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Google Fiber healthy for Grand Rapids' diet

Residents show support for effort to bring highspeed Internet to Grand Rapids with flash mob

By Garrett Pelican
GVL Staff Writer

Amid reports that Grand Rapids is a leading contender in the "Google Fiber for Communities" campaign, citizens showed their true colors — blue, red, yellow and green — in the city's push for the Internet titan's latest venture. The winning city will receive a trial of the ultra high speed broadband network that Google claims is more than 100 times faster than the Internet access available to most Americans.

Led by Mayor George Heartwell and a grassroots initiative called "Google Fiber for Grand Rapids," hundreds of Grand Rapidsians dubbing themselves the "My GR Flash Mob" flooded Calder Plaza in downtown Grand Rapids Friday afternoon to show their support.

"The turnout was just a terrific show of community support," Heartwell said. "This has become an important project and I'm convinced it will help develop Grand Rapids' already growing community."

Tommy Allen, one of the initiative's founders and lifestyle editor for Rapid Growth Media, praised the turnout despite previous concerns it might not draw the crowd it deserved.

"I feel really good about the turnout,"

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The Google Flash Mob leads the campaign to bring Google Fiber to Grand Rapids.

Students rally for higher ed at Lansing Blitz

GVSU students join reps from other Michigan colleges to voice concerns to state legislators

By Jenny Whalen
GVL Editor in Chief

Aggravated by continued cuts to higher education funding, hundreds of Michigan college students will converge on the Capitol Thursday for the Lansing Blitz, a protest against the state legislature's disinvestment in higher education.

Some 50 Grand Valley State

University students will join peers from sister universities on the lawn of the Capitol in an effort to demonstrate the student voice in Michigan.



Trombka

"What we hope to accomplish is the beginning of the end of student apathy and to communicate to state government that students are serious about the future of Michigan and have informed, valid opinions that deserve to be included in government," said Jordan Twardy, president of the Student Association of Michigan.

Founded in 2007, SAM is the student-run governing body for Michigan's 15 public universities and the primary organizer of the Lansing Blitz.

"It is student apathy in the past and today that allows the cuts to higher education to continue virtually unabated," Twardy said. "In a democracy, the squeaky wheel gets the oil and students need to make more noise if they want to be truly heard in Lansing."

James Reeve, Student Senate vice president of Political Affairs, said GVSU's presence at the Blitz is especially important as GVSU continues to be one of the lowest-funded public universities in the state.

"We are lucky that our administration is diligent with its funds and has been able to keep tuition relatively low," Reeve said. "Regardless, our particular university community is still low on the state government's priority list among our peer institutions."

To encourage GVSU attendance at the rally, the Student Senate has arranged for a charter bus to transport students from the Allendale Campus to Lansing the day of the Blitz.

The bus will depart the Kirkhof Center Thursday at 9 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. A \$10 refundable cash deposit is required at the time of sign up, which can be completed in the Student Organization Center.

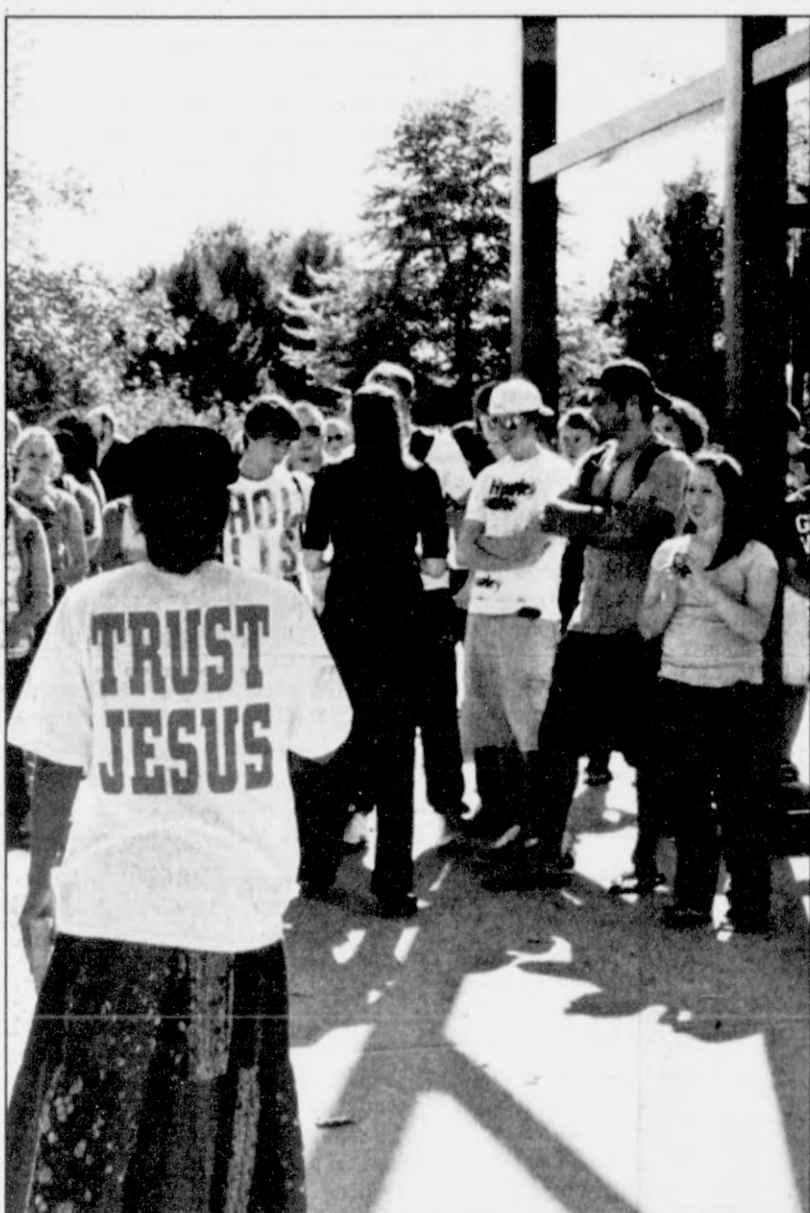
"Legislators often say they don't hear the student voice and they don't necessarily yield to student issues if students do not speak out (on

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MICHIGAN VALUES

Michigan spends an average of \$41,995 per year on each inmate housed in its prisons and jails and only about \$5,500 per year on each full-time college student, according to the Student Association of Michigan.

Higher education casts 'liberal' influence



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A preacher speaks to GVSU students at the Transformational Link. A recent report by ISI found college graduates more likely to take a liberal stance on politics. West Michigan is generally known as a more conservative region.

Study shows college education has liberal influence on students' political views

By Samantha Butcher
GVL Senior Reporter

How important is the "liberal" in a liberal arts education?

According to a report issued by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, an independent academic think tank, college graduates are more likely to take a liberal stance on controversial issues than high school graduates, though they do not know more about civics than their less-educated counterparts.

Grand Valley State University College Republicans President Justin Tomei said he was not surprised by the results of the study.

"The fact that colleges are liberal havens is not shocking," he said. "I don't believe that GVSU is a liberal stronghold. Grand Valley is fairly balanced, but much of that could be the location of the university in West Michigan."

West Michigan is a well-established conservative pocket in Michigan. While the state has voted for Democrats in every presidential election since 1992, in the 2008 presidential election, 61 percent of Ottawa County residents voted for Republican John McCain. McCain

received 46 percent of the national popular vote.

The Institute asked approximately 2,500 randomly-selected students 100 questions to gauge their civic knowledge, political philosophy, civic behavior and demographics. The study, "The Shaping of the American Mind," was released last month.

The study found college graduates were more likely to hold liberal views on hotly contested issues, including same-sex marriage and abortion. Participants who held graduate degrees were also more liberal than those who held undergraduate degrees.

"I would definitely like to see more political awareness and more students pursuing an active role in politics."

JUSTIN TOMEI
GVSU COLLEGE REPUBLICANS PRESIDENT

The ISI also found that years in college are loosely correlated with a knowledge and understanding of government. According to the ISI's 2008 report, participants with bachelor's degrees answered an average of 57 percent of questions correctly, a failing grade.

For Richard A. Brake, a co-author of the report, this signals a problem with the education system.

"College graduates, whether it be current or graduated in the past, seem to have difficulty knowing basic things about our government and our history," Brake said. "Does college share all the blame? Of course not — this is a systemic

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Creators of GVSU iPhone app seek feedback

By Anya Zentmeyer
GVL Assistant News Editor

Students, faculty and staff can now have the world of Grand Valley State University at their fingertips — literally. The mobile applications and services lab, a volunteer division of the School of Computer Sciences, has come together as an eight-member team to develop GVSU's very first application for the iPhone, along with an Android version that is still in the works.

"We wanted to do something that

was relevant not only to us but to the school," said Greg Zavitz, sophomore and computer science major. "So many people have iPhones and iPod Touches here, we wanted to see what kind of numbers we could get in downloads as a whole and who would use it."

Professor and advisor John Engelsma started the mobile applications and services lab with the intent of giving students a better sense of real world experience.

"One of the things that's really hard in academia is to try to replicate the real world in the classroom, especially in computer science," he said. "So, the No. 1 thing for me as a professor trying to create the best learning opportunity for my students is to have them build something that they know real people — their friends and so forth — are going to be using and critiquing and reviewing."

The new app., available to students free of charge, has six main features: news, people finder, Twitter, media, real-time campus Web cameras and interactive maps.

The news feature is an RSS feed, so it updates the headlines on both the GV Now page and the Lanthorn publication online as they are updated.

The people finder is the same function the homepage features, but with the iPhone, students can update or create new contacts in their mobile address books straight from the information provided.

The Twitter feature, which Engelsma refers to as a "Twitter zeitgeist," gives students a sense in real time what is going on around campus.

"Twitter has programmable

interfaces that let you access tweets," Engelsma said. "So what we're doing is searching Twitter and we're searching for terms like GVSU and Grand Valley and Laker. So when you scan through there you get a really good feeling for what's happening right now on campus. For example, if there is a sporting event and you come on campus and there are a

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GVL Photo Illustration / Eric Coulter

GVSU now has an app. for the iPhone, which helps students stay connected to campus events and news. Students can download the app. for free.

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problem, from K through 12 and all the way up. But universities train our teachers and train our leaders, so they play a

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role."

Brake called for universities to create a more balanced curricula that emphasizes civics. Grand Valley State University does not specifically require students to take government courses as part of their general education, but there are political science classes that fulfill both the world perspectives and social and behavioral sciences requirements.

Tomei agreed he would like to see more political participation from students on campus.

"GVSU seems to be doing OK, but it's hard to judge because I have not spent much time on other campuses," he said. "I would definitely like to see more political awareness and more students pursuing an active role in politics."

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Allen said. "Just three weeks ago, a lot of the people involved with this project didn't even know each other. Now, we're in the top three of all the cities in the country and that's something that everyone from this region can be proud of."

With fanfare befitting of a ticket parade, the crowd bolstered its presence with music spun by a disc jockey, multicolored balloons and signs reading "My Grand Rapids is ..." on the front and adjectives such as "creative" and "connected" on the reverse.

Another founder, Pete Brand, said all of those efforts contributed to the event's success.

"The people just kept going and going and going," Brand explained. "We had lots of enthusiastic people who turned out in Google colors with fun signs, and I think that showed what Grand Rapids means to them."

Perhaps the most compelling aspect of the afternoon was that the event and its patron cause

have been driven solely by volunteer efforts.

"The best thing is that this (campaign) is 100 percent volunteer-driven and I don't think most cities can say the same thing, so it's been an amazing process," Allen remarked.

Another of the initiative's leaders, Paul Jendrasiak, attributed the successful afternoon to the city's sense of community.

"Grand Rapids has always had a community that steps up to the plate and this is just another example of that," said Jendrasiak, social media expert and CEO of Spambully. "With the city's health care, education and media industries, we believe we've got a community that will help Google Fiber."

Similarly, Google Fiber will provide immense benefit to its destination. With the average connection in the Grand Rapids area estimated at about 6 megabytes per second, Google Fiber's connection of a blazing 1,000 megabytes per second would be a vast improvement for local Internet speeds.

"We're talking about a

quantum leap for Internet connectivity here," Jendrasiak explained. "This would be just a huge leap ahead for the Grand Rapids community."

In addition to the tremendous advance in connection speeds, experts have noted the venture would serve as a catalyst for economic growth and may also help to stem what many call Michigan's supposed "brain drain," an idea that resounded with Heartwell.

"Grand Rapids is truly doing everything we can to retain and attract creative and educated young people," Heartwell said. "When students graduate from Grand Valley, we want them to stay in Grand Rapids, and this project will lend itself to that cause."

Students and faculty interested in joining or learning more about the movement can do so by visiting its Web site at <http://www.goog616.com/>. To nominate Grand Rapids, visit <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/options/>. The nomination period ends March 26.

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million cars, you can look at your iPhone and there are tons of people tweeting the live score of the football game."

The media icon features videos from the official GVSU YouTube channels and a Laker Football one as well. The Flickr pool — the same featured on the homepage — is also accessible through the app.

The interactive map, Engelsma said, is "one of the biggest and most useful features of the application. It is both a building finder and a GPS, indicating with a red pin where a

certain building is and then with a blue pin can show students where they currently are in respect to the building.

For some of the students, learning the iPhone platform was a challenge.

"I've had Blackberry experience, but for me it was my first iPhone experience," Zavitz said. "It's a new language I had to learn. My proudest accomplishment is just learning how to do it and being confident that I could make more in the future."

However, for graduate student Alejandro Montoya, this application is one of five previously existing ones Montoya had created prior to his enrollment at GVSU. One of his applications — a graphic calculator — has garnered more than half of a million downloads total, and Montoya is already working on an updated version.

Originally from Columbia, Montoya came to GVSU in January with a passion for math and physics and saw computer sciences as an opportunity to take his two passions and make them into something other people could use and enjoy.

"In general, this platform is easy to work," he said. "I like

to work for this platform, the things you can do with it are really cool."

Engelsma is a GVSU alumnus who spent 16 years working in corporate research for the Motorola Company and came to GVSU to spend time following his passion for teaching along with developing new technologies at his own pace.

"I have a little more latitude to go out and explore, and I really enjoy that," he said.

As far as the iPhone app goes, the designers are all looking for feedback, Zavitz said.

"Any suggestions will be welcome," he added.

Students can visit the Web site <http://masl.cis.gvsu.edu> to leave comments or suggestions.

"I think some of it is novelty, like the Twitter thing, but I think some of it is good utility," Engelsma said. "Students should keep up with what the university is saying publicly, what are the news releases. It's just being aware of what is going on. We're hoping that the community tells us what they like and what they don't like and the application, over time, will kind of develop a life of it's own."

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issues) or vote," said Autumn Trombka, Student Senate president. "If we can get students to go out (to Lansing) then we can make the point to legislators that they need to go out and represent our views."

In addition to the speakers and informational displays of the outdoor rally, the Blitz will also include lobbying visits inside the Capitol.

"We have many ideas on how higher education can be made a higher priority and we want to discuss those with our legislators ..." Twardy said. "We want to have a continuing dialogue

about how investing in higher education, and in Michigan students, can help the state as a whole."

Though the Blitz is a nonpartisan event, Twardy said all groups supporting the cause of higher education are encouraged to attend. Reeve, too, expressed the importance of student interest and action.

"Students make up a significant proportion of the voting population; however, until we put some pressure on the legislators in Lansing, who work for us, we will not see a response to our needs," Reeve said. "It is time for students to stand up with a clear, coherent voice."

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In the March 4 issue of the Lanthorn, it was mistakenly reported that Jared Kohler traveled to Haiti in 2009 with an organization other than the Shabach Ministries. Both Kohler's 2009 and 2010 trips were with Shabach.

GVL DIGEST

News in Brief

My Experience seeks photos for May graduation
Grand Valley State University is calling all students to submit Facebook photos to the My Experience campaign, which is a Facebook Photo Contest and Twitter Memory blog that aims to debut at the May Commencement ceremony.

There are five different categories of submission, all geared at sharing the authentic GVSU experience.

For more information, or to submit a photo, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/myexperience> or the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/myexperiencegvsu> and <http://www.twitter.com/myexperiencegvsu>.

Health and Wellness workshop focuses on stress

Held at noon on Tuesday and Thursday, Health and Wellness will hold a workshop that helps students overcome the stressors in their daily life.

"Turning from Blue to Bright" will be held at the Kirkhof Center, room 1104 on the Tuesday and then in DeVos Center, room 303C on the Thursday.

Alison Brown, CEO of GVSU's employee assistance service Encompass, will lead the workshop. Register online at <http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar>.

Lanthorn Literary Edition to give prizes for winners

The Grand Valley Lanthorn is seeking submissions for its Literary Edition, which will be published April 5. The five categories are:

1. Short stories
2. Poetry
3. Illustration
4. Photography
5. Art/design

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. today, and participants may enter up to three submissions per category.

One entry from each category will win a \$50 cash prize, so long as there are at least three separate participants in each category.

Not all submissions will be published, and Lanthorn employees are not eligible to win.

The winners will be chosen by faculty members from the writing, art, and photography departments.

A staff section will be offered. Lanthorn staff may submit entries for all categories.

Entries and questions may be submitted to Managing Editor Lauren Fitch by e-mail at managingeditor@lanthorn.com

Ninth Annual Technology and Teaching Fair

The Teaching and Learning with Technology Fair, sponsored by Educational Technology and the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, will be held on Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, rooms 2201 and 2204.

More than 24 faculty members are expected to present their methods of integrating technology into their teaching and learning practices.

The two recipients of the Pew Teaching with Technology Award — Nathan Barrows, assistant professor of chemistry, and Sue Swatzlander, professor of English — will be recognized.

For more information, including a list of faculty exhibits, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/it/tech>.

Lifeguard voices concerns with GV pool's rescue tools

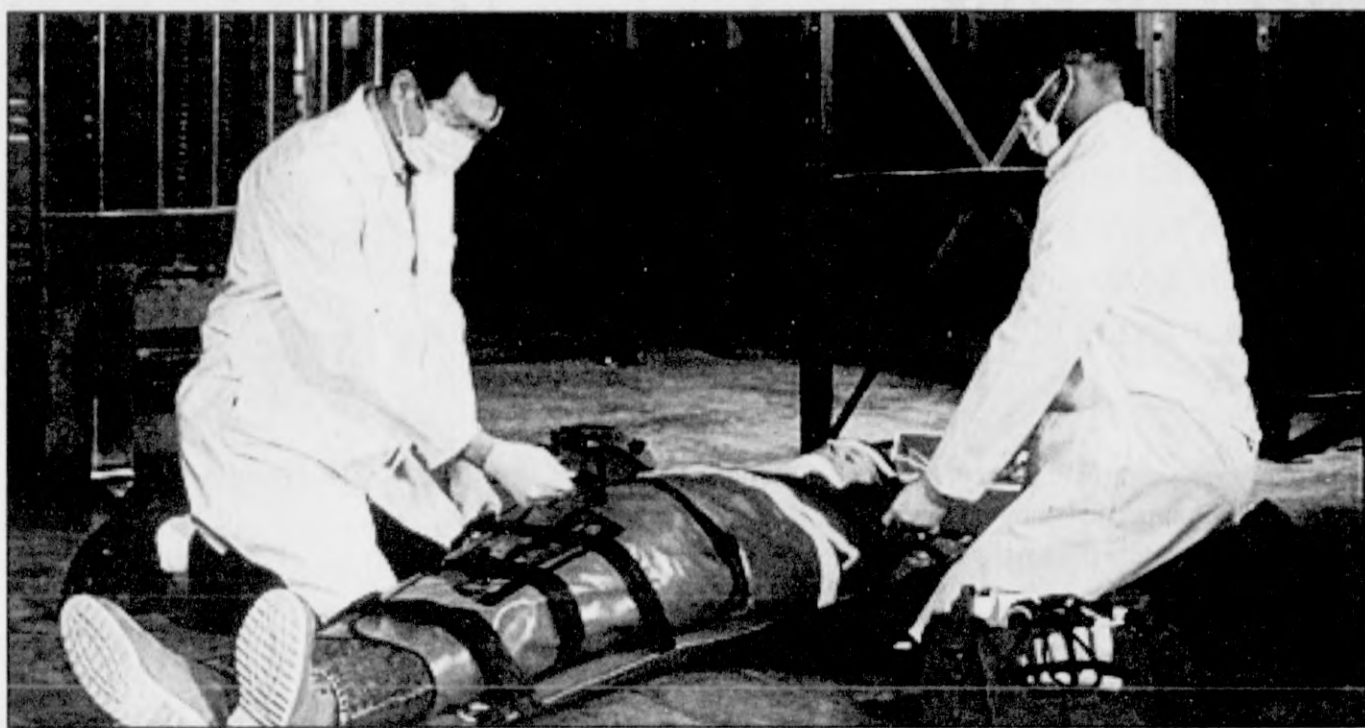
Minor flaws in backboards may render them ineffective in time of emergency.

By Molly Waite
GVL Senior Reporter

The frequent patrons of Grand Valley State University's pool know the university employs lifeguards on duty during open swim hours to keep swimmers safe. But they might be surprised to discover the lifeguards do not have all of the working equipment necessary to respond in the event of an emergency.

Students taking the university lifeguarding class to become Red Cross-certified lifeguards have worked with the backboards provided by the university. However, many students have experienced malfunctions with each of the boards. Backboards, also called spine-boards, are used in the event of an injury to the head, neck or spine to stabilize the victim and remove them from the water.

"The three boards on the Grand Valley deck are in convenient locations and easily accessible," said Dan Kimble, professor of the lifeguarding course and a Lifeguard Instructor through the American Red Cross. "Of the three boards that are



Lifeguarding classes practice with backboards from the GVSU pool. However, minor flaws in the boards could pose problems for a rescue.

on deck, however, each has minor flaws that could pose a problem in the event they must be used. Looking at the boards most likely would not yield any signs of malfunction, but the use of the boards by our class has made us aware of the issues the boards might cause."

Backboards are listed as a requirement for all public swimming pools in the Michigan Public Act and Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools.

"A swimming pool owner shall equip a swimming pool with an acceptable long spine-

board that has a minimum of three ties, runners and a head immobilizer," states section R 325.2165 of the act. "A swimming pool owner shall keep all required safety equipment in the pool enclosure or at another location approved by the department or local health department and shall keep the equipment stocked, in good repair and in ready condition."

Of the three boards on the university pool deck, the head immobilizer on one of the boards does not secure strongly, Kimble said. The

second board has a broken clasp on one of the straps, leaving only two straps to secure a victim. The third board has metal clasps that have fallen off the board multiple times and sunk to the bottom of the pool.

Kimble said as far as he was aware, the staff at the Fieldhouse had been notified of the issues. But Kate Harmon, facilities manager at the Fieldhouse, declined to comment. Harmon did say, however, she would address the concerns with the pool staff.

"The boards should be

able to do the job, but if in the wrong care, could pose a problem in the event of an emergency," Kimble said. "Considering that the boards are there in case of a suspected head, neck or spinal injury, great care should be taken to make sure that no problems could arise from equipment malfunction."

Kimble added regular inspections of the boards by a qualified individual might help in making sure the boards stay in working order year round.

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New MSU program targets worldwide counterfeiting

The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The fight against fake products has found a home at Michigan State University with the launch of the Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program.

"The FBI has called (it) 'the crime of the 21st century,'" university spokesman Andy Henion wrote on the school's Web site. "The counterfeiting of products from pharmaceuticals to food additives to auto parts accounts for hundreds of billions of dollars in global trade."

Michigan State's program is designed to fill what Henion said is a need for research on the worldwide phenomenon and "evidence-based strategies" to fight it.

Counterfeiting is more than an economic crime against the companies whose goods are faked, the university said. The damage extends to health, the environment and national security, it said.

"We're blending the different sciences and bringing something unique to the table here," said the program's director, criminal justice associate professor Jeremy Wilson. "Our goal is to serve as an inter-

national hub for a anti-counterfeiting."

Wilson said the program is a response to requests from businesses for help. He said the interdisciplinary program encompasses criminal justice, food safety, international business, engineering, public health and communications.

One of its first projects was to create a database of U.S. product counterfeiting cases from 2000 on, Wilson said in a statement.

Another project includes development of a DNA marker embedded in textiles that could be used to determine the authenticity of items such as purses and clothing.

Major focuses of the program include counterfeiting of pharmaceuticals in Africa and food additives in China.

"Product counterfeiting is a risk to ... exploited workers and it's a risk to the consumer," said program associate director John Spink. "This is clearly not a victimless crime."



Wilson



A GVSU student volunteers with local children. Service is one of the university's seven defining values.

GVSU community service recognized with national honor roll distinction

By Samantha Butcher
GVL Senior Reporter

Grand Valley State University was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction as one of four Michigan institutions to receive the honor.

Nominees were recognized by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Begun in 2006, the honor roll is the highest level of federal recognition for community service and civic engagement.

"At Grand Valley, faculty and students understand that service-learning forms an important bridge between theory and practice and that building strong communities is a shared responsibility," said President Thomas J. Haas. "I'm proud that Grand Valley's commitment to sharing our collective time and talents with the community has been recognized nationally with our inclusion on the Community Service Honor Roll."

Nominees were evaluated on a number of selection criteria, including the scope of service projects, the percentage of students who participate in service, incentives for service and the number of academic service-learning classes. More than 700 schools made the Honor Roll, 115 with distinction.

GVSU also made the

Honor Roll in 2008.

Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the board of directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, said the need for volunteers is greater than ever.

"In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers

citizens, to become active service providers and to take part in various service learning and volunteer opportunities in the community and abroad."

The Honor Roll is a collaboration among the CNCS, which oversees the program, as well as the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

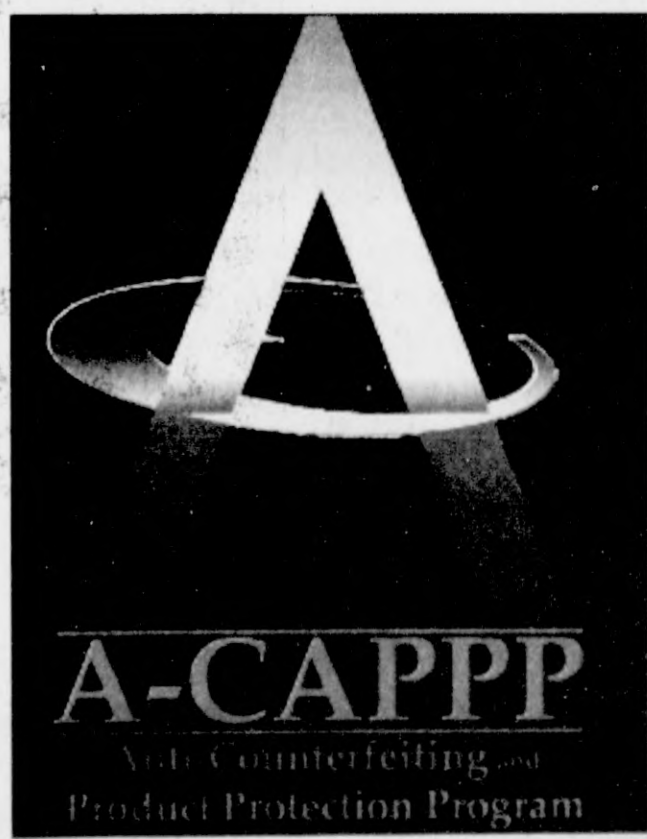
In addition to recognizing institutions with high levels of civic

engagement, the CNCS aims to increase incentives to get students involved, said American Council on Education President Molly Corbett Broad in a press release.

"College and university students across the country are making a difference in the lives of others every day — as are the institutions that encourage their students to serve others," she said.

Other Michigan institutions to receive the honor include: Delta College, Kalamazoo College, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan.

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This new MSU program is designed to fight counterfeiting.

EDITORIAL

No secrets

For the sake of government transparency, Michigan citizens must express outrage at the state legislature for entertaining a series of bills that would conceal government activity from the public by moving public notices to less accessible locations.

Public notices inform citizens of government actions, economic changes, environmental conditions and public affairs. All levels and branches of government as well as businesses and individuals release these notices.

Current law requires all public notices appear in a newspaper "of general circulation."

Should the legislature pass this new series of bills, government entities would be permitted to forego publication of legal notices in print altogether.

The new bills would allow cities, businesses, courts and others to display notices solely on their Web sites, newspapers' Web sites or public access television channels.

While some argument could be made for sustainability and technological progress, a sense of permanence is lost to a notification when it appears only online.

Publication of public notices in print not only reaches a broad audience, but it provides automatic proof of publication by an independent party in a permanent format.

While the Internet is a great resource, its access remains limited and its content vulnerable.

Almost a third of the people in the U.S. do not surf the Internet, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, while more than 70 percent of registered Michigan voters subscribe to one or more newspapers or purchase newspapers at a newsstand, which they read every day, according to an October 2007 survey by EPIC-MRA.

Publishing public notices exclusively online will deny some members of the population access to this information and in doing so, prohibit the creation of an informed citizenry.

For 50 cents or less anyone can purchase a newspaper and rest assured in the knowledge that it is impossible to hack the printed page.

It costs significantly more to secure regular access to the Internet and is far easier to alter online content.

While this is not to say public notices should not be published online, the Internet should be used to supplement, rather than replace, notifications in print.

If citizens do not voice their opposition to these bills, legislators will have no qualms in putting public notices where the public won't notice. If this is the case, Michigan citizens can bid a melancholy farewell to any semblance of transparency in government.

West Michigan legislators in support of these bills:

Rep. Joseph Haveman, R-Holland
Rep. Tom Pearce, R-Rockford
Rep. Justin Amash, R-Kentwood
Rep. Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive

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YOUR INSIGHTS

Do you think attending college changes your political views?



"I think it could depend on the college you attend. In my opinion people attending a Christian college may tend to be more conservative, while people attending a more liberal arts college may be less conservative. I think it also depends on how you were raised."

Jordan Armstrong
Junior
Graphic Design
Menominee, Mich.



"For me it hasn't, but it has brought more political issues to my attention. I think that college students, however, have a lot to offer one another in terms of political awareness and various issues. I'm sure some people have questioned and changed political views upon attending college."

Jordan Tumer
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"I think it makes you more aware of issues, regardless of your political views."

Libby DeMull
Junior
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Coopersville, Mich.



"I don't believe attending college could change your political views other than to polarize them. That is, people's original views are probably just strengthened, if affected at all, when attending college."

Ian Heinkle
Sophomore
Psychology
Novi, Mich.



"Upon coming to GVSU my political views were very slim. The town I come from is very small-minded and conservative. Being here has enriched my views on many social and political subjects. I believe that is has made me much more tolerant of others' beliefs and ways of life."

Lydia Kauffman
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GVL STUDENT OPINION

Remakes bring fresh look to old classics



I've noticed lately that there has been a lot of creative tweaking to old classic movies and novels.

Since I am a nerdy bookworm, the first example of this practice that pops up into my mind is the numerous editions of Jane Austen's famous novel "Pride and Prejudice."

There are endless spin-offs to all of Austen's novels but versions of the story of "Pride and Prejudice" outrank them all.

Some center on the fictitious children of Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy while others devote themselves to exploring the sexual relationship between

Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy as newlyweds.

Still, turning the romance in Austen's novels into a dirty smut-fest wasn't taken as controversially as the addition of zombie mayhem to the original plot of "Pride and Prejudice." This literary union between Austen and zombies festered into the prequel "Dawn of the Dreadfuls," a novel by Steve Hockensmith, which explores the town of Meryton before the arrival of Mr. Darcy.

Everyone but me, of course, was upset. I appreciated these novels for what they were and found the fight scenes very clever and funny. Reading these books made me want to compare them to the originals, and it became an excuse for me to read the original classic over again.

What is perhaps even

more shocking than the revisions of these classics is the fact they're actually good. All of the zombie books published by Quirk Books are quick, fun reads that I enjoy.

Another recent revision was of Lewis Carol's novel, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" into Tim Burton's movie "Alice in Wonderland," which featured the same lovable characters but a twist — Alice was older and this was her second trip to Wonderland. I saw the movie, and it was fantastically charming and creative, and I did appreciate the very realistic effects of our progressed technology.

The Mad Hatter played by Johnny Depp in Tim Burton's revision tells Alice she "has lost her muchness." Is the face that we are remaking classics a sign that we

have lost our muchness?

I don't think we have. Remaking movies, writing prequels or sequels to novels is just another side of creativity and is really asserting our own confidence that our generation can, if not do it better, at least make it relatable to our own era.

Authorial intent has given way to readers' or viewers' interpretation and expectations. Movies rarely stay verbatim to the book, which has become not only accepted but expected. We trust the movie to explore the "what-if" sections of the book so why not let another author do the same?

Everyone should just relax. No one is banned from reading the original "Pride and Prejudice." The old idea isn't eliminated by the new one.

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EqualiTea spurs discussion of women's issues

By Brittney Mestdagh

GVL Staff Writer

In old paintings and movies, women are often depicted having high tea and discussing the events of the day. The Women's Center will remember this honored tradition Tuesday.

The eighth annual EqualiTea, starting at 3 p.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center, will feature performances and discussions on current women's issues. Theatre students will perform "Seasons of Love" and "Take Me or Leave Me" from the Broadway musical "Rent" and attendees will be encouraged to discuss issues these performances highlight, specifically love and relationships.

"It is such a powerful performance," said Rachael DeWitt, a graduate assistant at the Women's Center. "To have the opportunity to discuss it further is remarkable."

DeWitt saw the performance of "Rent" in the fall and found it "amazing." She said she looks forward to exploring its various messages with others.

The event is set up so attendees can learn from multiple mediums, said Marlene Kowalski-Braun, the director of the Women's Center. These mediums include performances, readings and discussion. Contributors to the Women's Center journal "In Our Own Words" will read their pieces.

"It offers a historical perspective with a contemporary spin," Kowalski-Braun said.

A host serves tea and facilitates discussion at each table. Discussion points are termed "crumpets for conversation."

This year's crumpets are relationships, love, a well-lived life and advocacy. Hosts prompt attendees to discuss the requirements for a well-lived, happy and fulfilled life, asking the question: "Is love really all we

need?"

Chaunte Rodgers, who works in the Human Resources department, attended the tea last year and is a host this year.

"It was a very positive experience," she said. "I talked to women I wouldn't normally talk to on campus. That is why I am hosting this year."

Rodgers and other table hosts help the conversation along at their tables and encourage attendees to discuss varying viewpoints. Rodgers said she will use introspective questions because "it is better to give an example from what you know and experience."

"I hope people throw out all their notions at the door and get past the formal tea aspect."

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In relation to the song "Take Me or Leave Me," she spoke of differences of individuals in a relationship.

"One is focused on looks and wants her partner to portray a certain typeset," she said. "You want to be on the same page as your partner."

She said this is true in every relationship. She and her husband differ of various aspects, but they can acknowledge those differences. He is a chemist and does not interact with

many people, and her job has her interact with many people on a daily basis. He likes nice cars, and she is happy with her modest car from 1998. Rodgers said she does not mind sharing her personal experiences, but she hopes she is not the only one talking.

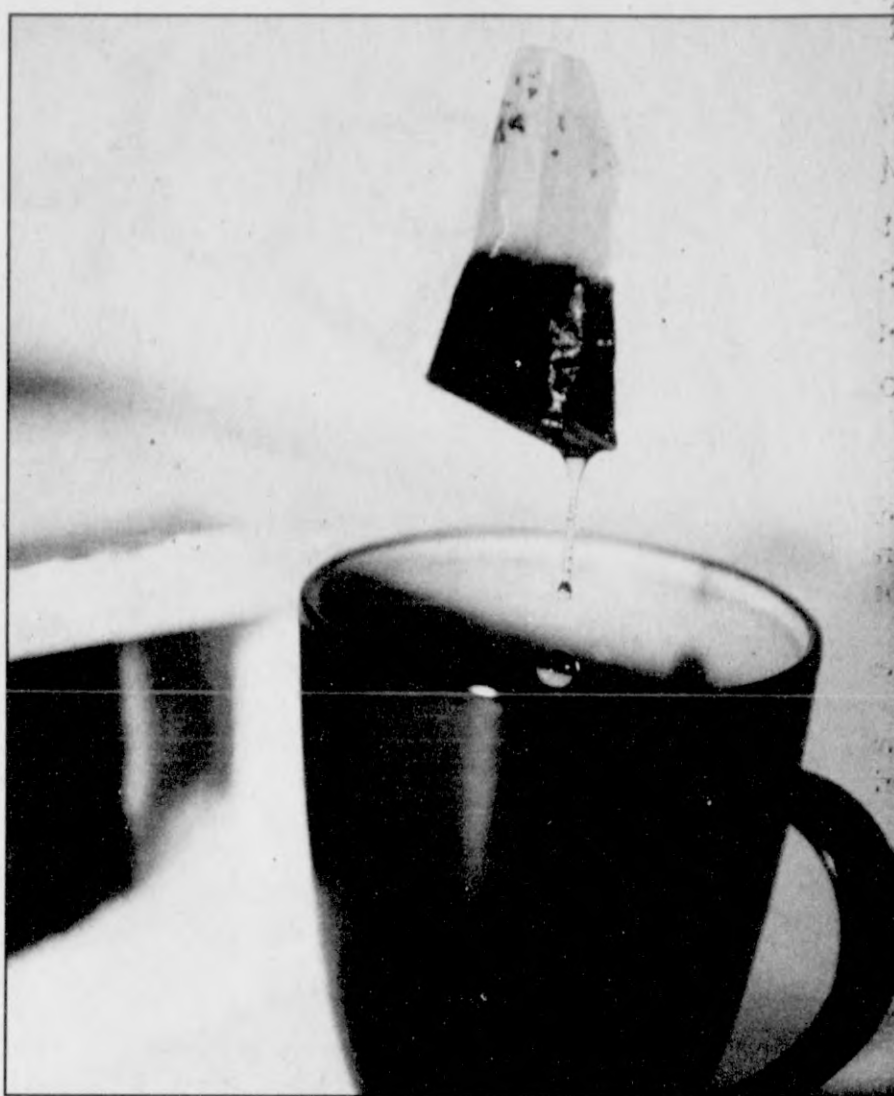
"I hope people throw out all their notions at the door and get past the formal tea aspect," she said.

The Women's Center sponsors this event during Women's History Month.

"The month is about looking back and looking ahead," Kowalski-Braun said. "It is about activism and contemporary issues."

For more information on the event, visit the Women's Center Web site at http://www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.

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The Women's Center will host the eighth annual EqualiTea to offer a forum to discuss various women's issues. This year the discussion topic asks, "Is love really all we need?"

Haitians impress GV photographer with 'amazing resilience'

By Sarah Wiltenburg

GVL Staff Writer

Even in the midst of terrible destruction, the people of Haiti have an amazing spirit of peace and resilience believes Grand Valley State University junior Jared Kohler. Kohler recently traveled with Shabach Ministries International to Haiti during spring break and the story he brought back was one of courage and hope.

Kohler went as a

photojournalist to Haiti to tell the Haitian story of rebuilding and survival. He had previously visited in 2009 and said he could see the transformation of the country even from the plane before it landed. He literally found himself taking pictures from the second he arrived until he boarded the plane back to the U.S.

Even with all the differences, Kohler found himself racking his brain to remember what once was, as with every

memory it is hard to remember everything. One very obvious difference Kohler notes was the presence of the U.S. troops near the airport. Also, the camps everywhere have become the new villages for the people surrounded by rubble and pieces of old buildings.

Tents and shelters are found even on the highway medians where children now play as if in their own yards.

"Before you're even out of the airport you start noticing

that almost every open area is now filled with tents, shelters and various huts," Kohler said. "Near the airport the camps are much more organized, and you can see the strong impact of international aid. The further out that you get, the more haphazard the camps become. By the time that you get out to the area where I stayed in Carrefour, the camps are far less organized and many of the shelters are made from patchworks of blankets and framed with wooden poles."

Staying in Carrefour, a suburb of Port au Prince, Kohler spent his days traveling to other suburbs of the area — areas still in the stages of demolition.

Some of the people staying in the camps do still have their homes standing, but none are safe to go into until inspected, he said. Still, Kohler said the people display unimaginable buoyancy in the face of all the destruction.

When asked what was still the same, Kohler replied, "the people."

"Haitians are amazingly resilient people and the way that they carry on in the face of everything that's come against them absolutely amazes me," he said. "When I asked them about how the earthquake had changed their lives, the fact that they had lost their house often came up very late in the conversation. Instead they would say things like before the event I lived with the idea of what it means to have peace, but now I walk in the reality."

Kohler also shared the story of a local businessman who ran a small Internet school and Internet café. The man now has four laptops on a table in a courtyard and continues on nonetheless with his wife and three children. He had rebuilt his "business" just weeks after the earthquake.

Without the constant coverage of Haiti on the news, it becomes out of sight, out of mind, Kohler said. However,

for the people of Haiti still living with the daily reminders, the process of rebuilding has not started and the people and the country still need help.

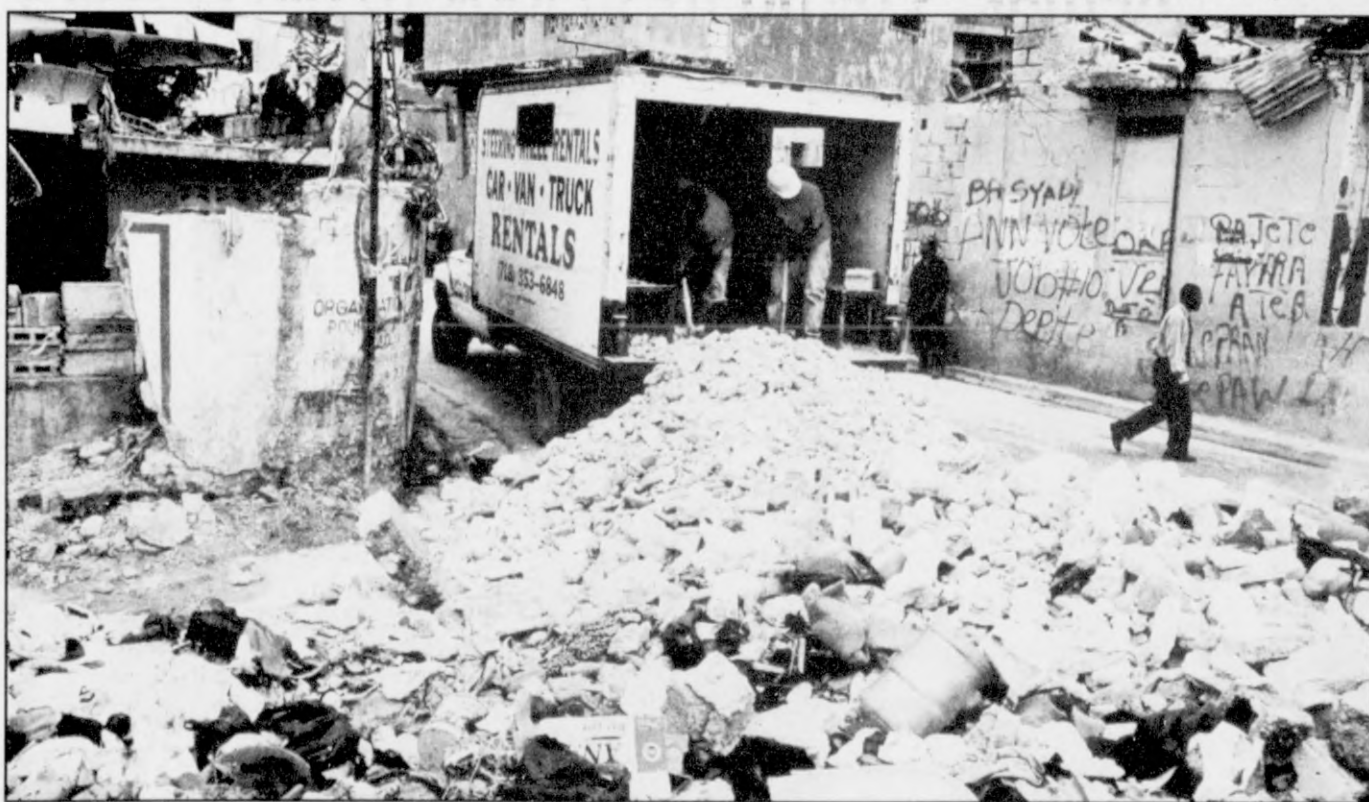
Caleb Norris, the executive director for the U.S. branch of Shabach Ministries International, said there are ways students from GVSU can help. Financial contributions are the quickest way to help, but Norris knows finding a trusting company to donate to may be worrisome to some students.

"As Jared (Kohler) can bear witness, the staff and volunteers at SMI are dedicated to helping their Haitian brothers and sisters," Norris said. "And, being Haitian and knowing the social and economic environment, they know how to make the best use of the funds sent (as opposed to spending \$500 per ticket to send a group of people from the U.S. to help). That being said, we are looking for certain groups to come down to Haiti."

Norris said people in the medical and teaching professions are at the top of the list, but the organization is also looking for anyone who can teach a specific skill or trade.

Jared Kohler's photos from this trip and others can be found on his Web site at jaredkohler.blogspot.com. A panel discussion on April 28 will join Kohler with a Haitian geologist and GVSU professor Peter Wampler to continue the conversation on Haiti.

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GVSU junior Jared Kohler, a photographer, traveled to Haiti for the second time with Shabach Ministries International during spring break.

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Euphoria

plans to wow at spring concert



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Cappella group Euphoria will perform their spring concert, "We've Got 99 Problems But They're Not Pitches," on Friday in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

By Haley Otman
GVL AGE Editor

Euphoria's got 99 problems, but they are not pitches.

The Grand Valley State University coed a cappella group is planning its spring concert for Friday night, which they hope will not include any of those 99 problems.

"We went to Google and looked up names of a cappella groups' (concerts) and what they've done," said Ross Hammond, Euphoria's president, and then they found one that stuck out and tweaked it to make it their own.

"We've Got 99 Problems But They're Not Pitches" is both a concert and fundraiser for Euphoria's summer touring and recording plans. To realize their goals, the group needs to raise some money, so they are selling student tickets for \$4, or two for \$7, and \$5 for the general public.

Although this is the first time Euphoria has charged for admission, the members still have high hopes for attendance.

"We've always filled up the theaters we've performed at," Hammond said.

He added Euphoria had about 200 people in attendance for last year's spring concert.

"With the price for this concert, I also am slightly hesitant but confident that we will get a great turnout," added member David Hopp, whose 10 tickets to sell are already long gone.

Member Emily Bradley said they will make the show worth the money of the tickets for sure.

"We've improved a lot since last year," she said. "We've gotten really

motivated in general as a group, and we've all made improvements individually on our vocals."

Euphoria will premiere eight new songs, in addition to many songs their fans have already heard.

One song Bradley is most excited about is the mash-up of Kelly Clarkson's "Already Gone" with Beyonce's "Halo." Clarkson made press when she said she did not want to release her song after hearing the very similar "Halo" released first, so Bradley said she believes the two go really well together.

Bradley added she was not surprised by the song selection or arrangement, which was written by Hammond, as the latter is "really into belting divas."

Hopp said he is most excited for their Mega '80s Remix, which features a handful of different songs from the '80s.

He added attendees should also expect "a tiny bit of choreography" to go with the music.

In addition to the a cappella

portion of the night, a pre-concert will start the show at 8 p.m. It will consist of individual members showing off their various musical and other talents, such as poetry reading.

"I think that's going to be the most interesting," Bradley said of the pre-concert.

Hopp will accompany two people on the piano and serve as a prop for someone else's piece, while Bradley will sing "Never Alone" by Barlow Girl, and Hammond plans a piano acoustic version of Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance."

"We have a lot of fun with these," Hammond said.

Euphoria's spring concert will take place Friday night at 8 in the Cook-DeWitt Center on GVSU's Allendale Campus.

Tickets can be purchased from their tables in the Kirkhof Center today through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or by contacting a member of Euphoria.

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For the first time, Euphoria will charge admission to its spring concert as a fundraiser for its summer tour. Last year about 200 people attended the concert.



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Euphoria sings a variety of songs by artists such as Kelly Clarkson and Beyonce.

Students' exhibit illustrates 'piles' in which we live

Friends compile memorabilia, knick-knacks to create personal piece of art

By Josh Brunsting
GVL Staff Writer

What is the difference between a house and a home?

A new exhibit currently showing, "We Live In Piles," attempts to answer that very question.

Grand Valley State University students Meghan Kelly and Stephanie Voelck created this piece, which came from the mind of a friend.

"It's really a running joke between us and our group of close friends," Voelck said. "It's a big group of ideas that really just reflects our house. It's a compilation of stuff, with each piece having their own distinct meaning and sentimentality."

The piece is not only an amalgam of knick-knacks, but it is also a collection of memories.

"Piles" is basically a tribute," Voelck said. "One of our roommates moved to New Zealand, and when

she lived with us, she had a lot of these materials hanging up on her wall or just in her room. She lived in a really small room, so it was a bit messy, thus the piece. There's also a lot of stuff from relatives of ours. It's a really personal piece."

"Piles" is a nostalgic piece, but it is also a step out of the two artists' comfort zones.

"I'm a ceramic artist, and this is completely different from what I normally do on a daily basis," Kelly said. "I'm used to conceptualizing and creating objects, whereas this is about creating a wholly original environment. It's just a chance for us to really get a chance to do something we want."

It is also out of the box for Voelck, a painter.

"I create things that normally come to me in dreams or are made out of my dreams with a slight political bent, but this is something more; it's not about that," she said. "The piece transcends that. The art we make is tied to memories of

places and objects."

Voelck said the piece was also without any intensive oversight by faculty.

"We did this completely for fun," she said. "I mean, it looks good on a resume, but it's one of the first chances we've really had to do what we want and how we want. It's for

fun, but it's just as much pressure. There is an opening, people have to take time off, family wants to take it in, so it's just a whole lot of fun."

For those who go view the piece, it may come off as a mess, but the two creators think there is a beauty in all of that mess.

"Mess is more interesting than cleanliness," Voelck said. "We make messes and clean them up, and in the teaching field, which I'm going into, we want to clean others' messes up. To me, that mess that we clean up is always vastly more interesting."

Their experience cleaning messes has been at the very root of why the

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STEPHANIE VOELCK
GVSU STUDENT

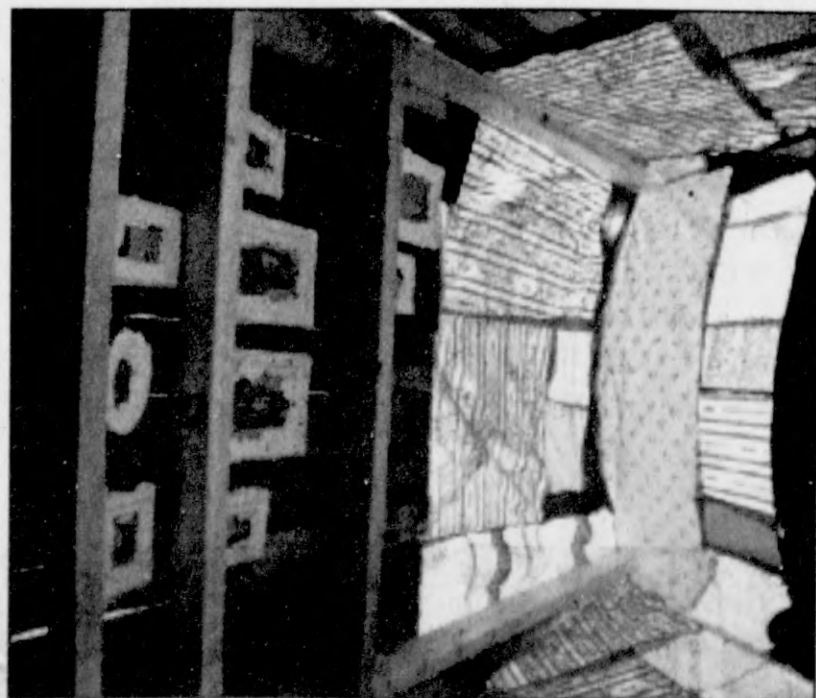
two students continued to create art.

"I had really bad experiences with art in high school," Kelly said. "However, no matter how bad a teacher was, I always had a love for art and really just stuck with it."

Now I'm striving to become an art teacher."

"We Live In Piles" will be shown in the Padnos Gallery in the Calder Arts Center until Thursday.

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Courtesy Photo / Stephanie Voelck

Meghan Kelly and Stephanie Voelck constructed an exhibit of pieces of home.



GVL DIGEST Sports in Brief

NUMBER CRUNCHER

66

runs scored in five games this past weekend for the baseball team

17

games won in 18 games on Saturday for the men's tennis team

55

shots on goal in the men's hockey team's 4-3 loss to Colorado University

30

participants who took part in the lacrosse team's high school clinic

GLIAC Standings

Baseball	Conf.	Ovr.
Grand Valley St.	5-0	13-3
Saginaw Valley	5-0	8-6
Ashland	4-1	12-7
Northwood	2-1	9-6
Wayne St.	1-2	7-9
Tiffin	1-4	4-17
Findlay	0-5	3-11
Hillsdale	0-5	3-13

Softball	Ovr.
Saginaw Valley	13-2
Wayne St.	22-5
Tiffin	11-3
Ashland	10-4
Ferris St.	9-7
Grand Valley St.	10-8
Northwood	7-8
Hillsdale	5-7
Findlay	5-11
Lake Superior St.	5-17

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Baseball team dominates conference opponents

By Emanuel Johnson
GVL Sports Editor

The members of the Grand Valley State University baseball team may be individually experienced in collegiate baseball, but with several transfers on the team, the players are fairly new to each other.

But that did not stop the Lakers from mowing over their opponents in conference action this past weekend. The team downed the University of Findlay in two games (13-2 and 17-8) and dominated Hillsdale College in three (12-2, 13-1 and 11-5).

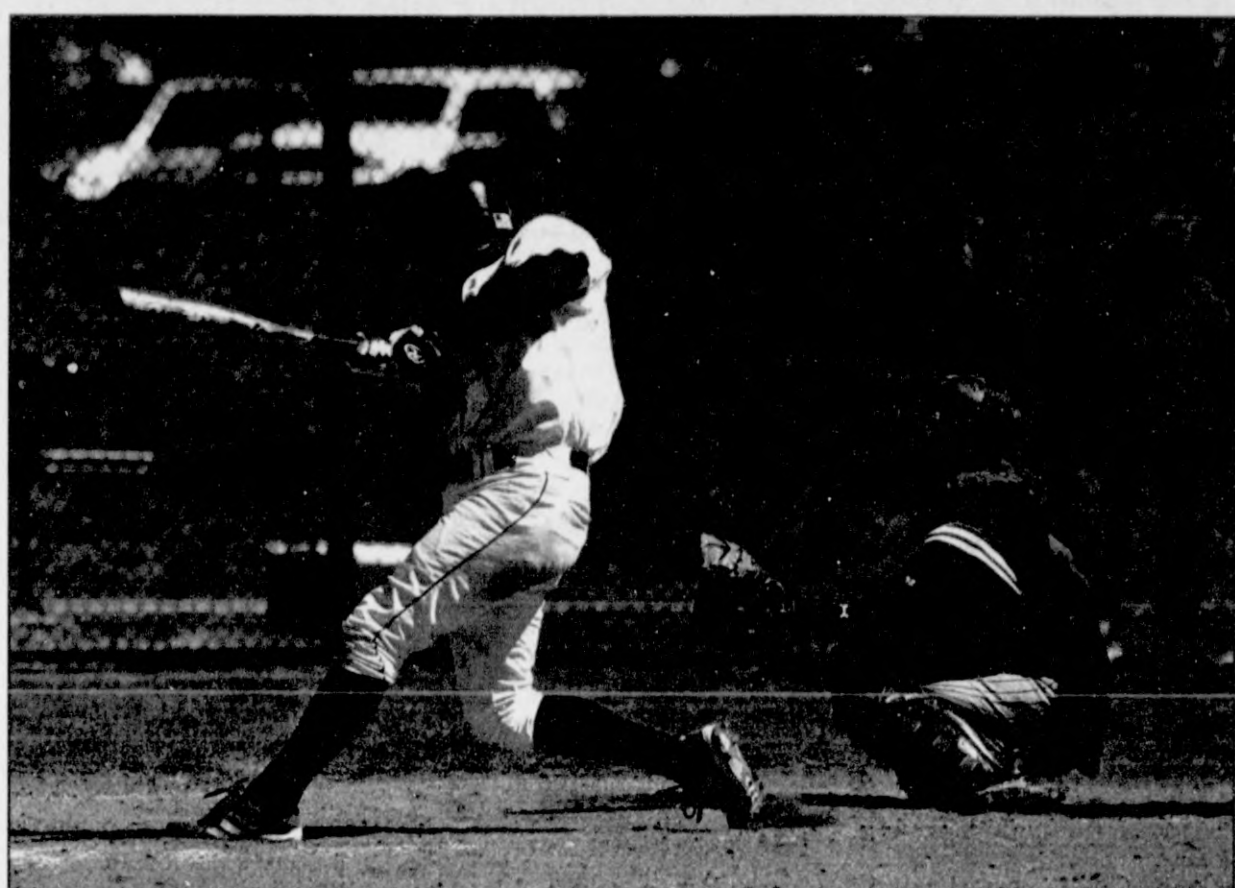
"It couldn't have gone a whole lot better," said GVSU head coach Steve Lyon. "Offensively we scored a ton of runs. We had double digits in every game that we played and just really hit the ball well up and down the lineup. We showed, even in our spring trip against teams down south, that we can hit the ball really well."

And the Lakers hit the ball, very well. The team finished the weekend with 66 total runs off of 77 hits and 10 homeruns. As a team, the Lakers were .435 from the plate.

"It seems like everyone in the whole lineup was hitting well," said sophomore outfielder Cody Grice, who finished the final game with three hits on five attempts and a homerun. "One through nine in the order was coming up with big hits one after another. Putting up runs in each inning was big for us, and we've just got to keep that up."

While the slew of runs scored marked the highlight of the weekend, the team also only committed five errors through five games. While it may not be perfect, Lyon said he is impressed with the play nonetheless.

"Our defense continues to play well," he said. "We made a couple of



GVSU's baseball team beat University of Findlay and Hillsdale College this weekend. They face nine home games next week.

mistakes that we're trying to work at and correct. As a coach, you always want perfection, but you understand that it's probably not going to happen. We just have to make sure that we can make defensive plays when necessary to help the pitching out."

But the pitching did not need a whole lot of help. The pitching staff pitched three complete games while tallying an ERA of just 3.65. The team allowed six extra-base hits.

"The pitching has been outstanding the last five games for sure," said senior first baseman Cory Maguire, who

finished the final game with three hits and three runs. "We had a few pitchers go complete games, which is huge. A few of our starters got hurt, so we had some middle relievers and closers come in for starts and ended up giving us a lot of strong innings. Hopefully it can continue throughout the season."

Next the Lakers have a week-long home stand of nine games set to begin tomorrow. Northwood University, Ashland University and Tiffin University will all visit Allendale in the hopes of taking down the No. 9 ranked team in the nation, and Lyon said each

will prove to be a good test for the team.

"As conference play goes on, it generally separates itself," he said. "Some of the teams are a little bit better than others. Ashland, Wayne State and Northwood have generally been competitive with us at the top of the conference, and two of them — Ashland and Northwood — we have this week. That'll be a good test for us, but it's still a long haul in the conference."

Play tomorrow will begin at 2 p.m. against Northwood.

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Colorado thwarts icers' run at national championship

By Greg Monahan
GVL Staff Writer

There is no more important position in hockey, and arguably in all of sports, than the goalie. A goalie can single-handedly determine the outcome of a game, something the Grand Valley State University men's hockey team knows all too well after being upended in this weekend's National Championships.

Entering the tournament needing to win all three games in their pool, the Lakers first got revenge over Miami (Ohio) University with a 5-2 win, just one week after the Redhawks beat the Lakers in the GMHL conference playoffs.

Against Colorado University, GVSU carried play in all three periods and outshot the Buffaloes 58-32, but Colorado goalie Kevin Litinski turned away a remarkable 55 shots in a 4-3 Laker loss.

"We did everything that we could," said senior Grant Lyon. "We threw puck after puck at the net, and if we get the shots, it's really out of our hands. The goaltender on the other team stood on his head, and sometimes that's the way it works out. When you get 50-plus shots, you're doing everything right, but sometimes you just run into someone hot and there's nothing you can do about it."

The difference in the game was the team's struggles on the power play, an issue the team battled throughout the season.

GVSU netted just one power play goal in eight opportunities while Colorado tallied three in six chances.

"Colorado capitalized on power plays and scoring opportunities," said senior captain Jason Brown.

"I feel like that game was one of the best we played all year, and it's just unfortunate that we came out on the losing end. It's still quite an accomplishment to pull out two wins at nationals. It's a disappointment to not make it to semis like we had hoped, but life goes on."

After the loss against Colorado, the Lakers ended the tournament with a 5-3 win over Mountclair State University, capping a 2-1 tournament record that GVSU head coach Mike Forbes said was still impressive.

"We had a pretty tough bracket," he said. "I think we had the toughest pool out of all four, and I was very happy with our play this weekend. But the cards fall where they may and you have to win all three games in a lot of cases to get into the final four. We didn't do that, so unfortunately we're going home a day early."

The Lakers now focus on next year's season, which will feature many of the same faces, though some fixtures on the GVSU roster during the past four years will be missing.

The team will lose five seniors, including a slew of defenseman in Brown, Andy Dykstra and Kevin Thomas.

Brown said it is hard to believe his career with GVSU is over.

"To be honest, I don't think it has all settled in yet," said Brown. "It seems like things just flew by, these last four years that I've played. We've been around great people, great coaches, great families and great players, so it's hard to be disappointed at times looking back on the great things that happened to me the last four years as a part of this hockey team."

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Nate Morang skates down the ice hoping to score on Central Michigan University in a previous game. This weekend the Lakers competed in the National Championships, held at the Georgetown and Van Andel arenas. GVSU beat Miami (Ohio) University before losing 4-3 to Colorado University.

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Accounts of Allendale

The history of GVSU football, part 3: GVSU achieves new heights, new lows and a new stadium named for its president

By Grant Wieman
GVL Staff Writer

Evolution of the 'Air-Option'

Although they were coming off a season-ending victory against then No. 1 Northern Michigan University, the Grand Valley State College football team entered the 1977 season searching for answers. The Lakers had been picked by media to finish fifth in the five-team GLIAC. Their All-American fullback was gone, as was two-year starting quarterback Kurt Bultema, whose decision making had been the key to executing the team's rush-heavy veer offense.

In the '76 game against NMU, Bultema finished 2-of-3 through the air. This was not atypical. "When you're a Grand Valley and Michigan football fan, you don't associate anybody with throwing anything," said the Lanthorn in January 1977.

An effective game for GVSC had been pounding the ball on the ground, eating up the clock and letting Roger McCoy, a talented kicker who was named first team All-Conference an unprecedented four times and who later attended camp with the Buffalo Bills, win the game with field goals.

"It got to the point where they kind of knew what we were going to do so they just loaded up the box," said Gary Evans, an All-American offensive lineman.

By losing some of their biggest rushing weapons, things would have to change.

The Lakers opened the '77 season with a compelling 17-6 loss to Bowling Green State University, the first Division I team GVSC had ever played. The team lost again the following week. Then records began to fall.

Head Coach Jim Harkema had been concerned only with running the football throughout his time at GVSC, and the style played to the strength of his athletes. When he found senior quarterback Roy Gonzalez was capable of more, the offense began to open up.

In the season's third game, Gonzalez finished 6-11 for 133 yards and a GLIAC-record four touchdown passes, in a 41-35 win against Franklin College.

By the time the season finale came against Wayne State, the two teams were tied for first place. The Lakers stayed right with heavily-favored Wayne State, then with the game tied and five seconds remaining, McCoy lined up for a 22-yard field goal attempt.

"I didn't even look up," McCoy told the Lan-

thorn after. "I knew that it was good and that we had our first championship."

"Jim was a great coach," said Rob Rubick, who went on to play seven seasons with the Detroit Lions. "He had a system and knew what he wanted us to do, but he adapted to his players. They couldn't recruit by position like they can today. He had to develop kids."

GVSC was the preseason favorite for the 1978 GLIAC title, as they would be for each of the next four years. The Lakers did not disappoint. After a hotly-contested preseason battle, sophomore quarterback Dave Quinley took the reins and, along with senior fullback Rick VanEss, led GVSC to the NAIA playoffs for the first time in school history. The team went undefeated in the conference and won its first playoff game against Wisconsin-La-Crosse University.

A muddy 13-7 semifinal loss to Elon College ended the most successful season in school history.

GVSC entered the 1979 season No. 3 in the preseason ranking. In the season opener against NMU, the team unveiled not only a new "Air-Option" offense, but also a new stadium.

'I've never played football'

To a certain extent, the success of a football team came from the coaching, and Harkema excelled. Yet the most important factor in building a perennial winner lies in the talent of the players and how well the team comes together. It was here the GVSC teams excelled.

"Once we started having some success, then (Harkema) started to get some really good high school talent," Evans said. "We prided ourselves on not hazing. We befriended (younger) guys from our hometown. We took those guys under our wing and did everything we could to make them better."

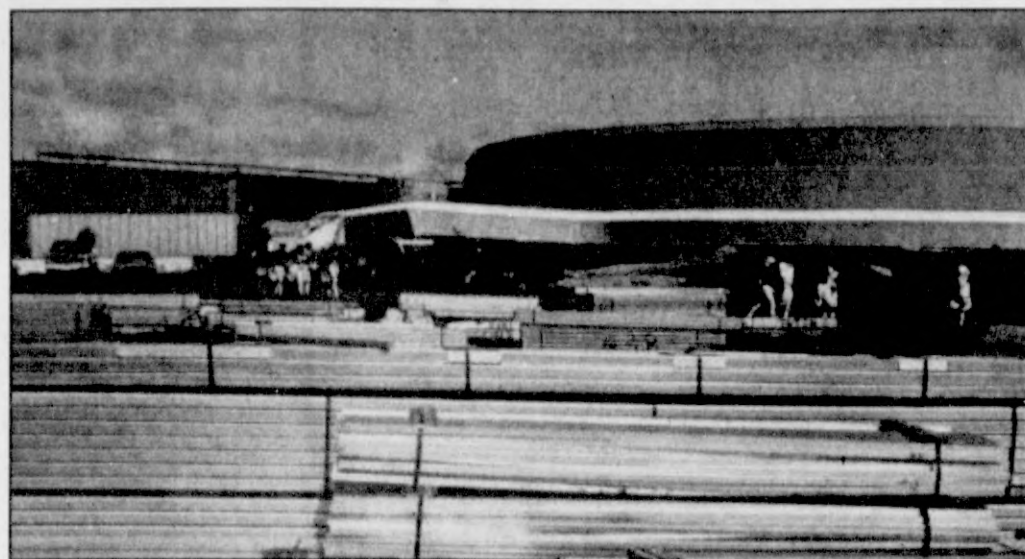
By 1979, those young guys included future NFL players Ron Essink, Jeff Chadwick and Rubick, as well as Bill Sheridan, who spent the '09 season as defensive coordinator for the New York Giants.



Lubbers



Rubick



Lumber for the construction of the new Lubbers Stadium rests piled outside the Fieldhouse Arena.

"Prior to us going there, the idea of going to Grand Valley and then being a professional football player was not on anyone's mind," Rubick said. "Coach Harkema was a straight shooter. He said to me when I went for a visit, 'Well, you're not very big, you're not very strong, and you're not very fast. But you look like you're a pretty good athlete.'"

Before the season began, construction was completed on a new stadium to surround the on-campus field. Previously, the seating had been primarily temporary, wheeled in for games from the basketball arena. Halftime meetings were conducted behind a bus near the end zone, and players relieved themselves down a hill under a large oak tree.

At the August Board of Control meeting, when it became clear construction would be finished in time to start the season, member Ella Weed proposed the new 4,200 seat stadium be named after GVSU President Arend D. Lubbers.

Lubbers, who had pined for a football team when he arrived at GVSU 10 years prior and backed the program during the early struggles, was blown away by the honor, telling the Lanthorn in 1979 he had not been informed about the decision before the meeting.

"I've never played football in my life," Lubbers said, later suggesting the members had been "passing notes under the table about it" during the meeting.

Minus-23

The pressure of a new stadium proved to be too much for the Lakers. They lost the opener and finished the season with a disappointing 4-5 record. It was the first, and later proven to be only, time in Harkema's 10-year tenure that the team would finish less than three games above .500.

After bouncing back in 1980, the Lakers entered the 1981 season with one of the most feared offensive units in the country.

"We were a heck of a football team in 1981," Harkema, who left after the 1982 season to become head coach at Eastern Michigan University, said. "The skill guys when I first got (to Eastern) weren't as good as what I had at Grand Valley. That is as good of an offensive football as I've ever been around."

The team was much more than offense. The Lakers "Blue Wave" defense set records of their own as the unit did not allow a first-quarter point all season. Led by Bill Rugenstein, Randy Pichan, Kurt Fredricks, Scott Johnston, Jeff Lynch and Gary Miklosovic, the defense gave up only 1.9 yards-per-rush for the season. In the finale against Ferris State, a 46-12 victory that sealed the Conference Championship, the Bulldogs were held to minus-23 yards on the ground.

After opening the season with back-to-back losses to perennial powers Northern Iowa and NMU, the team won its final seven games.

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Clinics kick-start GVSU women's lacrosse program

New head coach Alicia Groveston begins cultivating lacrosse talent early with local clinics for middle, high school girls

By Aaron Brandt
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Though the varsity women's lacrosse team will not take the field until the spring of 2012, the program is already in action only months after its introduction as a varsity sport.

Grand Valley State University head coach Alicia Groveston, who was hired on Jan. 12 after a brief run at Gannon University, has been busy running several lacrosse clinics for girls ranging from fifth grade all the way to high school seniors.

The clinic for high school students was held on March 7. The middle school clinic began yesterday and will

continue on Sunday.

"The response has been overwhelming since the information for the middle school clinic has only been

out there for three weeks and there was only a week's notice for the high school one," Groveston said. "To have the numbers we have was pretty astounding, but to have anything over one was pretty much a success for me."

Thirty participants

attended the high school clinic, and 50 girls were signed up for the middle school edition.

Reaching

"For years to come, there will be a program (at GVSU) that people can depend on to provide clinics, camps and tournaments"

ALICIA GROVESTON
GVSU HEAD COACH

lacrosse players at an early age is important to Groveston as GVSU is only the third Division II women's lacrosse program in the state.

"Now that we are a new

lacrosse program in West Michigan, we want to make sure people don't have to travel very far from home for the sport," she said. "For years to come, there will be a program here that people can depend on to provide clinics, camps and tournaments without massive travel."

Helping Groveston at the clinics is GVSU senior Ally Faulkner. Similar to Groveston, Faulkner grew up on the East Coast, where lacrosse is a much more popular sport.

"On the East Coast, lacrosse is life and death, so we are used to being immersed in it, but here it's something you have to look for," she said. "Lacrosse is only played in the high schools, so I believe we can increase the awareness of the sport and level of



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Though the GVSU women's lacrosse team will not begin competing until spring 2012, Alicia Groveston was hired in January as the team's head coach. Formerly at Gannon University, she has begun hosting clinics for local middle school and high school students interested in lacrosse to teach them the basics.

play in the middle school clinics."

Introducing the area to the sport of lacrosse requires an emphasis on the basics of the game, a philosophy Groveston hopes to apply to her future teams.

"People seem to focus on a lot of other stuff, but fundamentals are really going to win games," she said. "Passing, catching,

working on your non-dominant hand, focusing on ground ball pickups and placement on shots is what we are going to work on offensively."

Defensively, Groveston said team members and clinic participants work on different concepts such as footwork and balance, while instructors pay special attention to the strengths and weaknesses of individual players to determine how those skills can contribute to the team's overall dynamic.

Those lessons have sunk in for the participants so far, Groveston said.

The program has only been officially a part of GVSU for six months, but she sees progress.

"For being here such a short time, the response

has been overwhelming in a good way," she said. "It's been refreshing to see people who are so voracious for knowledge. As long as people keep coming to the clinics, we'll have them."

The clinics are just a stepping stone for Groveston, who envisions a program supported by both the school and the community.

"When we finally have a team and we have our first games here, I want to have people out there

cheering for the team and have the little girls on the sideline with the pink stick who say 'I want to be just like No. 12,'" she said. "It happens at bigger schools and I think it's a very real possibility here."

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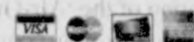
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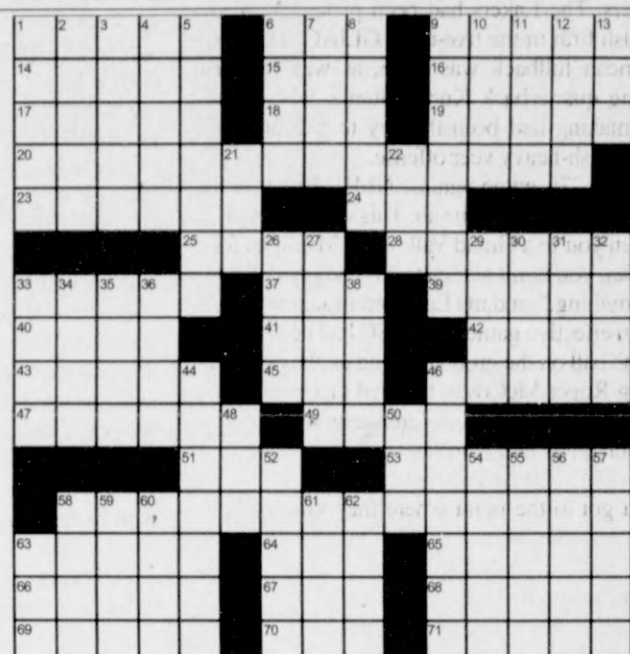
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37. Feel sick
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43. Seed covers
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51. Kanga's kid
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13. Anger
21. Luau dish
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32. Hunting season target
33. Beat it!
34. Scale deduction

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46. Wild
48. Daughter's counterpart
50. Polar explorer John
52. Shrek et al.
54. "...wins by ____"
55. Lather follower
56. Stevens of "The Farmer's Daughter"
57. Stargate team with Dr. Jackson
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Men's tennis plows through conference foes

By Greg Monahan

GVL Staff Writer

As the Grand Valley State University men's tennis team kicked off conference play this past weekend, the Lakers were ready to battle what they expected to be their top competition in the GLIAC. But after just a few matches, it became clear there was no comparison with the competition.

Though they fell 5-4 to Lake Superior State University on Sunday, GVSU was successful in its other matches this weekend.

Playing against Michigan Tech University on Saturday morning, the Lakers dominated a team expected to contend for the GLIAC title, sweeping the Huskies 9-0. GVSU continued its hot play in the afternoon as they took down Albion College, 8-1.

After taking 17 of a possible 18 matches in Saturday's doubleheader, GVSU head coach John Black said his team was very pleased, if not a little surprised, with their dominance.

"It was very good because looking at our results and Michigan Tech's results, it should have been a very

close match," he said. "We really came out with our 'A' game and took it to them from the first point to the last point. We did have a lot of individual matches that were close, but we came out on top today."

Match scores can only tell half the tale of the team's supremacy this weekend, however.

The Lakers swept all 12 singles matches it played, and only two of the 12 matches went to a third set. The Lakers also took 5-of-6 doubles matches, which senior Pat Snyder said was the key to the team's overall success.

"The entire season it seems we've had to battle back after being down a point in doubles, and it puts some stress on the singles players," he said. "But getting that sweep in doubles against Tech and then two out of three against Albion, makes it that much easier for the singles player knowing we only have to take two or three of the matches instead of four or

five."

Even with two of its players out of the lineup this weekend, the Lakers find themselves boasting a three-game winning streak, a strong sign after losing three of their five matches in Orlando, Fla., during spring break.

Senior Ryan Diebold, who won all four matches he competed in on Saturday, said the team's strong early play is a welcome change from the Lakers' previous seasons.

"This was a very important step toward nationals," he said. "It shows that we can do it, because the four years I've been here it seems we always start out slow and we hear it from coach how we might not make nationals and we have to step it up. But it's good to see that everyone really knows the importance of these early matches and we all have our head in it right now that we have to come through."

The Lakers will play two more conference games next weekend. Diebold

"Even if we're playing a weaker team, we can't lay off them and keep the pedal to the metal."

RYAN DIEBOLD
GVSU SENIOR



Former GVSU player Alex Switzer returns a serve. The men's tennis team started this season stronger than in previous years with one loss to Lake Superior State and two dominating wins this weekend over Michigan Tech University and Albion College. Next, the team will travel to Tiffin University and the University of Findlay for matches on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

added that the team's focus and work ethic will be a huge factor in the upcoming matches.

"We have to keep playing well in practice and then make sure we show

up and play our best tennis when it comes to these big matches," he said. "Even if we're playing a weaker team, we can't lay off them and keep the pedal to the metal."

Both matches next weekend will be on the road as GVSU plays Saturday at Tiffin and Sunday at Findlay.

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Crushing end provides experience lesson for Lakers in March future

Jared Greenleaf

GVL Senior Reporter



With the help of a buzzer-beating 3-pointer that forced overtime and a layup with 1.3 seconds left, the St. Joseph's College Pumas ended the Grand Valley State University men's basketball team's hopes of remaining in the hunt for March Madness glory.

But despite the bitterness of the loss, it came as a disappointing end to an overachieving season that could have been more had experience been involved.

The Lakers, comprised of a senior-less roster, carried the burden of their inexperience not just by blowing an 11-point lead in their season finale, but in the roller coaster second half of the season that saw the good, the bad and the ugly, as well.

Let's start with the ugly. Holding on for dear life to retain the GLIAC lead over the defending National Champion University of Findlay Oilers, the Lakers (22-9 final record) blew their shot for at least a share of the GLIAC regular season championship with bad losses throughout the final stretch of the 2010 season.

The bad came as the Lakers played an awful first half, which led to their downfall in the GLIAC Tournament Semifinal game against Hillsdale College more than two weeks ago.

But even in all of the negatives mentioned, the good is what may help this young team prevail in the future.

While watching these young Lakers fall to underachieving opponents and suffering heart-wrenching losses, at no point when I spoke with this team did I ever feel they were down and out. These Lakers stood up to adversity in the most difficult situations and proved their worth to the university.

After their 61-58 loss to Northern Michigan, all hope looked lost heading into their next matchup with a red-hot Findlay, who had beaten the Lakers six consecutive times. The Lakers quieted the critics (including myself) with a 69-55 thumping that ended the Oilers' 13-game winning streak. But then the Lakers traveled to the Upper Peninsula where they lost to Northern Michigan again and played lethargically against a struggling Michigan Tech team. They then shut me up again in the following week by notching wins against Lake Superior State and Saginaw Valley State to keep their GLIAC

hopes alive.

Though these moments were great, the best moment of the season came during the best time of the year — March. Losing one of their leaders in junior center Mike Prydzial for the season, the Lakers delivered an inspiring effort in ending Findlay's National Championship reign with a 68-56 first round victory over the Oilers.

Through all of these good, bad and ugly areas, the Lakers showed they are primed for a better run next season. The team will return current juniors Justin Ringler and Toreau Brown to lead this team while also returning current sophomore Alvin Storrs and freshman Breland Hogan to be the energetic sparkplugs they were this season. Meanwhile, an emerging big man in sophomore Nick West will return along with Prydzial to provide consistent depth for the Lakers in the middle.

With all of this said, the Lakers can no doubt provide tournament fireworks again next season. But one thing remains to be seen — experience. If this experience becomes evident, it will more than likely be another great season and more importantly, a much longer run than we witnessed this March.

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GVSU junior K'Len Morris runs the ball down the home court in a past game. Sporting a senior-less roster, the Lakers battled their way through a roller coaster season and into the first round of the Division II NCAA National Championship. The Lakers fell in overtime to St. Joseph's College.

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