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State allocations delay tuition increase decision

by Greg Reed
Staff Writer

While GVSU students are at the beach or on the golf course this summer, the Board of Control will be in meetings discussing a tuition increase, effective beginning the Fall 1994 semester.

Unlike Michigan State University, who announced a 3.5 percent tuition increase last week, the Board of Control is waiting to see if GVSU will receive the raise in state allocations recommended by Governor John Engler.

Although GVSU President Arend D. Lubbers has not yet offered a recommendation to the board, he did tell the Student Senate Allocations Committee in February that if Engler's proposal is accepted, he would recommend to the board a three percent or less increase.

"The president will make a recommendation in June to the Board of Control," said Jean Enright, executive assistant to the president. "And that recommendation will depend on what Grand Valley State University's allocation is," she added.

According to Vice President for University Relations Matthew McLogan, it would not be wise to make such a decision as a tuition increase without waiting for the Michigan legislature's decision on Engler's proposal.

"If we act before (the legislature's decision), we're guessing," McLogan said. "We want to be in the best position to make that decision."

While MSU has already made their decision, other schools have hinted towards an increase, some up to as high as six or six and a half percent.

"We are in an interesting position," McLogan said, referring to the fact that Grand Valley has one of the smallest appropriations per student ratios in the state. In fact, there are only three other schools in Michigan with a lower tuition rate than Grand Valley, and they receive more appropriations dollars.

"Our board is very proud of the fact that they have held tuition prices down," McLogan said. He added that the board feels "Grand Valley is and remains a great value."

Like the tuition, Lubbers has not yet recommended a change in current fees, such as the student life or registration fees. However, McLogan pointed out that these are typically flat fees, and in past years have been treated as separate items from tuition.

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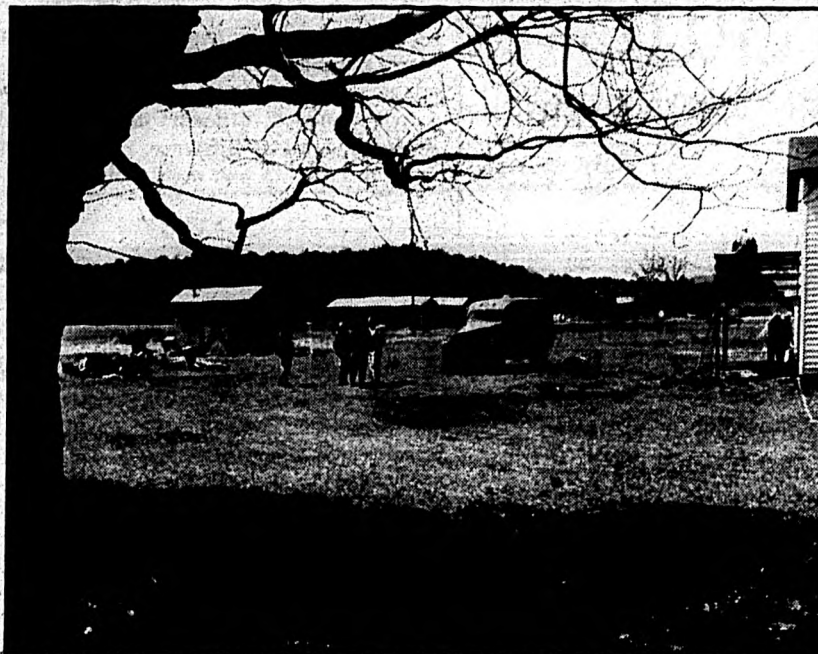
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Grand Valley State University

April 20, 1994

Grand Valley student shot « Second student arraigned yesterday in shooting

by Kathleen Beatty
News Editor



The scene of the crime; investigators talk to neighbors and search for evidence around the outside of the residence where the shooting took place.

Photo by Kathleen Beatty

A Grand Valley student was shot while visiting the home of a friend in Allendale Tuesday morning. Another Grand Valley student was arraigned at Grand Haven District Court later in the day on three separate counts relating to the crime.

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, responding to reported gun shots, found the body of the victim, Kevin Ernst, 23, of Grand Haven on the second floor deck at the rear of the residence at 6610 Pierce. At the time of response, none of the other residents were at the home.

Ernst was the son of William Ernst of Whitehall and Jan Ernst, resident and assistant deputy clerk at the 58th District Court in Grand Haven. He was a graduate of Grand Haven High School and a math major at Grand Valley.

At 12:50 a.m., Ottawa County Sheriff's Department received a call from a Grand Valley State University patrolman who said that one of the residents had come to campus and reported the shots to him.

Grand Valley police officer, Lieutenant Carmen Strazisar, said that when their officers responded to the crime scene the situation was "chaotic." Many weapons were also found in side the home.

One source at the scene said that the suspect kept telling officers that "it was just an accident."

Neighbor and Grand Valley senior John Koso was watching television with his roommate Shane Beach when he heard shots fired just after 12:30 a.m.

"We both heard a shot go off. We just looked at each other, and then we heard another go off," said Koso.

Koso said that there was a 10-second pause between shots and that they sounded more like shots from a hand gun. At the time, he just thought someone was firing at an animal outside.

The suspect, Grand Valley student Daniel Conrad, 25, of Capac, Michigan, was later arrested at the home of Gary Kurtz in Blendon Township about 4 p.m.

Kurtz said that he was awakened by loud pounding on his back basement door about 3:30 a.m. He said that a very wet and muddy Conrad told him that he had been drinking and had been in an accident. Conrad told Kurtz that he had left his car on 48th Street, about a half mile walk from Kurtz' home.

According to Kurtz, a somewhat nervous Conrad also said that he couldn't find the body of his friend and that he thought he was dead. Kurtz then called 911.

"I figured he was in an accident until the police got there," said Kurtz.

Conrad was charged with Open Murder, Open Manslaughter, and Felony Fire Arm, but has requested a preliminary exam, according to a clerk at Grand Haven District Court. Bond was denied, and the suspect is incarcerated at Ottawa County Jail.

The alleged murder weapon has not yet been found, according to Lieutenant Del South of the Ottawa County Sheriff's department.

Dean of Students Bart Merkle said Tuesday, "I think it's a real tragedy. Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Kevin and the family and friends of the suspect."

Grand Valley Psychologist Wayne Kinzi said that the campus Counselling Center will keep its doors open to those in need.

"We both heard a shot go off. We just kind of looked at each other, and then we heard another go off."
---John Koso
Neighbor

MALDEF: Spreading multicultural ideas

by Allen P. Babbitt
Staff Writer

A late start has not stopped two Grand Valley State University students from their efforts to bring further cultural diversity to their campus.

Sophomore Rosendo Rocha and junior Jorge Gonzalez have been attending the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund's leadership development program in Detroit since March.

The 11th such program nationally, whose purpose is to build a cadre of Latino leaders committed to empowering and building a better community and society for all, started on January 24, but the pair did not learn about the conference until after it started.

Rocha said that MALDEF leaders have been gracious in allowing himself and Gonzalez to make up the sessions that they missed. Both are excited about what they can learn during the program.

"We should be able to bring back a lot of good ideas back to this university," said Rocha, who is the president of the Latino Student Union, said. "Hopefully, we can help try to ease some of the multi-cultural tension that exists on campus."



(l to r) Rosendo Rocha, president of the Latino Student Union, and Jorge Gonzalez who attended MALDEF since March.

Photo by Cory D. Olsen

"Hopefully, we can try to ease some of the multicultural tension that exists on campus."

---Rosendo Rocha
President, Latino Student Union

English requirements revised for fall of '95

by Kathleen Beatty
News Editor

In a meeting on April 8, the University Administrative Senate approved the reformulation of Grand Valley's composition requirements in a unanimous vote.

The UAS and other proponents of the proposal hope the new changes will ensure more consistency among sections of ENG 150, the standard composition course, as well as enhance writing skills across the curriculum.

To do this, more cooperation among English Department faculty and other faculty from across campus will be required in the development and articulation of writing goals, writing course objectives, and teaching strategies.

Student Senate President Len VanPopering said that in past

years, the Student Senate was opposed to changing the requirements. They worried that the proposed program would only add to the students' ever increasing course load. They also felt there were too few SWS course offerings from which to choose.

Once these concerns were addressed, said VanPopering, they gave the proposal their full backing.

"The changes signify and, I believe will lead to, enhanced writing proficiency," said VanPopering.

Implementation of the new program will begin in the fall of 1995 for all incoming freshman and in the fall of 1997 for all MACRO transfers.

The program combines a new sequence of courses that work to maintain and build upon student's writing skills. Students will be placed using ACT-English scores. Those with a score of 22 and above will be automatically placed into Eng. 150; those with a

score under 22 will have a second chance to place higher by taking a placement test, much like the one currently used to place freshmen into composition courses.

Students will then be required to take one SWS course in their sophomore year. In their junior year, each student will be required to demonstrate their writing skills in one of two ways: by writing a two-hour essay within their field of study; or by completing a junior-level composition course that focuses on both academic performance and professional writing skills.

David Rathbun, associate professor in the School of Communications, has been working closely with members of the English Department and administration for four years to formulate the new proposal. He said that the main reasons the proposal passed this year was due to UAS's commitment to involving all members of the GVSU community in the debate and formulation process.

"Governance worked at its best this year," said Rathbun.

New sexual harassment policy proposed

by Rich Halbert
staff writer

A new sexual harassment policy for Grand Valley State University has been proposed by the Complaint Resolution Committee.

The new policy attempts to make a difference between sexual and gender harassment, the difference being crimes of gender are more related to crimes of racial or religious discrimination rather than sexual misconduct.

"The committee felt that a new set of guidelines were needed to help clarify and simplify the existing policy," said Jackie Johnson,

committee member.

The existing policy does not contain a definition of a consensual relationship. "Before, nothing had been said about relationships between staff and students. We thought we should try to outline or define that relationship," said Johnson.

A clarification of the procedure for filing a complaint was also reviewed and changed. The new procedures are geared toward filtering out allegations which may not need a full-blown investigation. These policy changes are to ensure a fairer process for both the victim and the accused.

The last change was made in the

composition of the committee to which parties involved in a dispute would appear. The current committee does not necessarily reflect the background of those involved, the new policy calls for members that would try to equally reflect the attitudes of both parties involved.

While the new policy has been sent to faculty members over the E-mail system and has been approved by Student Senate, it will not officially become policy until it is approved by the Board of Control.

Earth Day, April 22

You may not be a member of Greenpeace or Earth First!, but that doesn't really matter. From the highest paid executive to the youngest child, we can all make a difference in the beauty and quality of the planet. Pick up a piece of trash, water a plant, or use recycled products, it doesn't take a superman to make a difference.

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GVSU recognized for recycling commitment

Grand Valley State University was recognized on March 31, 1994 by Wisconsin Tissue and Industrial Concepts

Inc., for their commitment toward environmental responsibility in helping to save our planet earth through the use of Wisconsin Tissue's 100% recycled products used throughout the University.

An award was presented to Mr. Robert Whitacre, Director of Plant Services, and Sec Garcia, Supervisor Plant Services by James P. White, President of Industrial

Concepts Inc..

During the last two years Grand Valley State University use of recycled Wisconsin

Tissue products has results in an environmental savings of 850 trees, 350,000 gallons of water, saved 150 cubic yards of landfill space, 205,000 kilowatts of energy, and saved 3,000 pounds of air pollutants!

Mr. White commented,

"We are extremely pleased that the administration, staff, teachers, and students all work together at Grand Valley State University to help save this planet earth."

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Kevin Belk
Wallace Boeve
Rebecca Borawski
Yvonne Brennan
Cara Broersma
Steven Brower
Thomas Canda
Karen Carlson
Cheryl Casaroli
Randall Ceton
Andy Collins
Mary Sue DeLong
Nicole Dewey
Charles DeWitt
Jill DeWitt
Joann Fishel
Marcia Fitzgerald
Jodi Fleser
Donna Gehringer
Susan Ghareeb
Kally Glenn
Andrew Grey
Beth Hanis
Diane Harrison
Michael Henshaw
Michael Holmes
Joyce Holstege
George Jones
Sandra Kommit
Sarah Kortenhoven
Kathryn Kozal
Katherine Kremmel
Alison Libby
Amy Lohman
Wendy Looman
Jeanne McKay
Cheryl Mitchell
Janel Mull
Thomas Oatmen
Calvin Oosse
Alison Pasarella
Charlotte Piergies
Joel Purkiss
Cynthia Rosema
Tamara Rucki
Sharon Schuster
Maria Simpson
Stephanie Snow
Mark Stegink
Kerry Stevens
Tanya Stray
Anne Streeter
Michelle TePastie
Carmen Ulberg
Valarie VanderLaan
Lucille VanLare
Cynthia Van Ness
Rhonda Van Ommen
Donald Verhoeven

Craig Verhulst
Beverly Vesota
Bethany Waterbury
Michelle Webb
Michele Williams
Tammy Yeomans
Kurtiss Zink

GRADUATE INITIATES

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Nkechye Ezech
Judith Furman
Nancy Gooden
Laura Wightman

FACULTY INITIATES

Roelof Bijkerk*
Dewey Houtenga
Arend D. Lubbers
Barbara Roos

To the Freshman Honorees of Phi Kappa Phi:

Julie Barnes
Christopher Barron
Kara Bartow
Anna Bigaj
Elizabeth Brower
Susan Carman
Marian Elnick
Erica Green
Jennifer Groebe
Daniel Groh
Julie Hirschert
Vladimir Jurista
Zachery Kurmas
Marcia Laisure
Gabriel Ledford
Theresa Richardson
Eric VanDop

To the outstanding seniors honored April 11, 1994:

ART AND HUMANITIES DIVISION

Gerardo Aguilar, *Broadcasting*
Rebecca Andrews, *French*
Andrea Bassette, *German*
Colleen Bodbyl, *History*
Julie Bos, *Art/Graphic Design*
Melissa Bouwman, *Film and Video*
Andrea Dykstra, *Music*
Ismael Enriquez, *Spanish*
Joyce Holstege, *English*
Laurie Jason, *Communications*
Sandra Kommit, *Liberal Studies*
Charlotte Kroll, *Advertising and Public Relations*
Betty LaFrance, *Journalism*

Jennifer Militzer, *Russian Studies*
Cheryl Mitchell, *Photography*
Susan Wolfe, *Health*

Communications

Judith Furman, *Master of Education*
English Concentration

Kristine Perry, *Master of*
Communications

SEIDMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Brenda Nelson, *Accounting*
Asaline Scott, *Finance*
Mark Stegink, *Marketing*
Lisa Tyler, *Economics*
Len Van Popering, *Management*
Anne Baar, *Master of Business Administration*
Steven Butler, *Master of Science in Taxation*

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS DIVISION

Christopher Bolhuis, *Geology*
Jill Cabanilla, *Health Sciences*
Thomas Canda, *Natural Resources Management*
Anthonius Collins, *Computer Science*
Dennis Festerling, *Biology*
Susan Hasenbank, *Group Science-Biology*
Angela Jackson, *Biomedical Sciences*
Maggie James, *Mathematics*
Bonni Kinne, *Physical Therapy*
Charlotte Kluting, *Physical Education*
Bradly Marecek, *Occupational Safety and Health*
Pamela Marek, *Therapeutic Recreation*
Lori McIntyre, *Hospitality and Tourism Management*
Heidi Townsend, *Chemistry*
Craig Verhulst, *Information Systems*
Brian Zomberg, *Engineering*

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

Jennifer Cisler, *Anthropology*
Charles DeWitt, *Criminal Justice*
Deanna Dickerson, *Legal Studies*
Paula Monson, *Group Social Science-History*
Charlotte Piergies, *Sociology*
Barbara Selb, *Public Administration*
Sally VanNoord, *Psychology*
Edith VanSprange, *Behavioral Science*
Heather Wood-Gramza, *International Relations*
Stuart Jones, *Master of Public Administration*

KIRKHOF SCHOOL OF NURSING

Kimberly Oberst, *Nursing*
Laura Wightman, *Master of Science in Nursing*

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Sheri Moelker, *Social Work*
Nilsa Hernandez, *Master of Social Work*

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Julie Phelps, *Psychology/Special Education*
Ann Ed, *Master of Education, Special Education*
Nkechye Ezech, *Master of Education*
Nancy Gooden, *Master of Education, Reading/Language Arts*

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNING BOARDS

Students
Len Van Popering, *Management*
Brian Zomberg, *Engineering*
Faculty
Laura Gardner Salazar, Ph.D.,
Professor of Communications
Jim Strickland, Ph.D.,
Professor of Physics

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE OF HONORS PROGRAM

John Rich

STUDENTS SERVICES DIVISION

1994 Kenneth R. Venderbush Award
Leland Bond, *Public Administration*
Len Van Popering, *Management*

1994 Thomas M. Seykora Award For Outstanding Contribution

Gary Born, *Therapeutic Recreation*
Deanna Feldt, *Sociology*
Dennis Festerling, *Biology*
Susan Flickinger, *Nursing*
Kala Gibson, *Finance*
Anne Houdek, *Management*
Oscar Jones, *Psychology*
Amy Lohman, *Sociology*
Janet Meana, *Journalism*
Steven Nicolet, *Public Administration*
Robert Rostoni, *Public Administration*
James Ryder, *Management*
Andre Taylor, *Finance*
Heather Wood-Gramza, *International Relations*

Student Senate News

by Alan P. Babbitt
Staff Writer

The Senate endured a long, hot evening in the Louis Armstrong Theater in the Calder Fine Arts Center Thursday.

In addition to handling several important subject matters, the 1994-95 Senate decided on its cabinet. Each candidate had the chance to speak to the new body and face a question-and-answer period.

The session lasted for nearly two hours before the voting finally took place. Here are the results:

1994-95 SENATE OFFICERS

President: Todd A. Green

Executive Vice-President: Dawn Prutton

Vice-President of Allocations: Kristen Brooks

Vice-President of Community Affairs: Tracey James

Vice-President of Political Actions: Joyce Ohm

Vice-President of Public Relations: Craig Collins

Vice-President of Student Resources: Kris Varga

Rivalling the length and intensity of the Senate officer speeches was the debate over the change in next year's budget that would give \$1600 to Voices of GVSU.

Current Executive Vice-President James Ryder brought forth the measure after the group was not given any money for next year because of a religious affiliation.

Vice-President of Allocations Scott Goldberg expressed concerns that funding the group would be a violation of a state law because state funds cannot be used to "enhance nor inhibit religion."

The issue sharply divided the Senate as both sides were set in how they felt. Unable to reach a decision, the motion was tabled until April 21's meeting in the Portside room.

After further discussion on Sound Spectrum Concert Productions' proposal, the Senate approved the budget plans for a fall 1994 concert with three pending stipulations. Included in that spending cap of \$100,000 is \$20,000 from the Senate reserve account to subsidize student ticket prices.

Sound Spectrum must (1)

immediately notify the Senate of the selected group, (2) present a detailed budget and an advertising plan to the Allocations Committee within 10 working days after the contract is signed and (3) make the cost of tickets for Grand Valley students less than non-student ones.

After raising over \$8,000 for their dream of racing a solar-powered boat in Seattle, Wash., the Engineering Club came forth with a spontaneous request of \$3,000 to purchase solar panels for the vehicle. Club President Peter Tadros appealed to the Senate for the money after Vice-President of Allocations Scott Goldberg denied the request because he did not believe that it fell under the spontaneous request category.

The Senate agreed with Goldberg's decision and voted to deny Tadros' appeal.

It did approve the Latino Student Union's reallocation request of \$500 for a speaker and the Backpacking Club's \$534 request to purchase equipment. It also approved WCKS' spontaneous request of \$180 for tent rental.

Abell professor speaks on state of environment

by Carmel Loftis
Staff Writer

The picture painted by Dr. John McDermott was not a pretty one. "There is a lot of work to be done and its up to you."

Every year the Liberal Studies Program and GVSU Lecture Series bring a significant person to campus to teach and lecture.

This year it was a s McDermott, a distinguished Abell Professor in Liberal Arts at Texas A&U, who has taught for some 42 years.

He spoke April 8 at the Kirkhof Center.

McDermott has also written several books about the edited works of John Dewey, Emerson, William James and Josiah Royce.

McDermott's lecture focused on the state of the environment, and he emphasized that "things are not

wonderful."

He talked about air, water, problems with the massive geriatric needs, violence in this country, and the fact that by the time most students that are now in their 20s reach the year 2060 there will be 25 billion people on the earth.

McDermott challenged students to question everything and to have presence of mind. "Cut deeper," he said. He pointed out that the primary purpose of this University is to assist the students in finding answers.

McDermott said that we are a society of "broken people," and we need to stop being a society

of "public worriers; instead we need to become public warriors"

McDermott spoke with compassion and sincerity as he said, "Our task is learning how to live this journey so that it is meaningful."



Dr. John McDermott lectures Grand Valley students Friday, April 8.

Photo by Joe Fasel Jr.

GVSU prof to flip pancakes at fundraiser

by Greg Reed
Staff Writer

It's not often that you get the opportunity to have a Grand Valley professor cook your breakfast. All the more reason to attend the pancake breakfast held by the Allendale Fire Department on April 23 at Allendale Christian School.

That's where you will find GVSU math and statistics professor and EMT for the Allendale Fire Department Carl Arendsen manning the griddle from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m.

And for your viewing pleasure, the department will have an ambulance

and an ArrowMed Rescue helicopter on display.

The breakfast is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. All proceeds will be used to purchase rescue equipment and safety gear for the department.

Don't forget that this is the department that comes to the aid of Grand Valley students. Arendsen, who has been teaching at Grand Valley for 20 years and has been an EMT for 11, said that in 1993 the department made 58 calls to the Allendale campus.

"The calls varied," Arendsen said. "Anything from substance abuse to broken ankles and other sports injuries."

Arendsen's most interesting call came a couple of years ago when they had to pull a student with a broken leg out of the ravine by the The Little "Mac" Bridge. The student was swinging on a rope attached to a tree when he fell and broke his leg.

Due to extremely muddy and sloppy conditions, the only way to get the student out of the ravine was to hoist him out.

"We hoisted him straight up, over the side of the bridge with our repelling gear," Arendsen added.

Needless to say, GVSU students just might benefit from spending three bucks on a pancake breakfast.

New Dean of Social Sciences

by Shane P. Szalal
Staff Writer

GVSU Provost Glenn A. Niemeyer has announced that Dr. Nancy Harper will become the new dean of GVSU's Social Sciences Division effective June 1.

Her experience comes from positions at Duquesne University, the University of Iowa and Rutgers University. At Duquesne she was a professor and chairperson, as well as director of the graduate studies program in the Department of Communications.

"I am excited about joining such a dynamic institution," said Harper. "I look forward to contributing to the high quality academic environment for which Grand Valley has become known."

Harper holds a doctorate in communications from the University of Iowa. She earned her master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and bachelor's degree from Emporia State University.

Harper replaces Dean Anthony Travis, who will return to the History Department as professor of history.

Niemeyer says Goodbye

by Greg Reed
Staff Writer

Grand Valley State University will recognize Provost Glenn Niemeyer at 3 p.m., April 22, in the Cook-DeWitt Center with a special convocation honoring 30 years of service to the university.

Niemeyer has been with GVSU since the institution's inception in 1963. He began as an assistant professor of

Fieldhouse in the works

by Brian Rutkowski
Sports Editor

As construction on the new Math and Sciences building begins to resemble a building, the construction of the addition to the Fieldhouse is just beginning.

Final bids for the contracts from construction companies were given Tuesday.

According to Fieldhouse manager Dan Karpanty, the final awards of the contracts were set to be handed out sometime this week.

"We have to look at the bids and see. It may take a couple of days," said Phyllis Rossiter Forbes, assistant vice

president for facilities and construction.

Karpanty said that, although it is not yet official, he expects that construction will begin in May.

"We don't know anything for sure yet," Karpanty said. "All we have out there now is a hole in the ground from the sewer project."

Contracts are being awarded to construction companies for both the indoor and outdoor recreational improvements.

The Fieldhouse additions are being paid for by the Facilities Fee over the next three school years.

If construction begins in May, the project is expected to be completed by September 1995.

President for Academic Affairs in 1976, and finally, the school's first provost in 1980.

Niemeyer will address the university community during the convocation.

The faculty is asked to robe and process for this event.

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Lake Michigan Drive named as "target" enforcement area for speed violators

by Kathleen Beatty
News Editor

Leadfoots, speedsters, and NASCAR wannabees beware, the Grand Rapids Police have placed Lake Michigan Drive as a "target" enforcement area.

According to Lt. Nickleson of the GRPD, over 300 speeding tickets have been issued from I-96 to the Walker City limit in the last five weeks, and half went to Grand Valley State University students, faculty, staff, and deans.

"The average speed violation is around 17 miles over the limit, but the highest we've issued was for 72 in a 35 zone," said Nickleson.

Because of the increased traffic flow and speed-related accidents on Lake Michigan Dr., a group of residents

has formed an action group, Concerned Citizens for Covell to Collindale. CCCC has asked for assistance from the Michigan Department of Transportation to reduce and set more consistent speed limits between the intersections of Covell and Collindale at Lake Michigan Dr. They hope to make the area safer for the children

this spring for a traffic light between those intersections. Later they will conduct a more detailed study to target other long term needs for that area, such as the addition of a deceleration lane at the school's entrances. State Representative Tom Mathieu is also assisting the group in their efforts to increase enforcement by the State

Police in that area as well.

"We hope to make it a safer place for residents and students before a child becomes a fatality," said

"Over 300 speeding tickets have been issued...in the last five weeks, half of which went to Grand Valley Students, faculty, staff, and deans."

---Lt. Nickleson
Grand Rapids Police Department

attending Holly Spirit and Shawmut elementary schools.

The posted speed limits in that stretch of a few miles switch back and forth between 35mph to 45mph, confusing motorists.

Resident Suzi Anthony, Co-Chair for CCCC, said that her group has received a letter from the Department of Transportation promising a study

Anthony.

Anthony said that in a study conducted in 1992, the average vehicle traffic flow on Lake Michigan Dr. numbered more than 28,000 vehicles in a 24-hour period. A similar traffic count that year on the East Beltline totaled 33,000. She, along with Lt. Nickleson believe that the figure has greatly increased since then.

"I'm extremely supportive of any improvements to M-45. It's a road that, in my opinion, is very dangerous," said Merkle.

GVSU Police Beat

Week Ending 4/10/94 Total*

Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	1
Robbery	0	0
Breaking and Entering	0	3
Assault	0	1
Stalking	0	1
Larceny	1	30
Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property	0	1
Parole Violation	0	1
Warrant Arrest	0	4
Credit Card Fraud	0	3
Forgery	0	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	2	11
Indecent Exposure	0	1
Traffic Accidents	1	36
Drug-Related Offenses	0	2
OUIL/DWI	0	4
Minor in Possession/Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	1/0	7/1
Transporting Open Intoxicants	0	1
Hit and Run	0	13
Driving While License Restricted/Suspended	2	6
Harrasment	1	2
Harrasing/Obscene Phone Calls	0	5
Campus Trespass/Illegal Entry	3	6
Speeding/Other Traffic Offenses	0	5
Juvenile Offenses	0	2
Littering	1	1
Attempted Suicide	0	1
Medical Emergencies	4	33
Mutual Aid Incidents	0	2
Total Offenses/Situations Handled	18	185

*Total For Winter Semester, 1994



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Pew LC dominates Floor Wars!

Kathy Fields blocks a shot by her soccer rivals that helps to put Pew Living Center into first place in the annual Floor Wars competition held between living centers. Pew won Floor Wars last semester to clinch their indisputable title for the year.

Photo by Cory D. Olsen



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An open letter to next year's Student Senate

Dear Senators;

As you anticipate your return to GVSU next fall, and the start of your year as a Student Senator, *The Lanthorn* would like to thank you for dedicating your time and talents.

Representing the student body is more than being able to add a nice line to a resume. It is about making important and informed decisions, decisions that are in the best interests of the students.

With this in mind, *The Lanthorn* would like to make a few suggestions.

First of all, remember the importance of your position. Decisions that you make will affect a great number of students, present and future. When you vote, do what is best for the student body, not for your organization, the administration or yourself. Above all, make informed votes.

Second, work cooperatively with, but not for, the administration. Know how GVSU works, who is in charge of what and who to talk to about which topic. Remember that you were elected to serve the best interests of the students.

Third, make sure you understand parliamentary procedure. This may seem trivial, or you may think that you can get along if everyone else knows what they are doing, but nothing can cause a standstill in debate more than a lack of knowledge of procedure and governance.

Fourth, establish guidelines for allocations. Some published and official criteria would help organizations make requests. It would also help them to understand why their request was denied or their budget cut. An arbitrary system based on the perceptions of the senators doesn't suffice on an issue that has such a large impact on students.

Fifth, request more roll call votes. This allows you to show your constituents that you are standing behind your words. In the past, there has really been no way for the students to know how a senator voted on an issue unless they attend that Senate meeting. Roll call votes are a step towards accountability to the students.

Finally, hold an open house next September. Let the students know that you are accessible and give them a chance to meet you.

Being a Student Senator is hard work and carries a great responsibility. Through implementing some or all of these recommendations, your position on campus and the impact that you have on GVSU can be enhanced. Have a good year!

Granny, get your gun!

by Shane P. Szalal
Staff Writer

I wrote a column last week about the national debt and how it is eating away at our future. We cannot borrow forever. Sometime, somewhere, someone will have to pay the piper.

A cynic might say that we (the youth) will have to work our asses

off so that we can pay for the extensive Medicare, Social Security and countless other benefits the retired get from the government.

Call me a cynic.

This is no joke, however. The benefits the retired receive are huge, and we have to pay for them—unless something changes.

Paul Tsongas has even gone so far as to predict generational warfare between the young—who will have

to pay for the benefits—and the old—who will receive them.

Though he bowed out of the 1992 Presidential Campaign because of what the media termed "the geek factor," Tsongas may not be off his rocker. (And I'm not implying that he's on it either.)

According to a poll by the Times Mirror Co., between one-third and one-half of the young people in Florida think "the elderly are a selfish voting block that benefits unfairly from government social

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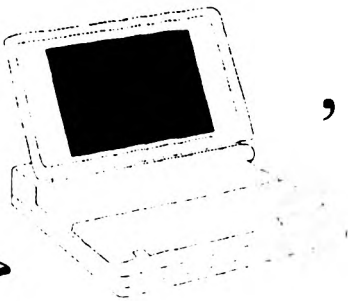
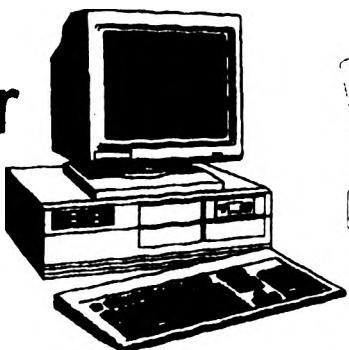
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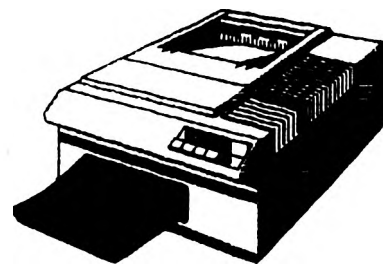


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Ditka for President!

by Shane P. Szalal
Staff Writer

I was in Chicago over the weekend and saw a sign proclaiming, "DITKA FOR PRESIDENT!"

I was taken aback because I didn't even know he was running. I asked around, however, and found out that he wasn't really running for president, but that the sign was just an indication of Chicago's love for Mike Ditka, the former head coach of the Chicago Bears. (DA BEARS!)

At any rate, the sign started me thinking. Assuming Ditka's popularity reigned not just in Chicago but across the entire U.S., and Ditka did decide to run, for which party would he run? And what issues would he take a stand on?

To hold any realistic chance of winning—neither and none.

As soon as he declared himself Democrat or Republican, he would lose about half of his support. He would be branded a "Tax and Spend" Democrat by Republicans or

a "Callous Elitist" Republican by Democrats.

What of issues? As soon as he took a stance—any stance at all—on a volatile issue such as abortion, another half of his support would be gone. It doesn't take a mathematician to figure out that he'd be down to about one-fourth of whatever support he started out with—just by making two simple statements. He would do better if he just shut up and let his popularity do the talking.

Remember that Ross Perot was much more popular before he actually started opening his mouth—most times putting his foot in it.

Today, even if a politician is bold enough to have a position on a meaningful issue, there is no way s/he would commit political suicide by actually stating that position. "When in doubt, hedge!" has become the motto for today's politicians.

Therefore, we are left with a political system of false choices. Candidates run on such issues as "Family Values." Or jobs. Who the

hell is going to run against "Family Values?" And who the hell would be stupid enough to proclaim, "If elected, I will devote all my energies to increasing unemployment!" (Cue applause.)

Another example is taxes. Who is going to campaign on a platform which includes higher taxes—except for Walter Mondale, perhaps the exception to every rule? Yet when George Bush says, "Read my lips, no new taxes," we cheer like there's no tomorrow—which is tragically accurate. Bush wasn't the only one. Clinton promised a tax cut for the middle class, and we bought it. Literally.

We were lied to in both cases and now have new taxes (maybe we can't read lips), but no sort of tax cut. This may have been fortunate, however, because our country can afford neither tax-cut pipe dream.

Perhaps the moral is that if we are gullible enough to believe a politician, we deserve what we get.

And maybe it's because we are so gullible that we have such shitty politicians holding office and are in the hole that we're in.

Thus far, Ditka's got my vote in '96.

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policies." Another poll taken by MTV showed that 18-to-24-year-old voters rank the budget deficit just behind the economy in general as the most serious problem facing the country.

Jon Cowan and Rob Nelson took advantage of this focus a year ago to found "Lead or Leave!" a Washington-based group of teenagers and "twenty-somethings" that has targeted the national debt as their generation's Public Enemy No. 1.

In Cowan's view, the benefits the elderly receive are a big reason for the national debt. Publicly, he says, "It's time to rewrite the social contract between working Americans and retired Americans." What he says privately is surely more blunt, and likely more frightening.

Yet the elderly seem to be a suitable target for his anger. Over three-fourths (75.3 percent) of entitlement spending goes to Social Security or medical care for the elderly and poor. Entitlement support has even overtaken defense as the costliest federal program. By the turn of the century, which is just six years away, entitlement costs are expected to nearly double.

To put it simply, this will mean

less take home pay for us because we will be the ones paying more and more for the rising costs of entitlements.

Adding to the problem is the fact that there will be far more people to support as the baby boomers begin to retire and live longer in their retirement.

This problem should not be underestimated. Today, there are about four people working for every one retired. According to the Population Institute, by 2040 the ratio will be closer to 1-to-1.

It gets even scarier. Today, about 15-17 percent of a worker's paycheck goes to pay for Social Security and Medicare. If present trends continue, these programs could take anywhere from one-fourth to one-half of a paycheck.

It's easy to see why young people are hostile toward the elderly, though whether they are justified in their hostility may be another question entirely.

The elderly, now the fastest-growing segment of the nation's population, are not likely to back down, however. The American Association of Retired Persons, with its 34 million members, is one of the most powerful political lobbies in the nation.

What will happen—generational warfare?

I'm not sure, but watch out Grandma, they may be coming after you next. Maybe you should get a gun while the NRA is still out of their hands.

In the April 6, 1994 issue of *The Lanthorn*, we ran a guest editorial by Jeffery M. Rundhaug entitled "The Middle East: Is U.S. policy correct?" Mr. Rundhaug wishes to add this final note which pertains to that editorial.

I would like to express my deepest apologies to Dr. Goode. As a new journalist, I am not skilled in all the protocol that this position includes. I used Dr. Goode's name in my recent editorial without consulting him.

I simply would like to make perfectly clear that the ideas expressed in my editorial are just that, mine. The nature of an editorial is that a writer takes a position and defends it. I deeply regret any inconveniences this may have caused Dr. Goode.

Jeffery M. Rundhaug

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From all of us here at
the Lanthorn, thanks
for reading, and have
a great summer!

The women's point of view:

Last week three women, Rebecca Andrews (Entertainment and the Arts editor), Lori Gruntman (copy editor), and Jennifer Matic (editor-in-chief) sat down to discuss the situation for women in society.

Rebecca: I don't know if it was necessarily a good thing that I read *The Beauty Myth* (by Naomi Campbell) right before this, but I read this in an article last year too, that women see themselves as how they appear to other people, and men look at themselves as who they are. We define ourselves by how others see us, and very often by the male gaze. What that gaze is is inherently sexual and political.

Women don't think on that level of awareness because they maybe haven't had the material put in front of them, but, still, there is a reason why you get nervous when a guy is behind you when you walk at night, or when you go into a parking lot that isn't very well lit. There is a reason, because they have the power, they're usually physically stronger, they are seeing us, and it's sexual.

Lori: I know exactly what you mean. One night at the beginning of the semester, I had come back to my apartment from getting groceries. I was unloading my car, and these two guys pulled up in their car and parked in front of the building about three cars down from me. They got out of their car and walked around and stood behind me. I could hear that they weren't very close, but I had no idea what they were doing. I was very scared. Nothing happened, thank God, but I thought about it for a while afterwards, trying to figure out if they had done it on purpose to freak me out or if they were just doing something completely different. Who knows? But they had an emotional power over me, whether they realized it or not.

Jennifer: In dating men, and talking to men, one thing that came up is that when a man looks at a woman, he sees her sexually. I don't see men sexually, and I really have a hard time with the idea that men do.

When a man says "Hi" to me, I say "Hi", but later I think "What were they really thinking?"

Rebecca: Right. What you said about when guys say "Hi" to you and it's sexual, it's true because women are referred to as "dogs" or as "really hot."

Jennifer: And sometimes worse things that can't be repeated.

Rebecca: We're judged by our body and our looks; most of the time we don't see men as sexual objects, and then as we get to know them, we get to care about them so much that their bodies become attractive. And after you know the person, that wouldn't change. But that's not how men are conditioned to respond to women.

Jennifer: For many men, it's lust first, then love, and for many women it's love first, and then lust.

Lori: I see that attitude in many of my male friends. Many of them can't handle being in love until they have first fulfilled the lust part. But I also know men who are very different. My brother insists that he is looking for a woman with a good personality; he says that looks are not as important in a relationship as compatibility between the two people. And my best friend, who is male, is the same way. But, like I said, many of the guys I know see women for their looks only; most of my female friends claim the opposite.

Rebecca: And that's not true for all men or all women, but that's the majority encouraged thing. Men usually don't fall in love with "unattractive" women and then have them become more attractive as they get to know them; that's where you get men who need "status" wives, like rock stars who go out with models. The surface image of women gives men more power and status.

Jennifer: There are probably a

lot of men who say that that's not true, but I think that underneath it is and that's also why I think that there's something there. A lot of guys don't intentionally mean to perpetuate perceptions and misconceptions like that, but it's what makes them tick.

Rebecca: And they think that it's normal, and they think that that's just the way men are. It's social conditioning.

Women are valued for being pretty because guys recognize that.

Lori: I think that men are also valued for being good looking. I sometimes find myself looking at guys as merely sexual beings, and then I stop myself because it's not the way I want men to look at me or at women in general.

Rebecca: A guy with a really cool car gets a thrill, not because it's a really cool car, but because others see him as being rich enough or powerful enough to have that car. You could put the woman in the place of the car.

Lori: I do know women who are the same way about their boyfriends. They feel that they are more accepted because he is good-looking (but who's to say what that is). That's really sad because these women are indirectly contributing to those same views of women that

many of us are trying to change.

Jennifer: It is also true that while some men value women for their beauty, some women also value themselves and other women because of their beauty. We do this to ourselves.

Rebecca: And that goes along with *The Beauty Myth*. Beauty is a political tool. The preoccupation with beauty, with diet, with skin, with coloring, perms, straightening, is because we look up to people who are beautiful. Beauty is the ideal, and we spend so much time wrapped up in that that it keeps us away from other things.

After World War II, all of these women were working and were happy working. The government said, "What are we going to do, we have all of these veterans coming back? How do we come up with a way to get women to go back into the house?" They promoted guilt over dirt (in the house). There were these ad campaigns that promoted guilt over a dirty house and created specialized products for cleaning.

It was at some level a conscious decision. I think that ad reps were told to make the home and cleaning the woman's domain, so they created specialized products for specialized household tasks. They wanted to make cleaning a matter of knowledge and skill. So that kept women in back of the political line

after World War II.

These whole beauty images and ideals didn't even come into play until the women's movement started. So for every step forward, we're held higher and higher to the beauty ideal image. The further we go, the harder it gets. So beauty is used to keep us in back of the line just as domesticity was after World War II.

It all goes back to how we are viewed as sexual creatures, because we were pretty much brought up to think of women as sexual objects.

Jennifer: I think it's important to say that we didn't do this to point fingers at men, and say, "How can you be so bad?," because the problem is really in our society, and a lot of what people do is unconscious.

Rebecca: We aren't pointing a finger. So many people react to this by saying, "It's not my fault, why are you blaming us?" Really, we're not blaming anyone. We're just saying, "Here it is, and it's what's happening now." So the best thing to do is to try to acknowledge it and to try to fix it, and not get so concerned with placing blame. I don't think it's about male and female as much as how our society works.

What we have to do today is to work together to overcome the problem.

Two discussions on the nature of male-female relations

The men's point of view:

After the women completed the transcript of their dialogue, three men, Gary LaFond (business manager), Mike Ring (lay-out editor), and Cory Olsen (entertainment writer), got together and discussed the relation between the sexes and responded to some items mentioned in the women's dialogue.

Mike: First off, we aren't as sensitive to it (women's discrimination, their lower role in society) as women are. We're the ones that the society is geared for; it is a male-dominated society and that does make us a little less sensitive to it than them, but I think that they're a little too sensitive at the same time.

Cory: Men of today can't be blamed in full part for what has already happened and how our system is set up. From birth you are almost bred that way. Why are women pointing fingers at us and saying "You! You! You!"?

Gary: Well, I guess the levels are many. You see it as people in power; I believe that since birth, either as a boy or girl, you're reared in a certain way which promotes how you're going to be when you're older. Boys are supposed to play with trucks, girls play with dolls—it kind of separates the two. That starts the snowball effect of how we're going to be separate and different when we're mature.

In the past, when there was work to be done, it wasn't right for a woman to get down into a trench and start digging a ditch. It was hard work. Men are physically stronger,

so men were expected to do that.

Mike: It wasn't even a matter of expecting men to do it, it was that they had to. A woman couldn't push a plow because she wasn't physically strong enough.

Gary: Right. So, there was a ton of work to be done. The man has to do the outside physical work but there was also a household to be run, so who's going to do that? The man shouldn't have to do both.

Mike: And in society today, you see more families with a working mom and dad, and the father takes care of the house just as much as the woman. A lot of women can't see that.

Cory: I think that if there's going to be a separation, one person should take care of one responsibility and the other should pick up the other part. I'd take care of the house if I had a wife that was pulling down enough money to support the family.

Gary: Jobs can be done by both sexes. It's all a cooperative thing; there's work to be done and everybody's got to pitch in.

(in response to the sexual glances and so forth towards women)

Cory: There is a chemical and physical difference between a male and a female, cut and dry. Yes, I think that men think about sex more often but...

Mike: But that's just

stereotyping men. When I look at a woman, I don't automatically think, "Wow, I wonder if I can get her into bed." I might think "Yeah, she's pretty," but women think like that too.

Cory: What's wrong with looking at a beautiful female? What's wrong with a man looking at a female and a female looking at a man? There's nothing wrong with that, unless there's gawking and whistling going on. I think that if someone has a problem with a slight glance, then they're insecure about their own self.

(in response to using women as objects and men labeling women)

Cory: Say I'm out somewhere with Cheryl Tiegs, you're damn right I'm going to be smiling, because she's a beautiful woman. The same thing is true with women. Put them somewhere with Tom Cruise or Mel Gibson and I think that any female would feel very happy to be out in the public with them.

Gary: I love to look at beautiful women, I'll be the first to admit it, but I go up to my cabin in the U.P. and I love to look at that lake.

That's beautiful, a woman's beautiful... everyone has their needs and desires. In their dialogue the women say that "men usually don't fall in love with 'unattractive' women"; the same goes for women.

Cory: Yeah, I joke around like everyone else but I don't go around looking at women saying, "Wow, she's a dog, she's unattractive." I

just don't do that.

Gary: Well, to blatantly say that men call women "dogs" is so hypocritical because women do it too. They might not say "dogs" but they do the same thing; maybe they don't realize it, but they do. They see someone and they decide what they think about them, they know.

(in response to men going out with women for status and beauty, love)

Mike: I don't think that's really true. If you're going out with someone, you'll fall in love with them more every day and their looks are secondary. You know that if you love this woman and you want to marry her, you know that when you're seventy, both of your looks are shot and you're more interested in the companionship than "Wow, she's got great looks."

Gary: I'm not looking for someone that's "drop-dead" gorgeous, but I'm looking for someone that's attractive and that I get along with. As I get a little older, that's more important than when I was younger.

Cory: Plus, what kind of relationship lasts longer? One that is built on physical attraction or mental attraction? Definitely the mental attraction, because if you work competitively in your mind, your marriage works out better than if you focus only on each other's looks. Those relationships don't work out.

(in response to the post-World War II return of women to the home)

Gary: The men went over and defended our country; those that lived through the war came back. Why shouldn't they have their job back? It's the same thing with a woman's maternity leave from work. The woman bears the child, a man can't do that, and she should get her job back. It's the law that you get your job back when you come back from a maternity leave. When my mother was pregnant with me she took a maternity leave. When she came back to work, her employer had dropped her a level of employment because she had been gone so long. She just received \$4,700 from a lawsuit that happened in 1971.

Mike: It's really kind of sad that this whole thing is a defense on our part. We're just defending ourselves instead of actually addressing new issues. Because it feels like basically an attack.

Cory: We can't start to address new issues without putting up some defense for ourselves and how we feel. I took this as an attack and saying those "we're not pointing the finger at men" words at the end didn't portray the real meaning of their section. Why in the quest for equality between the sexes were our two groups separated?

Gary: Well, they set the stage. They got together to talk about men and some of this is derogatory and I find it personally offensive. It would have been much better if we could have all gotten together and done this all at one time.

Atmosphere

GVSU students stride for a good cause... Stride for Pride raises money for Muscular Dystrophy

by Karen Gill
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 16, students and faculty participated in the second annual Stride for Pride walk, cosponsored by Project A.B.L.E. (Abilities Beyond Limited Expectations) and Theta Chi Omega sorority.

Volunteers battled the cold temperatures and winds to walk 12.5 miles down Lake Michigan Drive. The route began on campus at the Kirkhof Center, and continued downtown to the Eberhard Center.

The focus of the event is to promote awareness for Muscular Dystrophy, an inherited disease that is characterized by weakness and wasting of skeletal muscles. As the disease progresses there is a slow loss of strength with increasing disability and deformity. Treatment consists of physical therapy and surgery to reduce deformity. Research continues as the

cause is presently unknown.

In its first year, Stride for Pride coordinators were able to raise \$500. This year their goal is to collect \$2500 from the 150 pledge forms collected. As an incentive, participants were given a free T-shirt for pledges over \$15. "We were able to do this through the money collected in paid advertisements from area businesses," explained Gary Bond, an SOVC coordinator. All funds will be



(l to r) Patty Maiorana, Sarah Hughes, and Chris Gadzinaki stride to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy this past Saturday. Photo by Joe Fasel, Jr.

donated to Easter Seals.

The coordinators of this event, Kerry Easterday and Kristen Morgan, members of Theta Chi Omega, were

really pleased with the number of volunteers who came out to support the event. "After all the hard work, getting such a great turnout was wonderful."

Other participants expressed how excited they were to be a part of raising money for such a worthy cause. Two members of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Chapri Bell and Shelly Hawkins, came out because, "We

strongly believe in giving back to the community by supporting efforts that make people aware of social and health issues."

The Week Ahead

Friday, April 22

3 p.m. Provost Glenn Niemeyer's address as he completes his 30 years at GVSU, Cook-DeWitt Center.

4 p.m. Reception honoring Provost Niemeyer, Mainsail Lounge, Kirkhof Center.

April 23 and 24

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Students speak out on campus housing

by Christopher Barron
Staff Writer

At the beginning of every school year, students leave family and friends behind and make the trek to Grand Valley. Many students who opt to reside on campus live in either the living centers, residence halls, or apartments. How do students really feel about the housing that Grand Valley provides?

A number of students interviewed expressed contentment with the accommodations provided, but offered

suggestions as well. Emily Wooster, a resident of Living Centers I, believes that choosing to reside in a living center was a good choice because the buildings are large enough to house a diverse population, but at the same time, small enough to maintain cohesiveness. Amanda Cory, also a resident of LC I, agrees. She also points out the fact that rooms in the living centers are more spacious than rooms in the residence halls. Karen Zaremba, a resident of Living Centers II, believes that more living centers for upperclassmen need to be built instead

of on-campus apartment complexes. Zaremba also mentions that more shelving and furniture for storage is needed for LC II.

Unfortunately, some Grand Valley students do not believe that living on campus has been a wonderful experience. A resident of Robinson House, who wishes to remain anonymous, dislikes living in the residence halls because there is a feeling of forced unity in which everyone is portrayed as getting along. She points out the fact that security

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Parents of the 90s: can you do it all?

by Heidi DeVries
Staff Writer

The definition of "family" has changed with each decade. The families of the 1800s are thought of with a *Little House on the Prairie* type of mentality. Everyone associates the early 1900s with the *Leave It To Beaver* and *Father Knows Best* type of television shows. But we all know that t.v. is not reality. Reality tells us that family life in the 1980s and 1990s has been totally different than any

television show has ever depicted. Today's "family" has many forms aside from the "traditional" two parents. How many of us come from a home where we live with a single parent because of a divorce, or the death of one parent?

Also, it can be asked how many parents, both the "traditional" and the single, are now going back to colleges and universities while they still have children at home? As students of GVSU, we are now seeing more and more people, who are also parents, in classes with us.

One person, and parent, who has been attending Grand Valley is Mary Ellen Glunz, an April 30, 1994 graduate from the Seidman School of Business/Accounting department.

"I'm the first person in my family to graduate from college. Both of my parents had taken some college courses, but my mother became diabetic in an age where diabetic treatment was nowhere near what it is today and my father's education was interrupted because of World War II and my mother's health, so my graduating means a lot," said Glunz.

Glunz, a widow for the last ten years, is the mother of two daughters, Bonnie, 23, and Josie, 13, and the thrilled grandmother of a three and a half year old grandson and a granddaughter who will be born in May.

"Both of my children were very proud of my going back to school. I remember sitting at the kitchen table with my oldest daughter when she was seventeen and both of us doing our homework together. My youngest has awakened to see me still working on the computer until two or three in the morning. Even though I've enjoyed my courses here, some have not come easy, but it's shown my daughter that if you want something bad enough, you hang in there until you have it."

"I've also had help from a very special person in my life who has been very supportive in every sense - child care, etc. I also could not have made it through school without this friend's help and my children have been given an opportunity to learn by a great example!" Glunz said.

Sandy Wymer, another parent on campus, is a senior in the Seidman School of Business.

Being married with two children,

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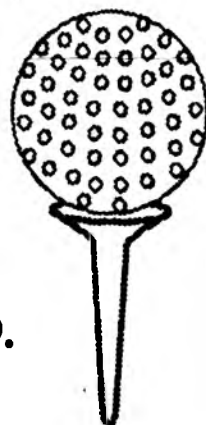
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Director of PR retires after 30 years

by Jay Dressender
Staff Writer

Jock Bliss has been the Director of Public Relations at Grand Valley State University since 1978 and is retiring July 1 to explore new challenges.

"I think I've helped play a significant role to clear and strengthen the identity of the university," said Bliss, when asked of his decision to retire.

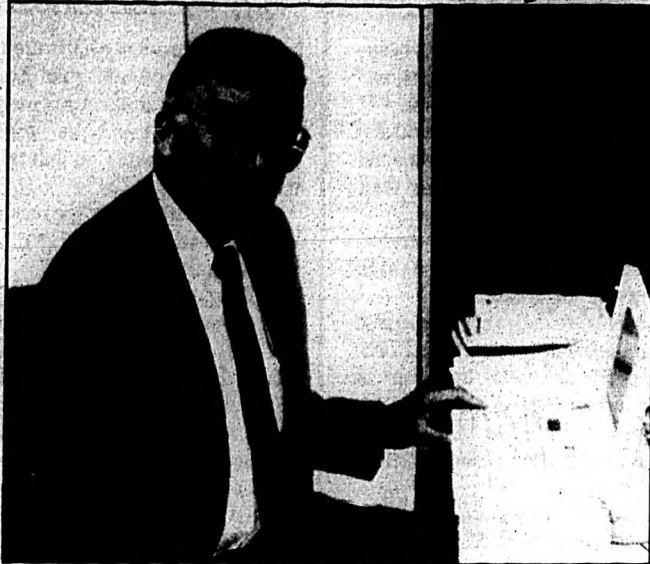
After retirement, Bliss plans to do consulting and project work. He has been asked by Grand Valley to stay on and still maintain a relationship with the university.

"Jock has done a lot to create an environment for helping out students and providing internships in this field," said Fred Chapman, professor of Communications. "He is a role model that has been helpful to the university as well as the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA)."

Bliss started out in the news business. He was the news operations manager for WOOD TV/Channel 8 and WOOD AM/FM Radio before beginning his public relations career. He also served as Assistant City Manager for Grand Rapids.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Emerson College in Boston, and attended the Universities of Missouri and Michigan for his M.A.

Bliss is a member of PRSA and is Past-President of PRSA's West



Jock Bliss, director of Public Relations, is retiring after 30 years of service. Photo by Cory D. Olsen

Michigan Chapter.

One of Bliss' challenges as PR Director has been maintaining relations with Allendale, not always an easy task.

"The community had concerns initially over how college students would impact the community," he said. "Grand Valley has been a good neighbor to Allendale, though."

He explained that Grand Valley students and the citizens of Allendale, through their interaction, provide most of the public relations, not the PR office specifically.

A replacement should be found for the vacant position by June 1. According to Bliss, the biggest challenge in the future will be relating to the state legislature.

"(We) need for the state legislature to recognize the importance of this school to the state and economic region," he said. "Education is not always given top priority."

He and his wife Donna have raised eight children of their own, and also 23 handicapped foster children, two or three at a time.

PARENTS, from p. 8

Dale, 14, and Tracie, 11, taking classes at night and working full time can make life interesting, not to mention hectic.

Days usually start at four-thirty in the morning, "since drive time to my job in South Haven takes up a good part of my day," said Wymer. "I do like my job, even with the high stress level."

"Going to Grand Valley has been quite an experience. Most of the professors know what they're talking about, and I got a lot out of the classes. My husband and children have been really supportive and sometimes it's

been a little tough on everybody, so I'm getting anxious to graduate!" Wymer stated. The plan is that after her own graduation, husband Dale will go back to college to finish his education.

As the generations change from one decade to the next, what kind of parents will the children of the nineties be with the children in a brand new century? This will be a question to ponder as many of us now single adults begin to look at the future and start to consider marriage, children, and our niche in the world.

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The green scene at Grand Valley

by Jamie Ann Koclik
Staff Writer

As things warm up around campus and the ice finally starts to melt, we are able to see the many gifts that recycling gives to us.

The dawn of recycling at Grand Valley dates back to 1989 when an earth conscious band of faculty, staff, and students organized the Grand Valley State University recycling committee.

This committee established a system for collecting and recycling office paper on campus.

Also established by the committee was an on-campus arboretum that plants one tree for each ton of paper collected.

The initial goal was to recycle 33 tons of paper and plant 33 trees between October 1989 and September 1990.

The task was accomplished, and the first tree planting ceremony was held in October of 1990 in the arboretum. Since 1989, 329 trees have been planted.

Grand Valley's initial recycling efforts were so successful that the

university received an award from the Environmental Protection Agency in April 1991.

Soon after, the university began to also collect and recycle styrofoam, glass, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, cans and batteries.

Just recently added to the list were motor oil, which can be recycled through the grounds department, and plastic bags of the #2 H.D.P.E.-labeled type.

Small containers for the collection of most recyclable materials are present in each building on campus.

A large central recycling site for use by faculty, staff, and students bringing recyclables from home is located on the Service Drive.

The university is recycling nearly 40 percent of its solid waste. This significantly counters cost increases for landfill fees and provides environmental protection.

From June 1992 to June 1993, the university saved \$8,762.29 in tipping fees.

Campus departments, as well as students, make a great contribution to this percentage.

Printing Services uses soybean-based ink, water-based developer, and recycles printing plates and film.

The bookstore purchases products that incorporate recycled materials and encourage customers to take their purchases home without a bag.

ARA, the campus food service, recycles food containers and used cooking oils and grease.

Students are also to be commended on their outstanding recycling efforts.

Dan Blamer, who has been in charge of recycling at Grand Valley for three years, says that student recycling habits have changed quite a bit.

"Initially the program got off to a slow start, now that students are more environmentally educated, this is reflected in their recycling actions," said Blamer.

As Earth Day 1994 approaches this Friday, we are urged not to "waste our precious resources."

Aside from recycling, another way we can do this is to, as consumers, purchase goods made of recycled materials. Dan Blamer says this is one way we can close the "recycling loop."

HOUSING, from p. 8

rules in the residence halls are not heavily enforced and quiet hours are constantly violated by people screaming in the halls, music blasting, and people pounding on the walls.

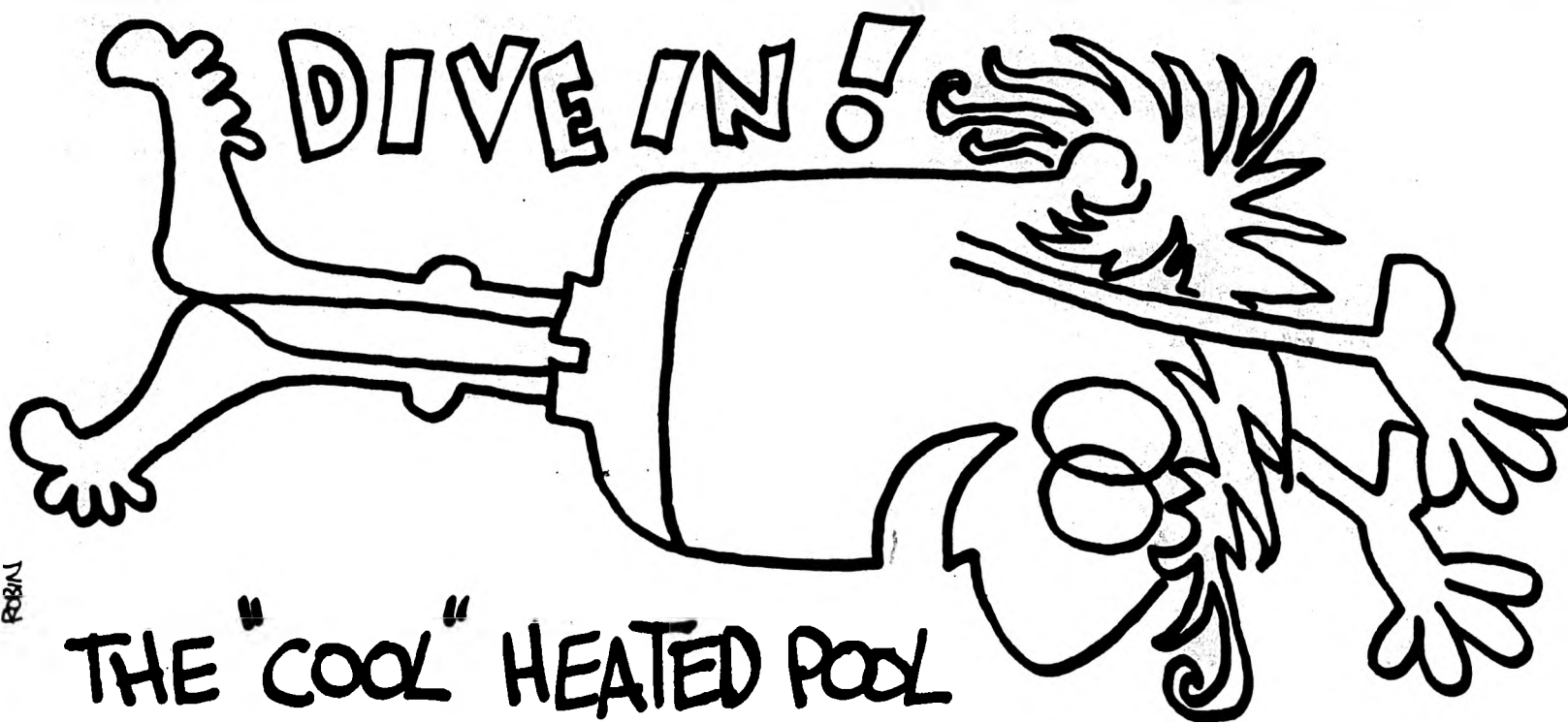
She also states that "the resident halls are extremely overrated; it's not a learning atmosphere."

Other campus residents overall are pleased with living conditions, but are concerned about various issues. Zachary Kurmas, a resident of Living Centers I, expresses frustration over how slow maintenance is in responding to work orders. Kurmas also believes that the suites located directly under the Great Room reflect a design flaw because occupants in those rooms can hear almost every sound from above. Another concern stems from Colleen Foley, who believes that more control over the consumption of alcohol is necessary. Foley believes that people who drink to intoxication may cause more problems than those who do not because they cannot be contained in their rooms.

Turning to another area of housing, two new theme houses will be implemented next fall. These new theme houses are being modeled after Weed Living Center, which is home to the Honors Program. Ott Living Center will become home to the Wellness Program and Johnson Living Center will become home to the Multicultural / Language Program. How do students feel about this new idea? Wendy Looman, a Resident Assistant, believes theme housing is an excellent way to go. However, she is questioning the theme choices for next year.

"Every building should be a multicultural house and every building should be a wellness house; to focus on one building is to say that the other buildings aren't," states Looman.

Grand Valley's housing office can only provide housing accommodations to the best of their ability. Since students coming to Grand Valley are from diverse backgrounds, tensions are bound to arise. As a student, one can only make the best of the situation.



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Sports

Bats silent as Northwood sweeps Lady Lakers

by Ben Bailey
Staff Writer

Grand Valley's softball team has shown that they are a team that can come from behind to win a game. Unfortunately, on April 18, they played a Northwood team that can do the same.

The Laker's record fell to 25-15 overall, and 5-3 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, after being swept by Northwood.

In the first game Grand Valley trailed 1-0 after Northwood scored one run in the fifth. Grand Valley then scored two runs during their at-bat to take the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Junior catcher Jenny Bowen started things out with a double. Junior Casey Blackwell pinch-ran for Bowen. Blackwell then scored on freshman Nicci Koch's triple. Koch eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Northwood came back to tie it at two in the seventh and held Grand Valley.

In the eighth inning, three Laker errors helped Northwood to score five runs.

"We were in great shape at one point in this game," said Doug Woods. "We tried to pitch out at one point and didn't get it out far enough. They got a base hit and scored a run on it. That was crucial."

Northwood took advantage of this opportunity. Northwood took the early 2-0 lead in the first; then the Lakers

battled back in the seventh for a 4-2 lead.

Northwood scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to force the game into extra innings, winning it in the eighth 5-4.

"I was proud of the way they battled back in both games," said Woods. "We just didn't get the breaks. We loaded the bases thinking we would get something out of it and we didn't. It hurts. Sometimes in this game it doesn't happen when you think it is going to."

The Lakers had the bases loaded early in the second inning, but grounded into force outs three times.

"It's tough when we string some hits together to get the bases loaded and then we can't bring them in," said junior Sherree Knola, who had two doubles and knocked in two runs.

Sophomore Lisa Staphens helped the Grand Valley offense with a two of four performance at the plate and an RBI.

Grand Valley will play in the Great Lakes Conference Round Robin Tournament on April 23 and 24. The tournament will seed the teams for the Conference tournament on May 6-7.

Grand Valley will face Saginaw Valley, Ferris State, and Wayne State the opening day. This will be the first time Grand Valley will be playing Ferris and Saginaw this season.

"Saginaw has some good hitters we have to be aware of," said Woods. "Each conference team will play six games and anything can happen to the standings."

Golf anyone? Meadows sets student fees

By Brian Rutkowski
Sports Editor

The Meadows Golf Course released its rates and greens fees for its first year in business.

When the Meadows opens May 14, the General Public will pay \$28 during the week for 18 holes and \$15 for nine. During weekends and holidays, the rates are \$33 and \$18, respectively.

As expected, the golf course will have a special student rate of \$10 for 18 holes or \$7 for nine.

A student qualifies for the discount if he or she has taken 12 credit hours in the winter semester.

Graduate students qualify for the rate with nine credits and part time students will receive the discount if attending a three credit hour course this summer.

To receive the discount, students must have a valid Student ID. No exceptions will be made.

No discounts will be given during weekends and holidays.

Staff and faculty will also receive discounts of \$18 for 18 holes and \$11 for nine holes during the week.

Golfers will be able to set tee times 10 days in advance, but those looking to play on a weekly basis will not have

the option of league play at the Meadows as a convenience to customers who may not be able to play during non-league times.

Memberships for the Meadows Golf Association will cost \$50 annually. Benefits include a 14 day tee time reservation privilege and establishing a USGA handicap.

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Spring game gives coaches a look at team

by Mike Arney
Staff Writer

Spring training. Baseball has it. So does college football. But why?

"Anytime you have a program where you have over 100 players, when you come into the regular season you don't really have the chance to evaluate all 100," explained Laker head football coach Brian Kelly.

"We don't have to worry about games, we don't have to worry about preparing for different teams. We can spend more time on technique, teach fundamentally safe tackling, we can teach proper responsibilities in the game of football," Kelly added.

The Lakers annual spring game, which will be held this Saturday at Lubbers Stadium, will help Kelly and his staff answer some questions

they have about the upcoming season.

First on their mind is the offensive line, which lost All-American tackle Jorgen Gustafson and center Sean Mele to graduation.

"We've got good players that can fill those positions on offense," Kelly said. "It's close right now, but Rich Hurley and Jason Atkins are two players at the center position."

"Those two guys are doing a great job. At tackle, Joe Schied has filled in nicely," praised Kelly.

The Lakers will be taking a hard look at their younger players Saturday afternoon, trying to find out who will be able to help the team in the fall.

"The score does not make a difference to me," Kelly said. "I hope, obviously, that we're injury free; that's our number one (concern). Number two, a chance to see the younger kids play."

The Lakers also have three positions open in the defensive secondary. Kelly said there were several veteran gridders vying for those spots.

Kelly got his wish to start with someone tough and tough is exactly what Indiana University of Pennsylvania is, a perennial contender for the Division II National Championship and runner up in last year's championship game.

"I made a conscious decision that we were gonna play IUP," said Kelly. "We don't want to open up with a game that we know we can win. We want a game that we know we have to prepare for and play hard."

While the opening home kickoff is still several months away, you can get a quick football fix Saturday afternoon at 1:30 for the annual Blue-White game at Lubbers Stadium.

Laker bats turn 'dawgs into pups

by Mike Arney
Staff Writer

The bats are still booming.

Grand Valley pounded out 34 runs in just two games against Ferris State, sweeping the Bulldogs by scores of 18-10 and 16-2.

18-10 and 16-2. Sure these are baseball scores?

Quite. Left fielder Chad Hinkley pounded two home runs and drove in five in the first game. Designated hitter Rod Wilson also had five RBIs in support of Mike Bell, who pitched six innings and gave up nine runs.

The Lakers sent 40 batters to the

plate in the first game, with 18 hits.

"Chad Hinkley is having an outstanding year for us, and I hope he can keep up that pace," said head coach Andy Chopp.

In the nightcap, Doug Nyhuis and Joe Payne both ripped one home run each and collected four RBIs in the first game. Nyhuis and Hinkley also scored three runs each.

Steve Nabs tossed another complete game, raising his record to a perfect 5-0 on the year. Nabs allowed two runs on seven hits, walked none, and struck out seven.

"Nabs has been our best pitcher this year," said Chopp. "He's thrown five complete games in seven starts, and the difference between him this year and his previous years is that he's really able to establish his breaking ball early in the game."

The last Laker pitcher to finish a season undefeated, incidentally, was Mark Dewey, who went 11-0 in 1987. Dewey is currently a relief pitcher with the National League's Pittsburgh Pirates.

Wayne State downed the Lakers in the first game of their doubleheader on Sunday, 6-5. A.J. Wetzel suffered

the extra-inning loss, allowing the winning run with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning. Chris Antcliff started the game and tossed six and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs.

"We've got to play better defensively," said Chopp. "We had a chance to win that first game against Wayne State with a routine double play ball. We just didn't make the play."

"Those little things defensively are what's gonna be the difference between us being a championship contender or a pretender," added Chopp.

Grand Valley bounced back to down the Tartars 3-1 in the second game. Kurt Reits, Payne, and Bell drove in all the runs for the Lakers.

Jeremy Diedrich picked up the win, allowing one unearned run in six and two-thirds innings. Ron Meyer came on to strike out the last batter and pick up the save.

The Lakers are currently 9-3 in the Great Lakes conference, 19-12 overall.

"We're in for a dogfight for the GLIAC championship," said Chopp. Oakland and Saginaw Valley are close on the Lakers heels going into the second half of the season.

The Week Ahead

Baseball: The Lakers host Aquinas College on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and visit Oakland University on Saturday at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader. Grand Valley finishes the week on Sunday against Olivet College with a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

Softball: Grand Valley meets the conference's best in the Great Lakes Conference Round Robin in Big Rapids on Saturday and Sunday. Start times will be announced at the site.

Track: The Lakers travel to Saginaw for the Saginaw Valley Invitational on Saturday. First race is at 10 a.m.

Teanks: Grand Valley travels to Midland for the GLIAC conference tournament Friday and Saturday.

Golf: The Laker golf team travels to Angola, Indiana for the Tri-State Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Crew: The Laker Crew Club heads to Charleston, West Virginia for the Governor's Cup this Saturday and Sunday.

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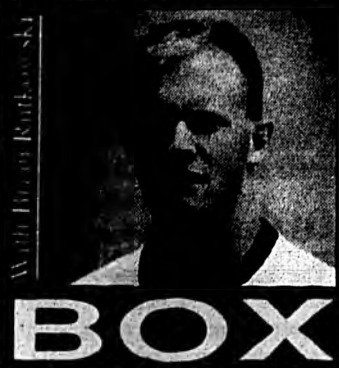


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PENALTY



The sign on U.S. 131 North said "Curves ahead" referring to Old Kent Park, home of the West Michigan Whitecaps.

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I didn't understand the fuss.

After all, it's only a class A league, a step up only from the rookie league in Florida.

The game's won't be very good.

Maybe it's because I'm from Detroit, where baseball has been around for as long as the sport has lived.

As we waited in line on 131 to get into the parking lot on opening day, we could see the stadium.

For the level of play, Old Kent Park is top notch. I've seen Lucas County Stadium, where the AAA Toledo Mudhens play. What a wreck!

A half an hour later, we finally reached our seats. It's hard to believe the tickets were only \$5. Each of the stadium's 5,701 seats are within shouting range of the plate.

The game began late because the traffic was awful.

With the extra time, it seemed appropriate to get the first hotdog of the year.

With only four concession stands in the park, the wait was as bad as the traffic. When I made it to the front of the line, I found out that they were out of the jumbos and it would take five more minutes for the regulars.

By the time I actually got around to baseball's treat, it was the bottom of the fourth.

It had the taste of a classic Ball Park frank like the ones they used to cook at Tiger Stadium. (They switched to turkey franks last year.)

Appropriately, the wave rolled through the stands. The nuts in front of us came up with their own version of the wave. When they stood up, they put their hands out and then down, to signify a whitecap.

With every strike, out, hit and bad call, the fans roared in excitement. It didn't really matter what the score was, although the 5-2 victory capped (excuse me) a perfect night for West Michigan.

By the end of the night, I realized that baseball was back again as the way I knew it when I was a kid, dreaming of one day taking the field.

The game was innocent fun. Absent from it were whining superstars with million dollar salaries.

There were only players, most younger or the same age as me. They played hard. They played only with the dream of making it to the majors.

Baseball was fun again.

WANTED: One Stanley Cup

The playoffs began Monday for the Red Wings.

All of the promise of recent years is now focused.

Yes, the Red Wings lost 5-4 in the opener.

So what? The Wings know that they will win or their city will hunt them down. They have to win.

Every hockey nut in the state wants the Stanley Cup skated around the rink at Joe Louis Arena by the boys in red jerseys with the winged wheel.

Some of us have dreamed the playoffs in our head or on our Sega, leading the Wings down the promised path to hockey immortality.

What will it take for the Wings to win it all?

Defense? Yes.

Goaltending? Yes.

Offense? Some.

Heart, guts and every ounce of sweat in their bodies? Definitely.

The Wings are by far the most

offensive team in the game. At times, Detroit has shown it can play defense.

Monday night was an example of what happens when you're afraid to lose, brought on, no doubt, by the intense pressure this team is under to win it all.

What Detroit needs is the guts to win it. I'm so hungry for a cup, I can see my reflection in its silver exterior, placed in a showcase at JLA next year.

If I could do anything to delay Mario Lemieux from making the game on time, I would.

I can only imagine what it must be like for the players.

If it is, then San Jose is just shark meat in the first round. I don't care what anybody says about their defensive style.

Detroit hockey fans are hungry. I'm hungry. The Wings had better be hungry.

Let's feast!

IT'S BEEN FUN

For the past one and a half years, I've sat here dishing out the world as I see it. Sometimes you, the readers, like it.

Other times, I hear my name mentioned with Rob Parker's from the *Free Press*.

What I said 18 months ago, about sports being entertainment, about it being fun and not to be taken seriously, I meant.

I've tried to emphasize that it my column each week. Nothing here should have been taken too seriously.

It's only a game. For those soccer fans who wanted to introduce me to the intricate patterns of the pentagons of the ball close up, relax.

I wasn't serious. It was a joke.

As much as those bumper stickers which started this whole thing in the first place.

It was all in fun. Just like sports are supposed to be. Fun.

We have too many other things in this world that have to be taken seriously. Why take sports seriously?

Sports is entertainment. Not war. If it were, presidents wouldn't throw out the first pitch. They'd sit and wait. But that's another story.

I hope all of you who read the *Lantern* in the future remember this. Win or lose, sports are fun.

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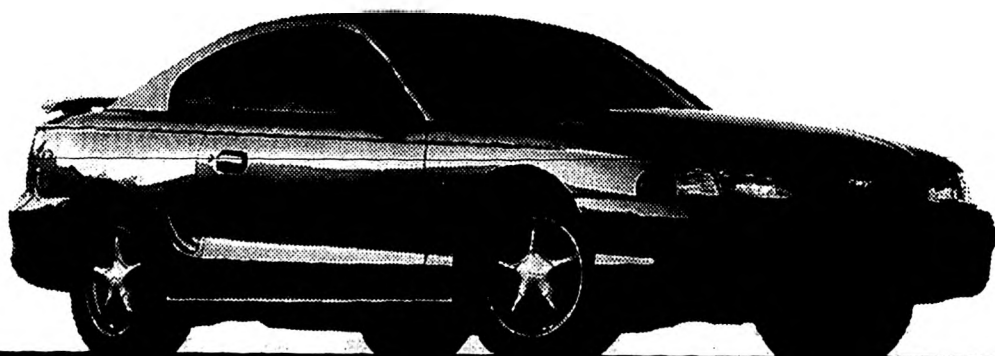
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NRG: finally a good time!

by Cory D. Olsen
Staff Writer

What's the main reason why you don't go to more concerts? Money! Exactly! So why weren't there about three thousand people at Club NRG last Saturday on the 16th? It was FREE! That's right, no money needed, just an I.D. and the desire to get strip-searched at the door.

Sound Spectrum, *The Harpoon*, and Cafe Nuit brought life back into the long dormant Club NRG when they decided to get some bands together and throw a concert.

The evening started out with Black Dandelion, a band fronted by GVSU radio man Dan-o Lanniga. Black Dandelion warmed up the crowd with their Doors-like sound and got everyone up and dancin'. Toward the end of their set they started playing a little instrumental, and I started singing "Show me the way, to the next whiskey bar, no don't ask why..." They brought back some fond memories.

Next up were the Sleestacks from Kalamazoo. Talk about a powerful combination of guitars, drums, and horns! This group took the roof off! A highlight of the set was when one of the guitarists walked onto the dance floor and played his solo. At the very last moment when he was striking the last notes, fire shot up from the neck of his guitar. A totally hot band!

Finishing up the evening were the Space Brothers. Everyone was in total shock. From searing guitar licks to meaningful vocals, the Brothers offered something for everyone. The lights came on at 1:00 a.m. to signal the end of their set, but this didn't stop the Space Brothers. They continued to play for another five minutes to the still energetic crowd. Get out to see these guys as much as possible, you'll never know what could happen!

Cafe Nuit made an excellent appearance with their many different flavors of coffee. All enjoyed a little kava in the late-night hours.

This concert at NRG offered a little bit of something for everybody on and off campus: fun. No, I didn't think that something like this could be pulled off on campus either, but it happened, and it was worth going to. Sound Spectrum, *The Harpoon*, and Cafe Nuit deserve the credit for this one!



Above: Dan-o Lanniga cringes in delight as he sings with the Black Dandelion.

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Right: The Sleestacks put on an energetic performance last Saturday.



Below: The pit erupts as moshers fly everywhere.



"Four Weddings and A Funeral" is a delight

by Lori M. Gruntman
Staff Writer

Whatever you do, DO NOT get married!

The new film *Four Weddings and a Funeral* reeks of this message.

May 1. At the British wedding of Angus and Laura, Charles (Hugh Grant) is the best man. But he and his roommate Scarlett oversleep and barely make it to the church. At the altar, Charles realizes that he has forgotten the rings; with the help of Scarlett and many of Charles' other single friends (who have all sworn off marriage), they come up with two unusual rings for the bride and groom.

A cheesy rendition of "I Can't Smile Without You" concludes the wedding ceremony, and everyone is off to the reception, where Charles first meets Carrie (Andie MacDowell), an American visiting for the wedding. Charles leaves his friends after the reception and goes to the guest house where Carrie is staying. They end up spending the night together, and she leaves for America in the morning.

Three months later. Another wedding takes place; the couple had met at Angus and Laura's wedding. Charles and Scarlett are again late. The priest who marries the couple is performing his first wedding ceremony, and he makes such errors as "the Holy goat" and "the Holy spicket," and he calls them each by the wrong name several times; he tells them that they are "johned in holy matrimony." Despite the priest's problems speaking, the ceremony is finally finished.

Charles bumps into Carrie again, and he is delighted to see her. But she has news that quickly depresses him--she is to be married. Then Charles discovers that he is seated with five of his ex-girlfriends for the reception. He also bumps into one of the more strange of his ex-girlfriends, Henrietta (Anna Chancellor), who is quite anxious to get married.

Carrie's fiance leaves the reception, and she asks Charles to keep her company for the evening. He doesn't think it's a good idea,

considering their past one-night stand. She finally convinces him: "I'm pretty sure I can resist you." But can she?

One month later. Charles and Carrie run into each other, and she asks him to help her pick out a wedding dress. She tries on all kinds; when she puts one on that looks almost like a nightgown, Charles tells her (in his British accent) that it's too sexy for a wedding and that "there's nothing more offputting at a wedding than a priest with an enormous erection."

In one of the best scenes of the movie, they have coffee and share their sexual histories. When they have to leave each other, Charles runs after her and professes his love in the words of David Cassidy. She tells him that it sounds nice to hear it from him, and she leaves.

One month later. Charles is, of course, late for Carrie's wedding. He and his group of friends decide that they must each find someone to marry eventually, so they start searching for the right person at Carrie's reception. Scarlett finds a gorgeous American, Fiona declares her love to the person she has kept it a secret from for a long time, Gareth finds a lady friend to dance the time away with, and Tom keeps searching.

Ten months later. Charles is finally in the groom's spot at the altar. Who does he marry? It's a surprise!

You know that a movie will be great when the first words you hear are "F--k, f--k, f--k" (when Charles realizes that he has overslept for wedding number one).

Four Weddings and a Funeral is a romantic--yet anti-marriage--comedy with a twist: there is actually some suspense involved. I found myself playing a guessing game--who would be the next couple to be married? I was usually wrong but always very surprised.

Grant and MacDowell give great performances as the lovers who keep bumping into one another only at weddings. They, together with the rest of the cast, do a good job of convincing the audience that marriage is not to be taken lightly.

"Threesome's" love triangle tailspins

by J.J. Milkrut I
Staff Writer

Sex, sex sex sex sex sex sex sex sex sex...and more sex.

O.K., now that I've done the impossible by describing an entire movie in one paragraph, it's time to get down to business.

The recently released *Threesome* is one step down from pornography. The entire movie attempts to show what goes on in the sexual life of today's average college student, and it fails miserably.

The movie is what you'd get if you decided to parodize young America's attitudes today. I would hazard to guess that the script was written by a seventy-year-old man who has absolutely no idea what goes on in the life of today's young adult.

Threesome is the story of two roommates, William (Josh Charles) and Stuart (Stephen Baldwin) who are blessed with a third roommate, Alex. Alex (Lara Flynn Boyle) is female, and placed into a male dormitory because of her name, which is mistaken to be of

the masculine nature. They learn to live together as friends, but complications arise when Alex gets the hots for William, William gets the hots for Stuart (yes, you read right--he's gay) and Stuart gets the hots for Alex. A love triangle from hell, you might say. And, uh, well, they all pretty much do each other. Separately and at the same time. Love scenes are bound to make a first dates uncomfortable, so choose another flick. I would usually describe the plot

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of a movie in a bit more depth, but I really can't go any more into depth with *Threesome*. That is literally about all that happens in this movie. Sex is portrayed as something that happens as routinely as breathing. All it takes for any of the three main characters to want sex is having someone else in the room.

Granted, sex is an important element in a lot of people's lives, especially in college; but most people do other things, too. Like get a life.

The only good point amongst all the pointlessness and tastelessness in this movie is Josh Charles. Not much has been seen of him since *Dead Poets Society*, but he makes up for his sabbatical by pushing the character of William to its peak. He is an excellent actor and does as much as was possible with the character of William.

Even if you're a horn-dogged pervert, this isn't your movie. The subject is all sex, but not much of it is seen.

So, if you have nothing better to do than to go see this movie, STAY HOME ANYWAYS! Trust me. Invest your five bucks in something better, like just about anything else.

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Grand Rapid's trendiest new hang-out

by Greg Barnes
Staff Writer

Since Music Expresso first hit the scene in early November of last year, the turnout has been amazing! From its outstanding musical selection of tapes and CDs, to its mouth-watering menu of uniquely named coffees and espressos, Music Expresso gives customers an idea of how a real music store should feel.

Owners Matt Marini and Mike McShane started out in a small college town in northern Michigan. At first it was just another music store, but then Marini and McShane added the concept of an espresso bar. All of a sudden, business took off. They outgrew their Big Rapids surroundings and decided to settle in Grand Rapids.

Music Expresso incorporates two unique ideas with its business philosophy. The first is their selection of live and rare music. With such artists as Pearl Jam, U2, and Nirvana, Music Expresso offers the listener a taste of music not available anywhere else. In addition, you can find everything here, from jazz to classical, pop rock to rap. Try to special order an album anywhere in Grand Rapids and chances are you'll have to wait up to two weeks. At Music Expresso, it's a matter of hours.

The most intriguing characteristic about the entire store is their drink bar. In all there are about 20 different hot drinks available, ranging in flavor and



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price. The Amphetamine is an espresso based drink topped with steamed milk that has grown to almost legendary status.

Other drinks include the Virgin, a hot chocolate with whipped cream, the Italian Soda, a club soda with choice of

flavor, and my personal favorite, the Cargo Caramel, boasting two shots of espresso and a caramel flavoring to die for. House coffees are also available for purchase, so you can enjoy the great taste of Music Expresso in your own living room. The service is fast

and friendly. The prices are good, the coffee, fantastic!

"Music is a way of life around here" says Keith Jones, manager of Music Expresso. "We want anyone who walks through the door to feel comfortable."

Jones and fellow workers are a mishmash of musical tastes and influences.

"We all have fun here, music is our life, it's what we'd be doing anyway," says Jones. "We like to keep track of what people are buying, that way if someone asks us about a certain sound they're looking for, we can tell them what we've seen."

Eve's Plumb, Naked Ballot, and Dirt Farm, ever hear of them? Well, you soon will. As part of a concert series, these bands and many others like them will be hitting the basement stage downstairs at Music Expresso every weekend over the next several weeks.

In addition to all of the bands, keep an eye out for a repeat performance by a very talented 17-year old Cacey Stratton, who is graduating from Interlochin, and close to signing with a label. His music is sensual and smooth, his voice, beautiful.

One might think that unbeatable drinks, service, and selection would be enough for these guys, but such is not the case. Plans for the future include a juice bar in the band area located downstairs, a reading area that may include many of today's hottest music mags, works from author Henry Rollins, and eventually a Ticket Master outlet.

The crew at Music Expresso has created a sophisticated music store. No matter what your choice of music, or coffee, there's always a table ready for you at Music Expresso.

The Week Ahead

On Campus

April 21 Concert Band & Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Conducted by Samuel McIlhagga. 8 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Calder Fine Arts Center.

April 23 WCKS presents a free concert featuring; Dope Pipe, Plow, Lump, King Tweed, Parka Kings, Cathouse. Starts at noon and goes all day. Free stuff and giveaways. Location: north lawn, Mackinac Building. In the case of foul weather, it will be held in the Kirkhof Center. For more info. call 895-2356.

April 23 & 24 Auditions for Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre at the CFA Center. Auditionees should come prepared with a memorized monologue (12 line minimum) from one of Shakespeare's plays. Performances are scheduled for September 23 - October 1. Twenty-five roles will be cast this spring for rehearsals beginning September 1.

thru April 29 BFA Exhibitions at the Calder Gallery in the Calder Fine Arts Center.

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