubber bands at retail stores and then started purchasing in bulk from the Pennsylvania-based Dykema Rubber Band Company.

Milton, who wants to stretch the ball at least another 1,000 pounds, said the work isn't all that safe. He wears gloves to avoid burning his hands from friction and learned to move when a band breaks.

"If they snap they come off pretty fast," he said. "They've given me

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The thing in the bag of black seedless grapes in Lori Warren's refrigerator was dark and shiny, all right, but it had something grapes don't - eight

Making the whole experience worse, the critter had the red, hourglass-shaped mark on its abdomen that helped confirm its identity as a black widow spider.

Her 9-year-old daughter, Elysia Holland-Kyzer, discovered the spider Monday morning when she went looking in the refrigerator for butter for her toast. She yelled for her

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family, and I'm not really afraid of those things," Warren said

Thecloserexaminationthatturned up the black widow's markings did give her a shiver, thinking of her children's close calls.

The grapes had been purchased at an area store by Warren's mother, who lives in Ottawa. The two women called two area stores where the grapes could have come from to tell them about their find.

The Warrens put their halfconsumed bag of grapes into another plastic bag and then placed the whole thing in their garage. They weren't certain what they would do with it, but Warren was fairly sure the family will stay away from grapes for now.

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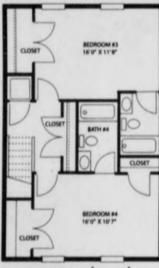
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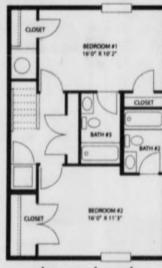
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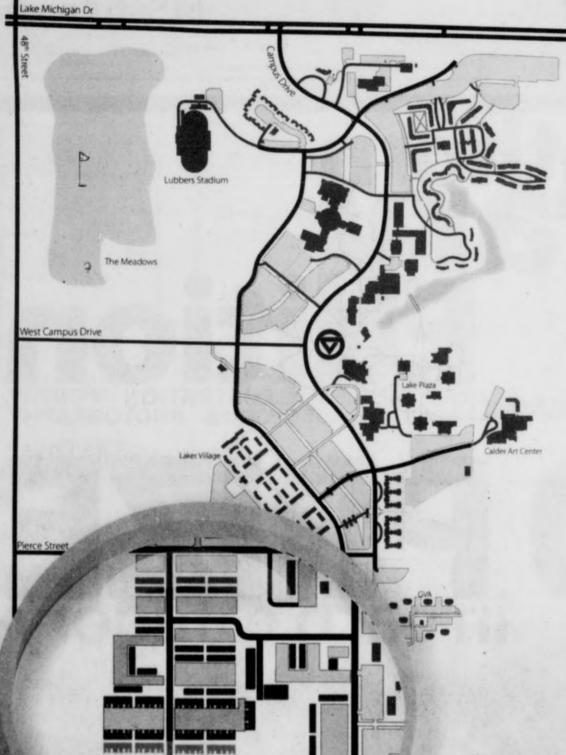
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