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Campus dining to quit using stickers

■ **Stickers on back of I.D. cards replaced by existing barcode**

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School is starting, students are milling, and stickers are being peeled off of the back of students' ID cards.

Returning Grand Valley students have a sticker on the back of their ID cards that was used in previous years in campus dining and the library. In the past, the stickers were there for the convenience of Campus Dining cashiers and clerical library staff. The system at Grand Valley was compatible only with the stickers that covered the card's original bar-code.

Now the system is updated and allows Campus Dining and campus libraries to use the bar-codes rather than the stickers.

"It's a way to simplify the system," Campus Dining marketing manager Deb Rambadt said.

"A benefit is that [students] no longer need to come to the office [before the school year] to get a sticker."

Grand Valley's student identification cards were originally designed to be used as "smart" cards, but the system was incompatible until this year. Using the pre-printed bar-code is a new answer for the school system.

"The main motivation of the university is to simplify things for students," Rambadt said. "From the students' perspective, everything will be the same. The only difference is that all returning students need to remove the bar code sticker."

To make the change easier on students and the school system,

cashiers and clerical library staff are prepared for scanning trouble.

"Our scanners won't scan clearly if there is still adhesive on the bar-code. All our cashier stations have an adhesive remover to provide for students," Rambadt said. "Once the adhesive is removed, our scanners will scan clearly."

Now the original identification bar-code has more than one use.

"The original bar-code is going in as an institutional ID," library circulation assistant Carol Moddeman said. "People don't want their social security number to be out there all the time. The [bar-code] is used as a safe guard."

The university's faculty said they knew that using the stickers would be regrettable, but the administration persisted.

"We new it was a mistake, but we were asked to put on the stickers, so we did," Moddeman said. "A year from now, nobody will even know that this was a problem [in the system.]"

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CAROL MODDEMAN
Library Circulation Asst.

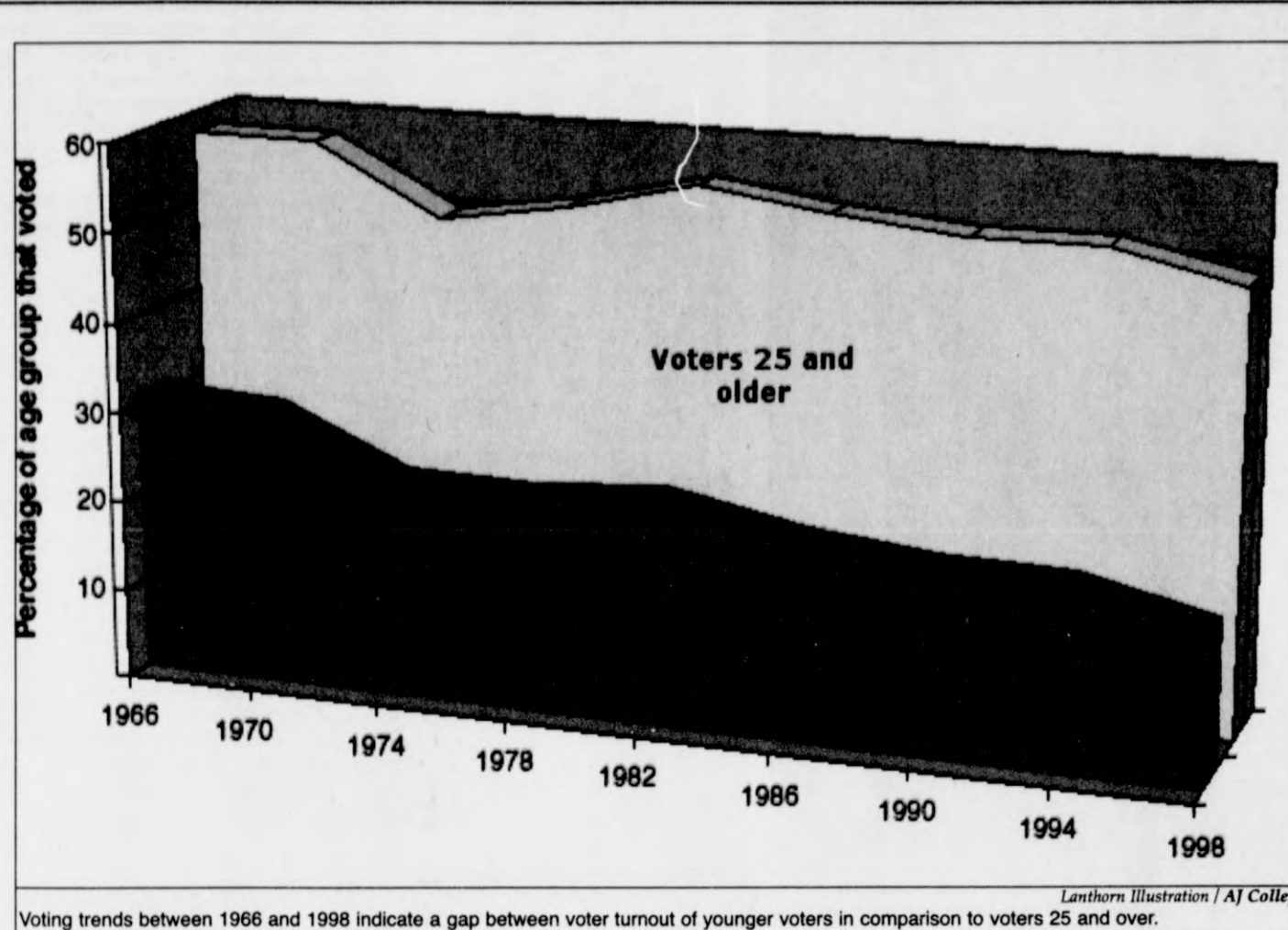
Student Services has been supportive of the change for

administration and students. They acquired all items that staff needs to use in order to clear the sticker from

students' cards. "Everything we needed was all purchased by student services to clear this up," Moddeman said.

For returning students, the sticker that covers the original bar-code on cards no longer needs to be there. The sticker is an inactive number now, Moddeman said. Returning students will have to remove the sticker completely in order to have access to Grand Valley's system. First year students will not have this problem.

"This year the card is ready to go," Moddeman said.



Voting trends between 1966 and 1998 indicate a gap between voter turnout of younger voters in comparison to voters 25 and over.

'Get Your Vote On'

President Murray and Student Senate President Osborn emphasize importance of voting, while Student Senate brings Secretary of State mobile branch to get students registered for November's election

AJ COLLEY
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Student Senate's "Get Your Vote On" campaign registered 681 students to vote Aug. 30 and Aug. 31.

The Secretary of State's mobile branch was a feature on campus for two days while student senators decorated the campus with donkeys and elephants, symbols representative of the Democratic and Republican national parties, respectively.

Senate also offered "Get Your Vote On" T-shirts to students who registered. All 425 shirts were given away, but "Get Your Vote On" buttons will be available at Campus Life Night.

Ashley Fitzgerald, student senate vice president of political actions, said she was "absolutely thrilled" with the turnout of people who registered.

Fitzgerald said she was concerned that not enough students would have heard about the mobile branch visiting because it was the beginning of the semester, but she was pleased with the outcome.

Freshmen were particularly enthusiastic

about registering because of Transitions spreading the word, Fitzgerald said.

Student Senate President Jonathan Osborn echoed this sentiment. He said freshmen were the easiest people to target as far as promoting the voting issue, because they were involved in Transitions so they were concentrated in one group.

Osborn said he figured the odds were that freshmen right out of high school would be less likely to be registered to vote.

"But, even upperclassmen aren't registered to vote," he said, adding that they've tried advertising all over to campus to make sure all students knew they could get registered.

Senate also tried motivating students to vote by offering free "Get Your Vote On" T-shirts to students who registered to vote Aug. 30 and Aug. 31.

"It's an added incentive to make that extra effort to go out there and register to vote and then in November actually send in an absentee ballot or go to the polls and vote."

The most obvious reason for Student Senate having "Get Your Vote On" is the meager numbers of 18 to

25 year olds voting, Osborn said. According to Osborn, only 23 percent of 18 to 25 year olds vote.

"We feel that's a really bad example of how involved and how much our students value their opinion," he said, adding that he wants to make sure students understand that "voting is the best means of communication towards their government and that their vote does count."

Osborn said he also wants students to realize the only way their voice will be heard is by heading to the polls.

Grand Valley President Mark Murray also sees the need for students to vote.

"We govern ourselves," he said. "We pick our own governmental leaders. What they do makes a significant difference to our common good. Whether it be a local official, a state representative or the president, I think everyone who can should avail themselves of the chance to have their voice heard."

Osborn said he thinks universities should play a "big roll" in encouraging students to get out to vote. However, he said universities should not try

to influence students to vote one way or another.

"I'm pleased that universities are making it easy to register," Murray said, "but it is up to the students to use their right to vote."

Osborn said in order to get students to vote, the process needs to be as easy for people as possible.

"If there are obstacles in the way, [students] won't vote," he said.

"Michigan's voting laws really stink," Osborn said. "they're convoluted and they're not student friendly."

Student Senate is trying to get students aware of the issues, Osborn said. As a result, senate will be having forums throughout the month of October on various issues. Each week a different "hot topic" issue will be discussed, from the war in Iraq to gay marriage, Osborn said.

Osborn also said senate will be pushing for students to send in their absentee ballots as the deadline for them approaches. Fitzgerald encouraged students to get their absentee ballots in by Oct. 1, as it's the last day to submit them.

Blurred line drawn between politics and education

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Grand Valley Lanthorn

If you ask professor Kevin den Dulk what his political preference is, he probably won't tell you - or, if he fancies a classroom debate, he might make something up and say he's an anarchist.

den Dulk, a political science professor at Grand Valley State University, said he prefers not to reveal his political stance to students.

"My approach is to conceal it as much as I can," den Dulk said. "In fact, by the end of the semester students are trying to guess what my political ideology is."

Although den Dulk

chooses not to bring his own opinions into the classroom, many professors comment freely on their political convictions. With the November elections looming and both presidential candidates vying for college students' votes, the classroom can quickly become a political platform with a captive audience.

den Dulk said he is guarded about his personal politics because he doesn't want a student to pick up a political position based on his authority as a professor. But, he also said many of his colleagues choose to be very up front about political beliefs.

"They will present

their own political position and say, 'I am passionately committed to this political position, and you don't have to agree with me to get an A in this class, but you should have to struggle with the position I take,'" den Dulk said. "And that's a perfectly appropriate way of doing things in the classroom as long as the professor is open to dispute."

den Dulk says both approaches are legitimate, but a growing number of conservatives feel that there are too many liberal professors using their position to preach their points of view.

A group called Students for Academic Freedom is devoted to

conservative students who believe professors are using the classroom to push their liberal agendas. The group claims 135 chapters in colleges and universities and hosts a Web site that allows for students to post their personal horror stories about liberal-biased professors.

Currently, no Students for Academic Freedom organization on the Grand Valley campus exists, but a recently formed GVSU student organization known as "SPEEK" is devoted to on-campus political debate.

SPEEK, which stands for social, political, economical and environmental conversation, aims to

bring together people with the goal of openly and honestly discussing different opinions and ideas.

"We want to get kids thinking about the issues in a setting other than the classroom," said David Redding, founder and president of the SPEEK organization. "We want to get a wide spectrum of opinions and ideas."

Redding said that in addition to discussion groups, the SPEEK organization plans to sanction faculty debates.

As for professors' politics in the classroom, Redding said it have a good or a bad effect.

"Liberal intelligence is kind of popular right now," he said, "and sometimes it just rubs off

on kids."

Redding said it isn't good when a professor preaches personal politics intimidates students to agree with the professor. But if a class has outgoing students who are willing to disagree and debate, then classroom politics can be a good thing, he said.

According to the GVSU faculty handbook, harassment on the basis of political affiliation is a violation of University policy. The handbook defines harassment as having the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment. In other words, a student's personal politics should

not be a factor when it comes to his or her graded performance in class.

And while some students will link bad grades to professors who don't share the same political views, den Dulk offers another possibility, a student's poor performance.

"Many students confuse their own poor performance in class with a bias against them because of their ideology," den Dulk said. "There may be instances where a professor is subtly affected, but I have very strong doubts that any of my colleagues are consciously grading based on a student's level of agreement."

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Convocation welcomes students, faculty



AJ COLLEY
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Ceremonial robes draped faculty members with their alma mater's colors as they walked into the Fieldhouse Arena Aug. 27 for this year's convocation ceremony.

Faculty and students began the 2004-2005 school year at the ceremony with welcomes from President Mark Murray and others.

"There is so much learning ahead," President Mark Murray said while greeting incoming freshmen to GVSU.

Faculty Senate President Jean Nagelkerk and Student Senate President Jonathan Osborn also addressed students and faculty in the Fieldhouse.

"You will be tomorrow's leaders," Nagelkerk said to incoming freshmen, encouraging them to get involved in any of the 226 student organizations on campus.

Murray focused his speech on the economy and community. He said the economic difficulty facing Michigan and the United States will continue.

"The complacent and the unskilled will not flourish and may not even survive in this economy," Murray said.

Murray also touched on what a liberal education is, adding that it could also be considered

a "liberating" education.

"We are better at everything when we are grounded in the skills to learn effectively," he said.

Murray emphasized the need for self reflection, while advising students to avoid self absorption. He also encouraged students to get involved and "be active builders of good" while promoting multiculturalism.

"Every member of the community deserves good standing," he said.

Murray took a moment in his speech to encourage students to vote. Emphasizing his point, Osborn asked faculty and students to stand if they were registered to vote. A majority of students stood, but Osborn reiterated the importance of voting and encouraged those not registered to go to the voter registration drive on Aug. 30 and Aug. 31.

Osborn also caused a stir while answering a staged cell phone call from his mother, displaying the need for communication with family and also between faculty and students.

Faculty are now communicating with students with BlackBoard and e-mail, he said, adding that Allendale now has nine cell phone towers because of demand from the GVSU community.

Another essential form of communication, Osborn said,

is voting. In fact, he said voting is the "greatest form of communication we have."

Before Osborn spoke, a video was shown to introduce freshmen to the campus and emphasize GVSU as a family.

Patricia Clark, GVSU's poet in residence, shared "Views from Loughcrew," a poem she wrote while in Ireland with students from GVSU.

Murray honored several faculty members at convocation. Four members of faculty were recognized for 25 years of academic service: Dennis S. Devlin, James O. Grant, Deanna J. Morse and Richard E. Veazey.

Senior Analyst Bruce Tweddale was awarded with

the administrative/professional achievement award. Tweddale is one of few people to have worked for all three GVSU presidents.

The Outstanding Community Service Award was given to Patricia Underwood for her contributions to the field of nursing on local, state and national levels.

Nagelkerk was honored with the Outstanding University Service Award and Charlene Beckmann was honored with the Distinguished Contribution in a Discipline Award.

Although Assistant Professor Laurie Witucki only joined GVSU's chemistry department in 2000, she was awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award.

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President Mark Murray addresses students and faculty at convocation, discussing the troubled economy, community and encouraged students to register to vote and go to the polls in November.



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Faculty dressed in traditional robes to listen to speeches given at convocation.

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Youth string programs hold auditions

St. Cecilia Music Society youth string program will be holding another round of auditions Sept. 7-8 for two orchestras. Musicians must be between the ages of 8 and 18. This fall, the names of the orchestras will be changing. The name St. Cecilia Youth Philharmonic will be replacing Junior Symphony and St. Cecilia String Orchestra will now be called St. Cecilia Youth Concert Orchestra.

The strings ensemble has 95 students and has reached its capacity.

Local actors move on to Hollywood

Marcus Woodswelch and Kurt Jones, former Grand Rapids actors, will be appearing on "Screamplay" on E! Entertainment Channel.

The show is similar to the reality show "Fear Factor" and shows at 10 p.m. It premiered Sept. 1.

In 1998 Woodswelch played the scarecrow in "The Wiz" at Community Circle Theatre. He later played appeared in "Violet" at Actors' Theatre. Jones won an amateur filmmaker award at Star Theatre in 2000 for "The Lake," a film he produced based on a poem written by Woodswelch.

These days, Jones is doing television editing and directing. Meanwhile, Woodswelch will appear as the coach's assistant in the movie "Coach Carter," starring Samuel Jackson. The film is scheduled to be released in January.

Organists come together

The American Guild of Organists will hold their regional convention in Grand Rapids in June 2005 for pipe organ fans across the Midwest. The Region V convention will be hosted by the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Region V represents the states of Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Artists performing will include Dame Gillian Weir and the chamber ensemble Neos.

Local participating organizations will include Calvin Alumni Choir, Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Cantata Choir and Grand Rapids Symphony.

More information can be obtained at www.grago.org.

Festival showcases tributes

Mary Hess Summers will be doing a Patsy Cline tribute at 7 p.m. Sept. 3.

Summers will do two 45-minute sets with the JRCountry Band.

Her performance will appear at the annual Prairieville Farm Days festival three miles south of Delton at 7990 Milo Road.

Also appearing at the festival are Tommy Cash doing a tribute to his brother Johnny Cash at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4 and at 7 p.m. on Sept. 5 Michael Twitty and Trey Twitty performing a tribute to Conway Twitty, Michael's Dad and Tray's Grandfather.

Pearl Jam comes to Deltaplex

Pearl Jam will be playing the Deltaplex Oct. 3. Tickets for the event at \$50 and went on sale Aug. 21. Tickets must be purchased through the Internet or by phone order.

For more information, or for tickets, call (616) 456-3333 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Phil Collins to play Van Andel

Phil Collins comes to Van Andel Arena for an 8 p.m. performance on Sept. 24. Tickets are already on sale and vary in price. Ticket brackets are \$45, \$65 and \$85.

Tickets are available at the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place box office or can be purchased through ticketmaster.

Gun and Knife show comes to Delta Plex

The Lower Michigan Gun Collectors Gun and Knife show will be featured at the Delta Plex in Grand Rapids Sept. 18-19.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors 65 and older. Children 12 and under are free.

The show will run 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sept. 18 and 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sept. 19.

Campus dining promotes healthy options

FORREST KARBOWSKI
Grand Valley Lanthorn

For students looking to drop a few extra pounds or just maintain a balanced diet, Campus Dining has an answer. Campus Dining's new "Just 4U" program aims to allow students new choices in dining options. Restaurants and

vending machines around the campus will provide health-conscious food items with icons explaining their nutritional benefits. Grand Valley is one of just over a dozen schools in the country to use the program, Campus Dining Manager Deb Rambadt said.

"Just 4U is a comprehensive nutritional education program

that provides guests with the information they need to make the choices that are right for their personal dining style," Rambadt said. "In other words, it's not about us recommending that people follow a particular diet. Just 4U means that we have choices that are healthy and choices that are not healthy. Sometimes people want to eat

for comfort, and this program still allows them to do that."

The program features six icons - carb counter, low fat, vegetarian, cal smart, heart healthy and vegan. Some menu items will have more than one icon, and some will have none at all. Items without icons will be considered a "traditional item" - like a burger or a pizza. Campus Restaurants will have a rotation of specials in the program, with a few permanent menu items as well.

"The entire program is rooted in recipe accuracy," Rambadt said. "In other words, all the ingredients have to be measured before the recipe is assembled, so that's a new change for our staff. A lot of people are familiar with the fact that we prepare menu items to order - we will still do that. But one thing that people need to understand is that if we say this item has this particular nutritional content and they ask us to alter the recipe, it will alter the nutritional content."

Rambadt said the program was implemented as a response to customer satisfaction surveys which Campus Dining uses every year.

"What we found three years ago is that people said in surveys that they wanted to eat healthy and make good choices," she said. "But the survey also said that in reality, they said they wanted to eat healthy but they really weren't

making good choices. Three or four years ago it was kind of trendy to say that you're doing this health-conscious thing. Well, surveys have indicated recently that that trend is now becoming a reality. So that has kind of spurred this new program in giving people the information they need to make choices for themselves."

Some prices have changed, although Rambadt said the change was due to a competitive price analysis that Campus Dining does every summer to adjust prices for the coming year.

"There are some items that we've seen the price decrease," she said. "Part of that is because we've seen a decrease in portion size, because in order for things to fit in to Just 4U, we can no longer serve you a bucket of salad."

In order to operate the program, the entire Campus Dining staff had to be certified by Executive Chef Ryan Jones, who attended a week-long training session to become a certified trainer for the entire midwest region. At the end of the training, all staff members had to pass a test with an 80 percent success rating in order to be approved.

Rambadt said that more features will be added in the next year, but the majority of the Just 4U program is now in place.



GVSU's Fresh Food Company is one of just over a dozen campus dining facilities implementing "Just 4U" nationwide.

Reorganization: Provost says students will remain relatively unaffected

FORREST KARBOWSKI
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Grand Valley State University will begin implementing a new organization plan this year for Academic and Student Affairs which has been in the works since Feb. of 2003.

The plan corrects problems that have prevented GVSU from reaching its goals and led to operational difficulties. According to the Nov. 24, 2003 final report by the Academic and Student Affairs Division, the reorganization aims to "advance the newly reaffirmed mission statement that places Liberal Arts and Sciences and liberal education at the foundation of all University programs, implement academic affairs policies consistently among academically related units and

disciplines, increase efficiency and enable initiatives, and establish support, information networks and a climate conducive to greater collaborative relationships, sense of intellectual community, and synergy among faculty and students within and across disciplines."

"One of the very big changes was that ever since the beginning of Grand Valley, we have expressed our belief in a liberal education as the underpinning of all of our academic programs," Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Gayle Davis said. "But we didn't do very much in the way of fulfilling that. In fact, the liberal arts and sciences disciplines are the foundation of those liberal education efforts, and yet they weren't coordinated. So by putting that college together, for instance, there's a way to have a liberal education spanning and integration with the rest of our disciplines majors."

After several meetings with Student Senate, as well as other groups such as the University Academic Senate and the Deans Council, Davis outlined and refined the plan, which was finished in Nov. 2003. This school year marks the first time it has been applied.

"It's hard to make changes like this at a university, because it's a very complex organization," Davis said. "But I feel like the faculty have taken on this idea and are moving forward to make it succeed, and we're going to



Davis

have a really good year, I think."

The new organization plan rearranged the schools, combining certain ones such as

Science and Math, Social Studies and Arts & Humanities to create the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, a model used at many universities across the country.

A new school, the College of University-wide Interdisciplinary Initiatives, was also created to cover general education, scholarships, freshman studies and more. The dean of this college will serve to support interdisciplinary initiatives and university-wide support

services in teaching and research, as well as providing more collaboration across the campus. Previously, many of the programs included in the new college reported directly to the Office of the Provost.

The departmental levels of each college remained

unchanged and intact. No programs or colleges were eliminated by the reorganization.

"Some of them stayed exactly the same as they had always been," Davis said. "But they were reconfigured along with others. What we did do was put certain disciplines together that had a relationship either from their disciplinary perspective, or from the way they teach or what kind of projects they work with."

Some changes were made in order to separate professional programs from traditional liberal arts courses. For instance, in the previous organization, biology, engineering and health professions were in the same college. Biology is a liberal arts and sciences discipline, but health professions and engineering are oriented more toward applied knowledge in professional programs.

"They have to meet adjudication requirements outside the standards in the discipline that are different from anything that the liberal arts and sciences programs without external accreditation have to meet," Davis said. "So to have them both in the same college under the same dean led to really different conditions from one faculty to the next, even within the same

division.

"We wanted to get those separated out so we could make liberal arts and sciences the centerpiece for the liberal education initiative, and so we could make the professional programs free to do what they needed to do for their accrediting bodies and for their work with the community," she said.

Students probably won't notice much of a change,

Davis said.

"We had a couple students on the reorganization task force involved in these discussions, and I kept asking that question [what effect will this have on the students?]," she said. "Except for the idea that we may have some newly integrated programs or the deans will be different for the students - but students rarely interact directly with the dean - we just can't really see any

impact directly on the students' experience in courses, since we're not changing anything at the department level.

"Mildly, the outcome of all those discussions seemed to result in thinking we'll have some new programs for students to take, but otherwise they probably won't notice a lot."

For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/reorganization.

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A "liberal" education?

With the Presidential election in November approaching fast, faculty members need to remember that a liberal education doesn't mean taking sides in the political arena or in the classroom.

As classes begin for the fall semester, students will come back to classrooms anticipating a continuation of their college experience or will begin to form new opinions of what collegiate academia is all about. However, the nature of the election season may throw a wrench into the works of the college academic system.

The standard practice of impartial instruction may be easy to maintain in non-election years, and students at college campuses nationwide deserve the same style and level of unbiased instruction this fall regardless of the impending political climate.

While professors and assistants may always have an underlying political agenda, a vast majority are responsible in controlling discussion and information that they relay to the students in their classes who are relying on them to provide an unbiased recounting of facts and information.

However, with the change of the seasons comes a change in the political mindset of every civically minded American. Regardless of party affiliation (or lack thereof), tempers flare, decisions are made and judgements are passed regarding not only candidates, but issues that are likely to come up in any number of classes.

For example, stem cell research could be an influenced topic in biology classes, censorship in the media could affect broadcasting or journalism classes, not to mention the ideologies or theories that could affect the learning process in any political science class.

It is imperative that professors stay true to the art of their craft: the ability to impartially educate students who are dependent on their knowledge to succeed in their careers and in life.

While it is important for students to be able to learn about the issues and candidates at hand, it is even more crucial that they learn about the political process in an environment outside of classroom walls. Professors can be a wealth of knowledge about issues and candidates, and students should strive to seek out professors who are educated about topics that they are curious about. However, they should not have the information pressed on them in the classroom unless the professor is positive that the information can be presented with equal weight given to all sides and without a political right or wrong spin.

Students pay lots of money to have the opportunity to attend an institute of higher education and should demand that political agendas get checked in professors offices. Students using professors as a resource to educate themselves is a true indication of taking advantage of a liberal education, not professors pushing various political agendas.



GVL SPEAK UP

This week the Grand Valley Lanthorn asked eight community members:

Have you ever experienced political bias in the classroom?



"No, I haven't experienced any (political biases) yet. A lot of people take sides so political views will come out eventually."

Lena Montgomery
Freshman
Psychology



"Everyone is for liberal education, so people are more liberal. Many people are saying go out and vote so, that is a good thing."

Megan Norris
Freshman
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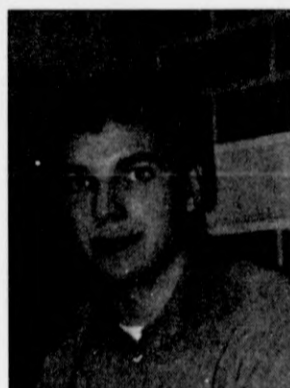
"Heck yeah! I see political bias all the time. Professors, all of them seem to be liberal and aren't afraid to show it."

Malachi King
Junior
Secondary English Edu.



"I have not, but people are so passionate it will become more so."

Melissa VanBeek
Senior
History



"Yes, I don't think it is a big deal. It has never interfered with learning material. It might actually be a good thing it encourages people to vote."

Patrick Smith
Junior
Health Science



"I have not experienced any political biases in the classroom yet. I believe we have an open body and we respect each others opinions."

Hannah Andres
Sophomore
Nursing



"Have not been here to experience it, but I'm sure I will."

Lindsay Grates
Freshman
Undecided



"Campus reflects West Michigan political beliefs. I haven't experienced bias with professors but have with the student body."

Patricia Wilkie
Freshman
Int. Relations
Minor in Women's Studies

GVL STUDENT OPINION

Bush, Kerry need to address issues important to women

SANGITA NAYAK
The Arbiter (Boise State U.)

(UWIRE) BOISE, Idaho - On Aug. 26, 1920, women in this country won the right to vote. If President Bush and John Kerry want to honor that watershed struggle, they need to speak to the concerns of today's working women. Those concerns include decent wages, decent health benefits and on-the-job equality for all. Women are a huge voting bloc to be reckoned with. In 2000, more than 59 million women voted in the presidential election.

And this year, with women making up two out of every three undecided voters, the presidential candidates would be wise to address the needs of working women nationwide.

Diane Frye of Carrollton, Ga., has a simple request. "I want a job that will pay for my meals and rent," she says. Frye

is looking for work and needs to move from a home that has a hole in the roof and lacks heat or air conditioning. She is a single mom, caring for her 18-year-old autistic son.

Three out of every five minimum-wage earners are women. A single parent of two children working fulltime at the federal minimum wage still falls below the poverty line, according to the Economic Policy Institute. Women desperately need to see a raise in the minimum wage.

Julia Perkins of Milwaukee is working several part-time jobs, none of which offer paid

sick days. "I want a workplace that allows me to take care of my children if they are sick," said Perkins, "and I'm going to the polls to make a difference for my families and families across the country." Her 10-year-old and 15-year-old children are diabetic.

According to a study by Harvard School of Public Health Professor Jody Heymann, three out of four low-wage workers receive no sick days, a growing sector of working women, five out of six workers have no paid sick days, according to the Institute

on Women's Policy Research. Virginia Chivers of Carroll County, Ohio, just wants to be treated equally. She's been passed up for promotion five times; one of the last times to a man she trained. "I think it's wrong. I can do that job as well or better than any man can. It blows my mind that they try to get away with this," said Chivers.

The issues of fairness and equality are key. Women need tough enforcement of anti-discrimination laws. Last year, women filed tens of thousands of discrimination charges. It's clear that discrimination against women is rampant.

"Michigan's voting laws really stink."

- Jonathan Osborn
Student Senate President

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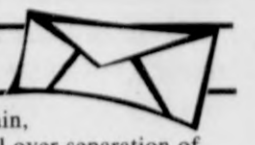
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GVL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Young students aren't the only students

It is always a great experience to be on a university campus in the fall. The academic year is beginning, people are moving into dormitories and offices, and there is a sense of energy in the air.

Each year, we begin with convocation, a ceremony that is rich in tradition and symbolism. One of the aspects of our convocation has been a well crafted video presentation of the University. We hear faculty and students talk about their experiences on our campus, and

are able to celebrate great accomplishments of members of our members of community.

Interviews with students enrolled at GVSU are a powerful representation of our campus culture. They are energetic and hopeful for what the future offers. However, these students who are interviewed are almost invariably young. Where are the faces and voices of older, returning students? Where, for example, are those students who chose to serve in the armed forces prior to attending college? Many years ago, I attended undergraduate school after serving four years in the U.S.

Navy. I attended college at a small liberal arts school, and once heard two students talking about how surprising it was that "there was a 23 year-old freshmen on campus."

Hopefully, times have changed since the early 1970s, and the presence of older students on campus is not surprising. The next time a video is created to represent Grand Valley State University, I hope that students with many diverse backgrounds continue to be presented. I strongly encourage the producers of the video to realize that diversity across the lifespan is also important, and that older

students constitute an important thread in the tapestry that composes Grand Valley State University.

**Charles A. Baker-Clark
Hospitality and Tourism
Management**

Patriotism not just red, white, blue

To the Editor:
My last letter to the editor brought expected criticism. However unexpected criticism of my own patriotism. I do not feel patriotism should require blind obedience to government or

precludes criticism of officials.

I think patriotism is having courage to stand for principles of Liberty, Justice, Tolerance and equality.

Freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights, which certainly do not need to be amended or rewritten.

Struggle is playing out over the values for which we stand. Attacks against our freedoms are more dangerous when camouflaged in red, white, and blue. Those attempting to narrow our freedoms wrapping their agenda in the flag, or worse yet, themselves in sheep's clothing, declaring a certain moralism for

political gain, stepping all over separation of Church and State.

Patriot act, government requesting postal carriers, utility workers, meter readers, and neighbors to report on Americans in their homes, is undermining our values of freedom, and privacy. Turning to bigotry, censorship, repression, and discrimination.

If questioning extreme agenda's and administrative rhetoric, is unpatriotic then so be it.

To me defending principles in our Constitution is patriotic, and a moral imperative.

Ronald L. Waldron

GVL OPINION

Tracking Grand Valley's campus pulse

JOSH KAHN
writes for the GVL Student Opinion. His views do not necessarily represent those of the newspaper.

And so, at last, the 2004-2004 academic year is upon us. However, despite that famously flawed introduction from Dr. Jean Nagelkerk at this year's Convocation ceremony, here we are at the start of September with the year ready to go off with more of a bang than a whimper. If you need the proof, about every hour on the hour at Campus West Townhouses outside of campus you can

either hear a loud explosion, a chorus of smashing beer bottles or the moans and groans of sexual exploration. It's quite the banging indeed, and it's been the soundtrack to the start of my year so far.

Convocation 2004 was quite the event, believe it or not. It's another excuse for our university's most senior administrators to dress like the ancient druids as made over by Queer Eye For The Straight Guy, and it's our academic version of the Grammy Awards crossed with NPR's All Things Considered. OK, so it really isn't that exciting - at all - but the multimedia arrangement of two massive video screens

plus brass section plus University Chorale is rather impressive.

Essentially, President Murray talks about community and liberal education, and then hands out awards to professors while they yank some poor girl from the vocal performance discipline to sing some song about a butcher's hook. After that, Student Body President Jonathan Osborn gets a phone call on stage from his mom, and after a lengthy faculty exit procession which is the symbolic equivalent of serial onanism with tassels, we're outta there.

Due to my position on Student Senate, The Powers

That Be let me walk around in a robe of my own the whole time (which is probably the best thing about going to Convocation), and so after a quick trip to de-robe in the Fieldhouse Dance Studio, it's off to the Transitions Luncheon where hundreds if not thousands of eager wide-eyed Freshmen take in the opportunity to eat burgers on the school's dollar, while a guy with an oil drum bangs quite merrily in the background. It's a beautiful day in the Valley, and after the exercise of forcing the Class of 2008 to sit through a most boring welcome, you've got to think that a free meal is the least they deserve. After all, they won't be getting anything resembling another one anytime soon!

Speaking of Transitions, you really have to hand it to this year's Transitions Leaders. They're calm and collected as they lead the new students and future leaders of Grand Valley around the campus for the first time, and behind the scenes they're an absolute mess. No one should underestimate the sacrifices they've made to help acclimatize the new class, be they social or mental! I don't know how they do it. The closest I've come to impacting anyone this past week was driving around in the Senate's "10 Ways To Fight Hate on Campus" golf cart, like an anti-hate Van Wilder with a bullhorn. The highlight had to have been transporting the three exchange students from London to the Fresh Food

Company on the condition they would shout "fight hate on campus!" at every passerby.

Nevertheless, no matter what one's involved in on campus, be it fighting hate, influencing freshmen, orchestrating student life or simply getting a sandwich at the Kirkhof Center at 10:45 on a Thursday night because there's nothing else to do around these parts (or so you think), it feels to good to be back. Allendale is buzzing, and that can only mean that Grand Valley and its new breed of Nextel 2-Way Direct Connectors, LiveJournalers and Henry Hall Instant Messengers are back in full force. In the words of WCKS Student Radio airwave champion Xiu Xiu, "Je t'aime the Valley-oh!"

Random acts of a collegiate lifestyle

BETHANY CORDES
writes for the GVL Student Opinion. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the newspaper.

Well, whether we like it or not, it's back.

We know it's coming. We can feel its ominous presence lurking in the shadows as we frolic in the carefree idleness of summer, when our bodies soak up sunrays and our minds are required to perform only at the level necessary for our summer "employment", which is rarely more complicated than dead panning. "And would you like your Super Summer Sizzler entrée with our without our Super Summer Sizzling Scampi Sauce?" or "Jimmy, crayons are for coloring, not for sticking up our friends' noses." We settle into the comfortable, predictable monotony that summer brings, and while we know the end is near, we are still drastically unprepared when it comes, as unwelcome as Mom and Dad on a first date.

-School. Where you're required to, like, think and stuff.

So, to help us all prepare for the inevitable shock that this trying transition brings, I've compiled a list of simple exercises that we can perform to ease our transition into the world of higher-level thinking. Perhaps it will remind you of your mother setting your alarm ten minutes earlier every day starting on the 4th of July to "get your body used to waking up early."

- Go into Barnes and Noble and insist on paying \$85 for a book that you don't want to read, will not be able to return in four months, and will ultimately become either a doorstop or a makeshift end table.

- Go to the same restaurant every single day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and pick four things off the menu. Order one of these every single time you go. Welcome to Campus Dining.

- Apply for several jobs and asked to be paid not a single teensy penny over minimum wage, because you are a lowly undergrad, and everyone knows that undergrads will

work for less than it would take for a trained gorilla to do the job. Welcome to Campus Employment.

- Call up some friends at 3 a.m. and say, "Hey, wanna go to Meijers?" Then wander around for two hours with no apparent reason or purpose. Welcome to Wild Nights in Jenison.

- Create yourself a nice cocktail of coffee, Mountain Dew, and No-Doz, develop a twitch, and then run around like a chicken on speed, bragging to people, "DUDE! I've only slept 17 minutes in the last four and a half days!" as if you've conquered Everest. Expect them to be impressed. Very impressed.

- Copeland, Robinson, and Kistler females: Go to a public restroom and practice - get ready -- sitting on the toilet. That's right, slap that warm cheek right on that cold dirty porcelain. Trust me, sweethearts, unless you want quads the size of your laundry bag, you ain't gonna be hovering' all year long.

- Have your roommates or family members repeat this phrase to you over and over: "Well, (insert name here), it doesn't appear that you will be graduating exactly the decade you planned..."

- Freshmen: Go grab random stranger off the street, lock yourselves in an airless cinderblock cubicle with nasty carpet, and pretend that you have to coexist with each other for nine months. Oh, wait...

- Bring Tupperware into the Big Boy Buffet. I mean, uh, I certainly never snuck full meals out of the buffet...

- To simulate early morning lectures, stay up all night, then at 8:00 am, grab a notebook and pen and flip on the History Channel special on the French Inquisition. Every time you start to doze,

have one of your roommates ask you a question related to the Inquisition that you can't answer because you were, well, sleeping. Start with three reps of 30 minutes, then slowly build up to that three-hour marathon.

- To simulate the Exam Week Diet, plan how to coordinate entire meals, deriving from at least three of the food groups, from the vending machine.

- One word: Ramen.

- Freshmen: If you shall spot clothes 1-8 sizes bigger than your current size on the sale rack, nab 'em. Trust me, you'll need them faster than you can say "24-hour delivery".

- Pay your mom 75 cents for each load of laundry you do. While you're at it, borrow some neighbor's laundry so you can practice moving strangers' underwear from the washer to the dryer so you can do your bimonthly load.

- Practice writing letters home, lavishing praise Mom and Dad about how amazing they are, how much they sacrificed for you, and how much their love means to you, etc etc etc. Then figure out the most nonchalant, nondescript way to insert the teensy tiny points that you got caught setting an opossum loose in the floor below you, you crashed your car, and you flunked chem. Oh, and by the way, could they send a little more money for, um, books?

This list is by no means all-inclusive - it is your role as a student of Grand Valley State University to pave your own way and find out what works for you... even if it does entail watching the History Channel or getting kicked out of Barnes and Noble.

Oh, and by the way, I really was kidding about sneaking stuff out of the buffet...

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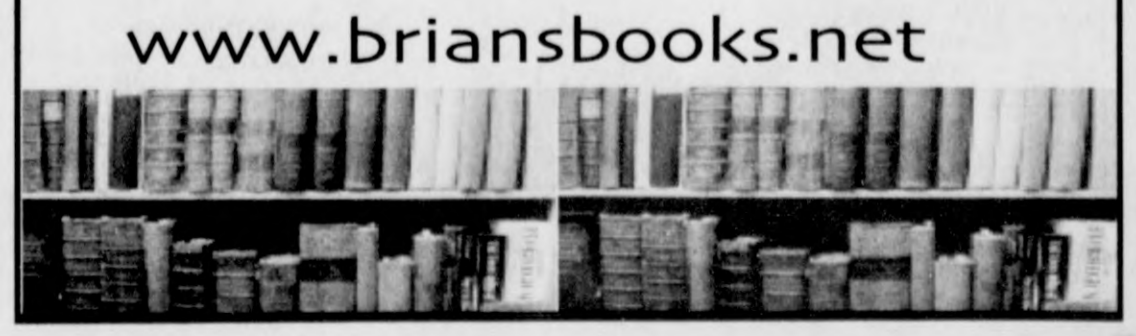
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Serving the GVSU





Students find new decorations for their rooms at a poster sale, held at Kirkhof Center as part of welcoming activities. The sale runs through Sept. 3.

Back in Laker style

■ **Lakers new and old are welcomed with activities and entertainment.**

AJ COLLEY
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Laker Welcome activities have offered a variety of entertainment for students since Aug. 24 and will culminate with Campus Life Night Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

Throughout the two-week period of Laker Welcome, the Office of Student Life have come together with organizations around campus to bring activities to students.

Aug. 26 was Meijer Madness, a late-night event at the Meijer in Jenison for students to get groceries at discount prices while being entertained.

The Laker Shake Dance, hosted by the Residence Housing Association, was held Aug. 28 with about 700 to 800 attendees, according to RHA Vice President of Programming Patrice Wade.

Wade said RHA put on the dance to welcome freshmen and to give them something fun to do after a week of transitions.

It's also RHA's first program of the year, she said, which helps to get their name out on campus.

"I really didn't know what to expect" as far as numbers were

concerned, Wade said, but added she was content with the turnout.

The casual dance was held in the Fieldhouse with a DJ providing music.

Wade said she thinks the Laker Shake Dance fits in well with other Laker Welcome activities.

LeaAnn Tibbe, special events coordinator in the Office of Student Life, said Laker Welcome is not just for freshmen, but for all students to feel welcomed to Grand Valley.

She also said programming for this year's Laker Welcome was more deliberate and planned.

Laker Welcome tried to incorporate

“ I think it shows freshmen and transfers that there's stuff to do on our campus

TOM REXFORD
Spotlight Productions
President

more of the bigger student organizations on campus, including Spotlight Productions, Residence Housing Association and Volunteer GVSU, Tibbe said.

Tibbe said she was at First Night Aug. 29, a culminating activity for the end of

transitions. There, students were led by the pep band and sang the alma mater.

"We're really trying to push that students learn the alma mater," Tibbe said, "because it's a part of Grand Valley and it's a part of our heritage."

Coordinators also taught students the fight song and kicked off the school year with the "We Are Grand Valley" theme.

Tibbe said they wanted to pass

on GVSU's core values to about 1,000 students in attendance.

Tim Schadd, guest speaker and vice president for finance and administration, fired up students about GVSU and told freshmen that they had the highest average grade point average of any incoming freshmen class, Tibbe said. In addition, he spoke about the football program and other GVSU sports teams.

On Aug. 29 Spotlight Productions hosted "Fun Day." From 2 to 6 p.m. students were offered free Dominos pizza, free merchandise from Best Buy and T-shirt making. Adding a soundtrack to the activities, Spotlight brought in a DJ for students.

Although Tom Rexford, president of Spotlight Productions, said planners knew "Fun Day" would be a successful event, he said he was surprised that their T-shirt estimate was accurate. The last of nearly 500 T-shirts was given out at the end of the event, he said.

Rexford said it was a "very successful day" with an estimated 650 to 700 people in attendance throughout the afternoon.

"We definitely hit our goal," Rexford said, adding that Laker Welcome is an important program.

"I think it shows freshmen and transfers that there's stuff to do on our campus," he said.

Poster sales continued in and around Kirkhof Aug. 29 through Aug. 31 with tie-dye activities happening throughout the day Aug. 31.

Although no events are planned for the four-day Labor Day weekend, students are invited to Campus Life Night, the culminating event of Laker Welcome, on Sept. 7.



Freshman Kelsey Finlayson and Karen Hall tie-dye for Volunteer GVSU. The event was held below the Cook Carillon Clock Tower on Aug. 31.

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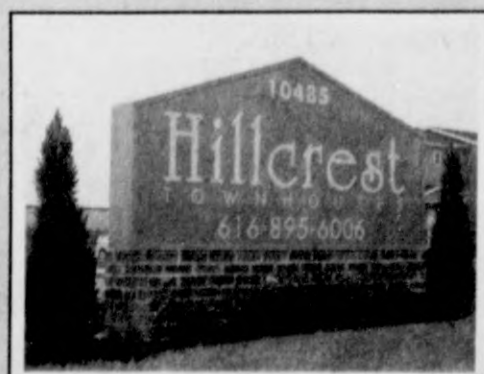


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Getting out and finding things to do

■ Campus Life Night on Sept. 7 gives clubs an opportunity to recruit new members

APRIL RAYNOVICH
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Laker students both new and old are invited to an event that brings together 150 student organizations and 100 local businesses under one roof: Campus Life Night.

An annual event put on by Grand Valley State's Student Life department, Campus Life Night will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 7-9 p.m. in the fieldhouse arena.

The event allows students the chance to browse tables and sign up for a variety of different groups and volunteer opportunities.

Aaron Haight, assistant director of Student Life, calls the event, "a great opportunity for registered student organizations to showcase themselves for students."

Student organizations will be broadly represented, from

volunteer groups and special interest groups, to religious and cultural groups, to Greek life. Student-governed groups will not be the only such groups present at Campus Life Night. University departments, including Wellness and Recreation Services, the Women's Center and Public Safety will also be sending representatives.

While Campus Life Night is traditionally known as a freshman event, each year attracts more upperclassmen looking for ways to get involved on campus.

Melissa Bauer, a senior, used last year's event to her advantage, claiming she was introduced to many volunteer opportunities on campus.

"I never knew these things were available to me until I attended Campus Life Night," she said.

This year, Bauer will return to Campus Life Night, not as a student, but as part of one of the many local businesses that will be in attendance. Bauer, an employee at Hungry Howie's in Allendale, will be assisting her team in distributing freebies to the GVSU students. Hungry Howie's will be giving out free pizza coupons, magnets, pens, and other special offers, as well as handing out free pizza slices to students throughout the evening. Other local businesses participating include local banks and cell phone companies.

Between finding social and volunteer opportunities and incentives from

local businesses, Haight reminds students that Campus Life Night is a "great night where students can really connect with campus life."

"I never knew these things were available to me until I attended Campus Life Night."

MELISSA BAUER
GVSU Senior



A banner was available for students to sign in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, and those who were lost during the tragedy at the 2003 Campus Life Night.

Organizations to join for orientation

JESSICA RUSSELL
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Leaders of all types of student organizations, from professional to athletic, academic to religious, will come together Sept. 11 at the Student Organization Orientation.

Kicking off a new year of student life at Grand Valley, the orientation offers students a chance to learn more about their organization, other organizations, people around campus and the university in general. It will be an opportunity to break the ice and to get involved with everything Grand Valley's student organizations have to offer.

Heading this year's event is Aaron Haight, the Assistant Director in the Office of Student Life at Grand Valley.

"[The Student Organization Orientation] is a great opportunity for leaders of student organizations to get reacquainted with each other, the Office of Student Life, and university policies and resources," he said.

The Office of Student Life coordinates the event as an additional way to communicate with the registered student organizations and to update all of them on resources provided by the office.

The meetings will serve as a refresher for returning student leaders and a supply of information and guidance for the new student leaders.

Whether a part of a fraternity or sorority, sports and recreation club, student governance and community councils, or one of the other 200-plus student affiliations around Grand Valley, the Student Organization Orientation is

one way for members to get caught up on all of the latest information.

There are many things to look forward to at this year's orientation sessions. Other than meeting new people, seeing with old friends, and relearning the university guidelines and resources there are several new items of business on the agenda. This year, the orientation sessions will also be providing a great deal of information on funding, resources, recognition, the Student Organization Center and Event Services.

Students in any of the multiple organizations around campus are invited and encouraged to attend the orientation sessions provided.

The orientation will be held in the Grand River Room beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students are only required to attend one of the two identical sessions. Students interested in the orientation can register their organization on the Web at www.studentlife.gvsu.edu/signmeup/.

It is only through registration that a university officially recognizes an organization.

Advisors will also be having two identical orientation sessions, which are being held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Kirkhof Center beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. These meetings will offer an opportunity for advisors to collaborate and gain valuable resources for their student organizations around campus.

For more information on student organizations around Grand Valley and the orientation session, look at the Student Life Web site or contact the Student Life office.

Married couples find community living on campus

ANGELA HARRIS
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Married life can be challenging, but it can be harder if you are trying to balance it with schooling too. Currently, 26 families are doing that here at Grand Valley.

Lynnette Jurgensen, resident assistant for the Ravine Apartments, said at GVSU, families include mothers or fathers with children, traditional families, married couples, and couples that are not married, but have children.

She said about 16 of the 26 families living on campus are married couples.

Two couples, John and Lynnette Jurgensen and Dan and Yolanda Blaser, recently shared the ups and downs of married life living at Grand Valley.

One difference for married couples while attending school is that there is more obligation to be at home with each other as opposed to spending time with friends.

Yolanda said, "If Dan wants to go out with friends from class, I'll stay home or occasionally, I'll go with them, but I don't really know his friends all that well."

"It's nice to be set away from the hustle and bustle of the main campus."

DAN BLASER
GVSU Student

Lynnette said that Friday nights went from being date night to nights just to stay at home and be together.

All of the married families live in the Ravines, which are located behind the field house.

"They are the oldest, and maybe not the nicest apartments, but it's nice to be set away from the hustle and bustle of the main campus," Dan said. "They are kind of set off and I like the privacy for married life."

Yolanda added, "The woods and the play area are a nice area for the kids to play in."

The Blasers have been married for three years and the Jurgensens just celebrated a year together.

Both couples noted that the location of the Ravines does have one drawback: the proximity of the football field.

"On Friday nights, either you go to the games, or you don't leave your apartment," Dan said.

Lynnette said the families at GVSU are part of the Family Housing Council that meets to address the specific concerns of the families. For example, last summer the issue of speed bumps in the parking lot for the children's safety was addressed and this year, they were added.

"It's entertaining to watch the

cars fly over them," John said.

Yolanda said if one of the spouses is a student at GVSU, the other spouse can also receive a free membership to the recreation center, just as the student does.

She added, however, that she is not able to purchase free football tickets, like her husband can since he is a student.

Lynnette said the married couples are similar to a small community and they do activities together.

"We celebrate the kids' birthdays at the Ravine Centers and each family brings a dish to pass," Yolanda said. "We do a lot

of potlucks."

However, they said that between classes, papers, exams and jobs, they do not see their spouses a lot.

"The only time I felt I saw him was when we went to bed," Lynnette said.

Yolanda added that it was very hard for her and Dan last year because she works in Grand Haven and then had a night class at Baker College, so some nights she would only see her husband when they went to bed because he also had night classes.

But she added, "Sometimes you have to go through it because in the end, it's worth it."

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JENNA NOSEDA

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Don't let their name fool you; The Killers are anything but a stereotypical heavy rock, or punk band, as one may first infer. Rather, Hot Fuss, the first U.S. album by the Las Vegas, Nevada band, combines clever guitar licks, impressive bass lines, and catchy melodies that manage to leave a lasting impression on the listener. The Killers stay original without getting repetitive, mixing up the sound on every track to add just a little more to the album when it is least expected.

The group, consisting of front-man Brandon Flowers (vocals, synthesizer), Dave Keuning (guitar), Mark Stoermer (bass), and Ronnie Vannucci (drums) came together in late 2002, early

2003. While their musical debut came overseas in 2003, Hot Fuss was made available to the American public this June. As they found a definite fan base in the United Kingdom, they are similarly beginning to get their share of airtime on this side of the Atlantic.

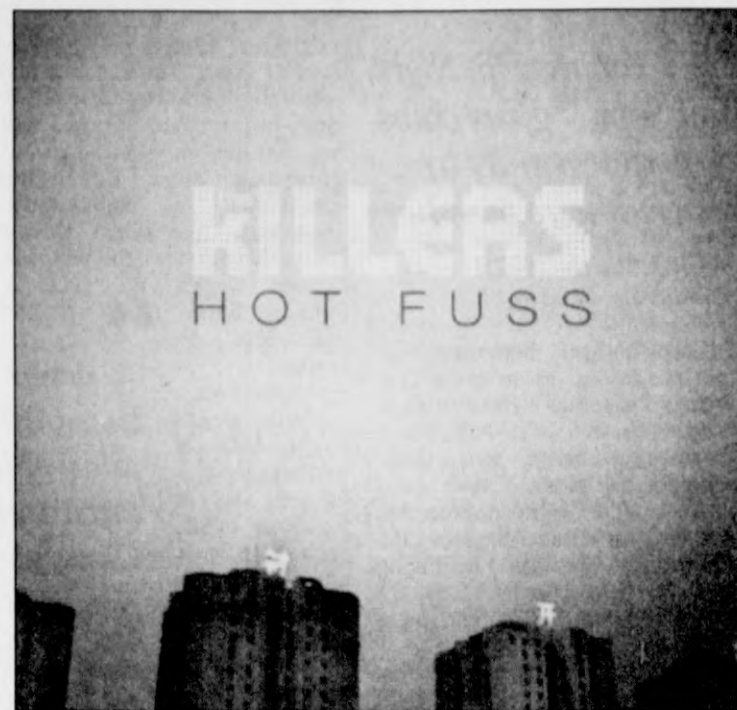
Overall, the album takes an interesting route and seems to be more or less an exciting success. The Killers have a very eclectic sound, making it difficult to pinpoint an exact genre or even musical influences. Flowers' quasi-British vocals add an edge to the effective blend of instruments throughout the album. Lyrically, Hot Fuss touches on a wide array of subjects, usually of the darker persuasion, ranging from jealousy to the way life doesn't always go as planned, even

touching a bit on crime and death. While the issues are more serious, The Killers never come off as critical or disturbing. In fact, the mesmerizing beat and flowing melodies of this album actually retract from some of the messages that can be found throughout the disc.

The standout track is undoubtedly the first, "Jenny Was A Friend of Mine," a song about the difficulty of letting someone go. Other tracks, with outstanding beats as well as lyrics, include "Mr. Brightside" (their first U.K. release), "Midnight Show," and their current single, "Somebody Told Me." A gospel choir makes strangely effective appearances on the tracks "All These Things That I've Done" and "Andy, You're a Star." As the album winds down, it almost tends to

lose some of its steam, especially with "Believe Me, Natalie." The final track, however, "Everything Will Be Alright," manages to bring in elements that are heard in the rest of the CD. Electric guitars, stylized vocals, synthesizers, 80s-style drum lines, and organ music mix together and fade as the album concludes.

Hot Fuss is an unrelenting combination of lyrical prowess, instrumental creativity, and well-placed tracks; the Killers have it timed to perfection. If listening to the album doesn't quite give you your fill of The Killers, watch for the band on primetime. They are slated to join the ranks of such bands as Phantom Planet and Rooney when they appear on the hit series, "The O.C." come Dec. 2, on FOX.



The Killers' new U.S. album, 'Hot Fuss', is impressive and has gotten them an appearance on "The O.C." on FOX.

Garden State provokes some deep thought, honesty

FORREST KARBOWSKI

Grand Valley Lanthorn

Garden State is a movie of conundrums. On one hand, it tackles weighty life questions concerning family, friends, love and all those other dramatic staples.

On the other hand, there is a scene with a masturbating dog.

Perhaps this is writer/director/star Zach Braff's (of "Scrubs" fame) signature style - a blend of heart wrenching drama and quirky humor that would seem more at home in an American Pie film. On this, his first film, Braff definitely shows his diversity.

The plot will sound familiar to many a college student. Andrew Largeman (Braff) returns home for his mother's funeral after several years living in L.A., trying - and failing - to make it as an actor. In his absence, he has fallen so out of touch with his friends and family that he comes back to a place that seems familiar, yet is jarringly unfamiliar at the same time.

He stops taking his

medications, which his psychologist father (Ian Holm) has kept him on since age nine. The movie follows Andrew's slow awakening to life as the medicine works its way out of his system, giving him the chance to finally experience and feel things which had been muted to him from such a young age.

In that process, he meets Sam (Natalie Portman), an energetic, compulsive liar who he soon finds himself falling in love with. Sam is perfect as Andrew's foil - her vitality is just the kick-start he needs to start finding himself. During his few days home, he connects with her, reconnects with other old friends and sort of tries to work things out with his dad.

The most striking aspect of Garden State is its honesty. The characters' problems are real, and the solutions (or lack thereof) are not glossed over with the standard Hollywood veneer. The dialogue in particular rings true - certain scenes may seem awkward, but only because in real life certain situations breed awkwardness.

Anyone who has had a completely candid discussion with a good friend (or even a dodgy one with a creepy acquaintance) as Andrew does in the movie can relate.

Visually, the movie is spectacular. Each frame has a profound sense of subtlety - even shots that could have been mundane are presented in a way that made me want to take a second look. Also - although it could have been a faulty projector - it seemed like the beginning of the movie had a sense of murkiness, which gradually cleared as the film went on - an apt visual representation of Andrew's detoxification.

Regardless of the movie's strengths, it does have a certain lack of cohesiveness. The end, in particular, skirts the edge of becoming a happy ending cop-out, but Braff was wise to leave uncertainty where a lesser writer would have wrapped everything up neatly.

Garden State is worth seeing for its originality and frankness. It may not change your life, but it will certainly make you think.



Jet Li, pictured above, stars in "Hero."

'Hero' combines great visuals, likeable characters and compelling action sequences

BRENT MATA

Grand Valley Lanthorn



Grade: A-
A nameless hero (Jet Li) meets with the King of Qin, a warlord bent on

dominating all the clans and kingdoms, to describe in a series of flashbacks how he destroyed the three most powerful assassins who have been trying to kill him as well as defeated his armies. Both the nameless hero and the powerful sovereign give their colorful take on the events leading up to their meeting, and neither can predict the outcome that will ensue.

Hero (Yin Xiong) could

possibly be one of the most beautiful movies ever made. Each scene's emotions are symbolized by a color that embodies every part of the lush sets. Jet Li gives a dynamic performance as the nameless hero whose agenda is as sketchy as his claims of defeating the three deadly assassins. This film compliments him more than his American attempts. One of Hero's most intriguing aspects is the way Jet Li's character discovers his enemies' weakness through their other crafts.

One enjoys music, the other calligraphy. Nameless carefully breaks down the way both assassins work each talent comparing them to their fighting abilities. Hero tends to get a little confusing in its storytelling, but its compelling action sequences mixed with its likeable characters conveys a story as rich as its images. The visual elements of this movie are astounding and its combination of action and beautiful filmmaking allow Hero to be one of the best movies this year.

Starring Jet Li, Tony Leung Chiu Wai, Maggie Cheung, Ziyi Zhang, Maggie Cheung, Daoming Chen, Donnie Yen. Directed by Yimou Zhang.

Art exhibit takes viewers 'Beyond the Classroom'

DAVID KNAPP

Grand Valley Lanthorn

The Beyond the Classroom: Art and Design Faculty 2004 exhibit is nothing more than phenomenal. The exhibit holds works by current Grand Valley faculty and visiting artists of the GVSU Art and Design Department.

Beyond the Classroom does not stop at paintings and sketches but goes on to showcase some amazing sculpture, drawing, design and mixed media pieces. Even an astonishing quilt made its way into the esteemed gallery.

Everyone in the student and faculty body can surely find something that they will be interested in this exhibit.

"It [the gallery] has two audiences. One is of course faculty... and the other is students that want to see what the professors are doing," said Henry Matthews, Director of

Gallery's and Collections at GVSU.

Matthews has been Director of Gallery's at Grand Valley for almost 6 years now and he thoroughly enjoys it. Since the job is fun and enjoyable, there is no better job for an art-lover.

Art and Design faculty member Paul Wittenbraker contributes a magnificent work he deems, 'Untitled (local bodies of water).' The piece was inspired by bodies of water in the Grand Rapids area. A plaque next to the piece indicates that the "shapes were extracted, smoothed and indexed from an aerial photograph of the area encompassing Grand Rapids eastward to the flat river."

Looking at the piece really makes you appreciate the different works of art that are in the gallery itself. Here at Grand Valley it is clear that our faculty is not afraid to step outside of the box. Perhaps, in

fact, that is what we pride ourselves on. Here the faculty makes giant strides to better prepare its' students for their lives to come. In a way, this art gallery serves as a symbol of the GVSU people.

"I think it [the gallery] is an interesting reflection of who we are here at GVSU," stated Matthews.

The gallery completely shows off the many talents of the working professors in our community. The many works shown in the Art Gallery might be comparable to those of long-time art heroes such as DiVinci and Van Gogh, and even if others do not agree, the talent in the faculty is anything but hidden.

The Grand Valley Art Gallery will hold an opening reception on September 9, 2004 from 5PM until 7PM. However, the gallery itself will be open now until Sept. 24, 2004.

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Senator Debbie Stabenow speaks to Grand Valley's AWRI

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Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) held a press conference at Grand Valley State University's Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI) in Muskegon on Thursday, August 26 to discuss two pieces of her proposed legislation, which hope to protect Michigan lighthouses and help communities along the Great Lakes shoreline address problems in the Great Lakes.

Stabenow said that her Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act (S. 1850) hopes to bring the National Park Service together with the State of Michigan and local communities to discuss ways to promote and protect Michigan's lighthouses and other maritime resources. Michigan has over 120 lighthouses, more than any other state in America.

Stabenow said that talking about preserving lighthouses always brings smiles to people's faces. She added that she not only wants to fight the water pollution and the other problems that face communities on the Great Lakes, but that she wants to "celebrate what we have" in the lighthouses and other maritime resources.

Senators from both parties are supporting the legislation, Stabenow said. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) is a key co-sponsor for the bill, along with senators from other states in the Great Lakes region. A similar bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives, which is also co-sponsored by the majority of House members.

Stabenow said that she hopes the federal government will have a certain partnership role in that it will not tell the communities or museums what to do, but instead will make

recommendations to preserve and protect them.

She added that she wants the lighthouses to be an important part of the National Park system.

"I would like to see a National Park trail that connects all of our lighthouses," Stabenow said. She hopes to bring the trail up along the shoreline of the state for people to enjoy.

The Senator also discussed her other piece of legislation, the Great Lakes Community Restoration Act (S. 2337), which will make \$100 million in grants available to local communities each year for four years. Communities will have to apply for the grants.

"Examples of qualifying projects include repair of sewer systems damaged by invasive species, lighthouse restoration and the local cleanup of water pollution and contaminated sediments," according to a press release from Stabenow's office.

Stabenow said that since the Great Lakes contains one-fifth of the world's fresh water supply, it is important to protect the lakes and keep them clean.

"How can you not look at this beautiful lake [Muskegon Lake] and all of our beautiful resources and not be a champion for clean water and clean air and protecting our land?" Stabenow asked.

The Senator said she thinks her two pieces of legislation together are important to preserving the Great Lakes and the lighthouses on them.

"That [S. 2337] coupled with the lighthouse legislation, I think brings together some important resources and really some important policy for us," Stabenow said.

Dr. Alan Steinman, director of AWRI said that he thought AWRI was the perfect venue for such a press conference because of the proximity to the Great Lakes and the mission of

the institute, "to integrate research education and outreach to preserve and protect the fresh water resources of this region and of the state and of the nation." He said that the mission is very similar to Stabenow's work and proposed legislation.

Karen McDonald, curator for the White River Light Station museum, presented Stabenow with a photograph of the White River Light Station in Fruitland Township. The Senator said she would hang the photograph in her Washington office and show it to anyone who came to her office to talk about her legislation.

"I don't have grandchildren yet," Stabenow said, "but I want to make sure that the point at which I do that they're going to be able to enjoy the Great Lakes as I have. It's really been one of the great loves for me in Michigan growing up here."



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Jaslyn Gilbert
Senator Debbie Stabenow speaks at the Annis Water Resources Institute at the Grand Valley Muskegon campus.



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Will Harrah
Liz Cheney speaks at a women's forum for the Bush administration Aug. 26 in the Eberhard Center.

VP's daughter speaks in G.R.

RICH MCGOWAN
Grand Valley Lanthorn

As part of the campaign to re-elect President George W. Bush, Liz Cheney, daughter Vice-President Dick Cheney, spoke to a room full of supporters, on Thursday, Aug. 26, in Grand Rapids' Eberhard Center under the slogan "W. Stands for Women."

After being introduced by Terri Lynn Land Cheney, spoke for a little over ten minutes, focusing on women's issues and homeland security.

Cheney opened her speech by saying that, "growing up, my sister, Mary, and I were very lucky because our parents taught us that our gender was never an obstacle," Cheney said. "This is a lesson that the President and my dad feel very strongly about. Their core beliefs are that gender should never be an obstacle, that your desire to live in freedom is something that every single person, regardless of their race or ethnicity."

Cheney went on to say that women's rights is a belief that should not be limited to American women, but to women all around the world, notably in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I think you have to start by looking at what he's done in Afghanistan and Iraq," Cheney said. "Three years ago there were 50 million people living under oppression and tyranny, 25 million of those people were women. And today they are free. Today they have an opportunity to go to school. Today they have the opportunity to own their own businesses and they're an

inspiration to all of us." Cheney said that nations whose citizens are free are also nations that join the fight against terrorism.

"President Bush knows that nations who are free do not harbor terrorists, and don't threaten their neighbors," Cheney said. "And he also knows that nations can't be free if women aren't free. ... President Bush has done more for these little girls

and their mothers than any American President in history, in my opinion."

Cheney also addressed some national concerns that fighting in Iraq is getting out of hand and that the President failed to fully develop a strategy for a post-Sadaam Iraq.

"We do hear challenging news coming out of Iraq, and bad news out of Iraq," Cheney said. "I have to tell you how important it is, when you hear that, to know, that you're hearing it because the terrorists are threatened. The terrorists know that if Iraq is free, if Iraq is a democracy, if Iraq is prosperous, their days are numbered. They will continue with everything they have to try to thwart the liberation of Iraq."

Speaking about issues at home Cheney looked to calm concerns

about the economy and unemployment and pointed to what the President has done in the past and will do in the future.

"I know that everybody in this room knows how important tax cuts have been," Cheney said. "The President has cut them, in fact, not once, not twice, but three times. Making sure that we all get to keep more of what we earn, so we can invest it back into the economy."

"...We know we've got more work to do. We know that there are people in places, like Michigan, where people are looking for work and can't find jobs. The President is absolutely committed to continuing his hard work until everyone that wants one can have a job."

Cheney also touched on education in America and what the President is doing to improve

our schools. "When the President came into office he realized our schools were failing our children," Cheney said. "...He built a bipartisan coalition in order to have the bill passed through Congress and we're already seeing the benefits of No Child Left Behind. Making sure that every American child has an opportunity to achieve the very best things possible."

"The President is absolutely committed to continuing his hard work until everyone that wants one can have a job."

LIZ CHENEY
Daughter of U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney

Grand Valley Hosts Health Care Conference

DAVE MULLER
Grand Valley Lanthorn

On August 24, Grand Valley State University hosted "Advancing Interdisciplinary Health Professions Education in Grand Rapids," a health care conference held in response to a 2003 report from the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences Conference.

The report criticized health education and stated that health professionals are not sufficiently educated, and proposed that "health professions education programs take steps to promote proficiency in delivering patient-centered care."

Keynote speaker Dr. Joan Shaver, Professor and Dean of nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago Shaver addressed these issues and stressed that active involvement is key to successful patient-centered care.

"If you engage in it fully, it will happen," she said.

The conference was sponsored by Grand Valley's College of Health Professions, the Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center and Grand Valley's Kirkhof College of Nursing.

Shaver asked the audience to envision the future of health professions education.

"My job is to stimulate thinking about the kinds of things for you to get behind," she said.

Shaver acknowledged that a shortage of health care workers and a growing need for health care knowledge and for

integrative health care exists in the United States and noted that regeneration health care, such as stem cell research, tissue engineering, and induced regeneration, while important, received disproportionate amounts of attention compared to chronic illness and disease prevention.

She said that in order to advance interdisciplinary health, "all health professionals should be educated to deliver patient-centered care as members of interdisciplinary teams, emphasizing evidence-based practice, quality improvement approaches, and informatics."

Welcoming remarks were made by GVSU's Dean of Kirkhof School of Nursing, Phyllis Gendler and GVSU's Dean of College of Health Professions Jane Toot. Glenn Davis, dean of Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine, and Dr. Kent Bottles, professor of Health Professions and Vice Provost for health at GVSU, as well as president and CEO of Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Professions also spoke.

Following the keynote address, the conference dispersed into small group meetings, and ended in a collaboration of thoughts and ideas regarding Health Care by attendees.

Shavers is the co-director of the UIC National Center of Excellence in Women's Health Research Core, president of the Academy of Nursing. She was the recipient of the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Midwest Nursing Research Society.

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Patrons of the 26th Annual "Festival Polski" dance to music provided as part of the festivities.

Calder Plaza hosts Polish fest

MARTY SLAGTER
Grand Valley State

Grand Rapids' Calder Plaza was the place to be for a taste of Polish culture at the 26th annual "Festival Polski," co-sponsored by The Polish Heritage Society and the city of Grand Rapids.

The festival, held from August 27-29, showcased many different aspects of the Polish Heritage including music, history and food.

"One of the major goals of the festival is to expose the average person to the Polish heritage," festival co-chairman George Rosinski said. "The festival is an excellent event that showcases what Polish culture is all about."

One of the main attractions of "Festival Polski" was the music, which was played continuously throughout the weekend. A variety of different polka music and song and dance ensembles from

throughout the state were showcased on the Calder Plaza's main stage.

"The festival boasts as being the world's largest polka jam session," Rosinski said, referring to the "Polka Jam Finale," held at the conclusion of the weekend's festivities.

"Festival Polski" featured 13 different live polka acts including the Ray Watkowski Family Band, the Stan Mroz Orchestra and accordionist Andy Galas.

"I'm here to entertain the people who come out for the music," Galas said. "The main thing is to just try and keep the people happy and expose them to a variety of different Polish music."

Rosinski also said that Calder Plaza's large wooden dance floor is another popular attraction for those in attendance.

"The wooden dance floor always seems to bring its fair share of people," he said. "A lot

of festivals have dance floors, but this one is notorious for its size, and it invites the people to come out and dance."

While the music was a significant part of the weekend's festivities, the food is also another large aspect of the festival. The festival featured a wide range of Polish food and beverages from six different concession stands throughout the Calder Plaza.

Rosinski said that the Polish take a lot of pride in their food. Food served included kielbasa, polish kabobs, stuffed cabbage rolls and a variety of different beers and wines.

Rosinski said that the variety of attractions at "Festival Polski" culminate to create a great portrayal of the pride of Polish culture.

"Our festival is just like any other heritage festival: the people who come out are here to celebrate the culture and traditions of our rich heritage," Rosinski said.

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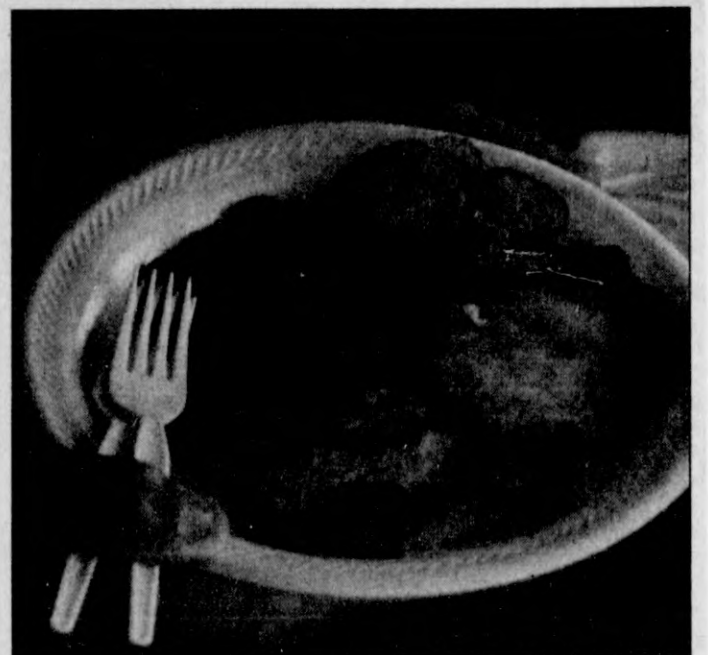
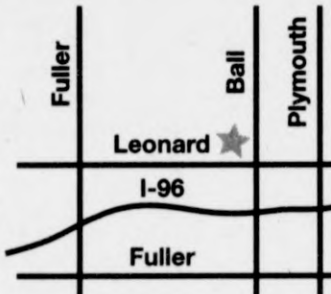
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Armed attackers take over Russian school

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BESLAN, Russia - Attackers wrapped in suicide-bomb belts raided a school in a region bordering Chechnya, seizing up to 400 hostages including scores of students welcoming the new school year and threatening to kill captives or blow up the building if it was stormed by encircling Russian troops.

Authorities said at least two people were killed in the latest assault in a country the defense minister said has been challenged by a declaration of terrorist war. The ITAR-Tass news agency put the death toll at eight.

Camouflage-clad troops carrying heavy-caliber machine guns scrambled into positions around Middle School No. 1 in the North Ossetian town of Beslan. About 1,000 people, mostly parents, crowded outside police cordons demanding information and accusing the government of failing to protect their children.

One girl lay wounded on the grounds near the school, but emergency workers could not approach because the area was coming under fire, said regional

Situations Minister Boris Dzhogoyev. In a tense standoff, the militants placed a sniper on an upper floor of the building, and throughout the day the Russian media reported sporadic gunfire and the sound of explosions coming from the building.

The hostage-taking came less than 24 hours after a suicide bomber detonated her explosives outside a Moscow subway station, killing at least nine people, and just over a week after near simultaneous explosions caused two Russian planes to crash, killing all 90 people on board.

The string of attacks, widely suspected to be the work of separatist Chechen rebels or their

sympathizers, come as a blow to President Vladimir Putin, who pledged five years ago to crush the rebels but instead has seen the insurgents increasingly strike civilian targets beyond Chechnya's borders with deadly effect.

"In essence, war has been declared on us, where the enemy is unseen and there is no front," Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said to reporters before the hostage-taking put the nation even more on edge.

Putin for the second time in a week interrupted his working holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi and returned to Moscow to deal with the unfolding crisis, which officials said killed at least two people, one of them a parent who resisted an attacker.

ITAR-Tass, citing local hospitals, said one person died at the scene and seven in hospitals. Regional Emergency Situations

Minister Boris Dzhogoyev put the death toll at four, and Interfax cited a health official as also saying four people were killed, but the emergencies ministry later said the toll was two.

Two bodies were visible outside the school, Dzhogoyev said.

The school seizure began after a ceremony marking the first day of Russia's school year, a big event in which students, often accompanied by parents, arrive at school carrying bouquets of flowers for their new teacher. The school covers grades 1-11, but Dzhogoyev said that most of the children taken hostage were under 14 years old.

The attackers — men and women — drove up in a covered truck of the type often used for troop transport. Gunfire broke out after the raid and at least three teachers and two police were wounded, said Alexei Polyansky, a police spokesman for southern Russia. Regional emergency officials said 11 men and two women suffered gunshot wounds.

Most of the hostages were

herded into the school gym, but others — primarily children — were ordered to stand at the windows, he said. The attackers warned they would blow up the building if the police tried to storm it. Polyansky said most of the attackers were wearing suicide belts.

At least 12 children and one adult managed to escape after hiding in the building's boiler room during the raid, said Ruslan Ayamov, spokesman for North Ossetia's Interior Ministry. Media reports suggested that as many as 50 children managed to flee in the chaos of the raid.

"I was standing near the gates, music was playing when I saw three armed people running with guns, at first I thought it was a joke, when they fired in the air and we fled," a teenage witness, Zarubek Tsumartov, said on Russian television.

At one point, television networks showed footage of a girl in a floral print dress and a red bow in her hair running around a corner apparently after fleeing from the school, her hand held by a flak-jacketed soldier, followed by an older woman.

Hours after the seizure, a security official said authorities had established contact with the hostage-takers. The official said on NTV television that negotiations "are just, just beginning" and that brief contact had not allowed authorities to evaluate the situation in the school.

Earlier, the school attackers demanded talks with regional officials and a well-known pediatrician, Leonid Roshal, who aided hostages during the deadly seizure of a Moscow theater in 2002, Polyansky said.

The hostage-takers also demanded the release of fighters detained over a series of attacks on police facilities in neighboring Ingushetia in June, ITAR-Tass reported, citing regional officials. Those well-coordinated raids killed more than 90 people.

Kazbek Dzantiyev, head of the region's Interior Ministry, said the hostage-takers threatened that "for every destroyed fighter, they will kill 50 children and for every injured fighter — 20 (children)," ITAR-Tass reported.

Parents of the seized children recorded a videocassette appeal to



Ossetian women try to get news about their children, as they stand not far from the school seized by attackers in Beslan, North Ossetia, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004. Attackers wearing suicide-bomb belts seized a Russian school in a region bordering Chechnya on Wednesday, taking hostage about 400 people, half of them children, and threatening to blow up the building. At least two people were killed, one of them a parent who resisted an attacker.

President Vladimir Putin to fulfill the terrorists' demands, said Fatima Khabolova, a spokeswoman for the regional parliament. The text of the appeal was not immediately available.

"We pray to God that this may end without bloodshed," said Marina Dzhibilova, whose two sons were inside the school. She was very distraught and had to be supported by her sisters.

The attack was the latest in a string of violence that has tormented Russians and plagued the government of Putin, who came to power in 2000 vowing to crush the Chechen rebels.

Terrorism fears in Russia have risen markedly following the plane crashes and the suicide bombing outside a Moscow subway station Tuesday night. The blast by a female attacker tore through a busy area between the station and a department store, killing at least nine people and wounding dozens of others.

Authorities said Tuesday that 10 people were killed in Moscow, but Interfax reported Wednesday

that Moscow health officials revised the toll to nine, saying one man who died in a hospital was not a victim of the blast.

Russia called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council, which scheduled consultations for later Wednesday on the school seizure and other issues.

A militant Muslim web site published a statement claiming responsibility for the Moscow bombing on behalf of the "Islambouli Brigades," a group that also claimed responsibility for the airliner crashes. The statements could not immediately be verified.

The statement said Tuesday's bombing was a blow against Putin, "who slaughtered Muslims time and again." Putin has refused to negotiate with rebels in predominantly Muslim Chechnya who have fought Russian forces for most of the past decade, saying they must be wiped out.

Several female suicide bombers allegedly connected with the rebels have caused carnage in

Moscow and other Russian cities in a series of attacks in recent years.

Many of the bombers are believed to be so-called "black widows," who have lost husbands or male relatives in the fighting that has gripped Chechnya for most of the past decade. Investigators of the plane crashes are seeking information about two Chechen women believed to have been aboard — one on each plane.

The latest violence also appeared timed to last Sunday's presidential election in Chechnya, a Kremlin-backed vote aimed at undermining support for rebels by establishing a modicum of civil order in the war-shattered republic. The previous Chechen president, Akhmad Kadyrov, was killed in a bombing on May 9.

In 1995, Chechen rebels led by Basayev seized a hospital in the southern Russian city of Budyonnovsk, taking some 2,000 people hostage. The six-day standoff ended with a fierce Russian police assault. Some 100 people died in the incident.

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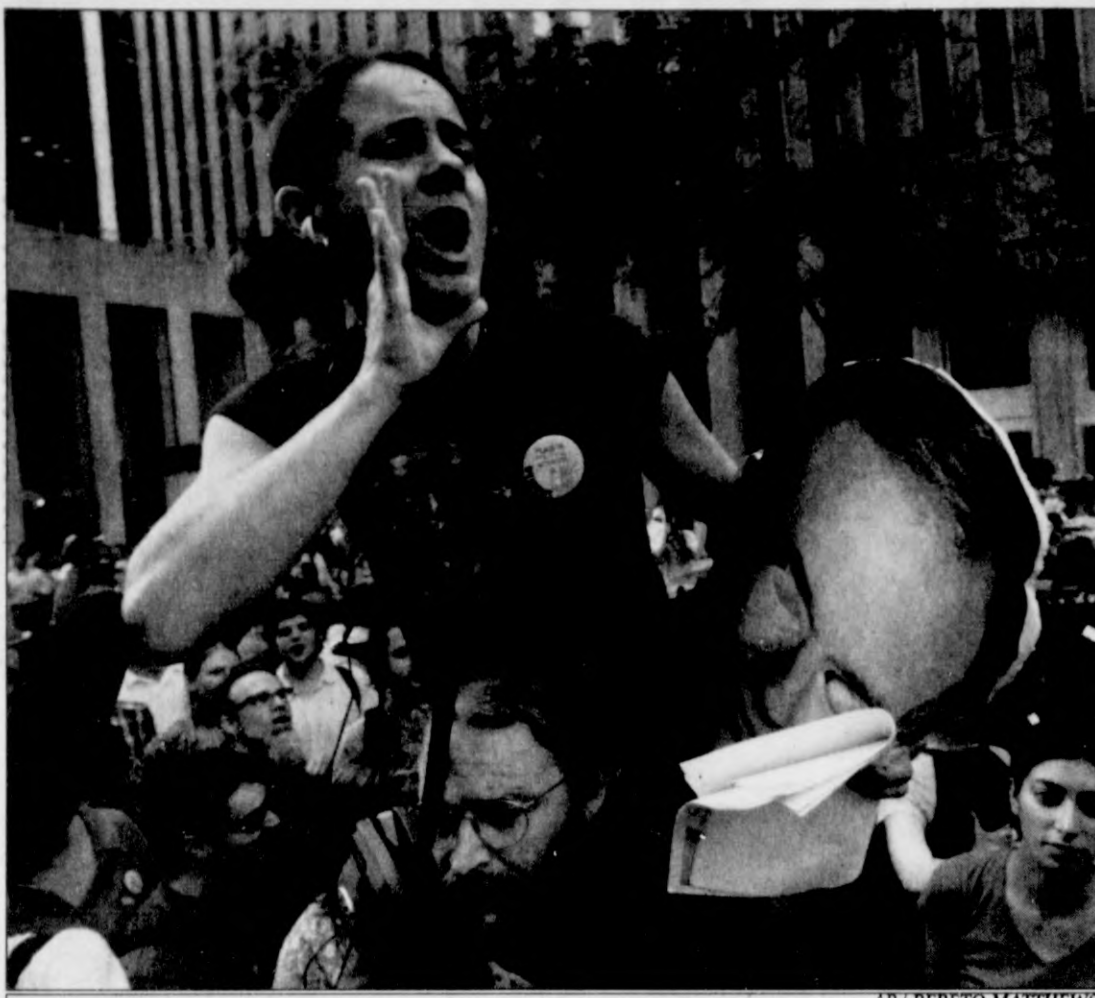
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Andrea Buffa sits on the shoulders of a supporter as she leads protesters in an anti-Fox News chant outside the station's headquarters in New York, Tuesday Aug. 31, 2004. Demonstrators shouted "Fox news lies" and carried cut-outs of various Fox news personalities, including Bill O'Reilly, center, and Sean Hannity, right. Buffa is an organizer with Code Pink, an anti-President Bush group which organized the protest.

Some exemptions, filing dates change for system to better collect other taxes

■ **Items being taxed will change to unify states' tax codes.**

AMY F. BAILEY
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. — As part of a multi-state effort to better collect sales and use tax on Internet and catalogue purchases, Michigan had to make a number of changes to its tax code to bring itself in line with other states.

The changes mean some things that had been tax free will have the 6 percent sales tax beginning Sept. 1, including some prescription drugs and contact lenses. Other items, such as deli trays, will no longer be taxed.

The due dates for payments of sales, use and withholding taxes also will be affected by the changes. They will be due on the 20th of each month instead of the 15th beginning with the payment due next month.

Despite the number of changes, a few members of the state Treasury's tax policy team said average taxpayers won't be affected immediately.

"We believe the overall impact of this is minimal," said Dale Vettel of Treasury's tax policy division.

Stephen Hilker, director of Treasury's Customer Service Center, said people who do a lot of their shopping online or through mail-order catalogues may find that they're being charged sales or use tax by retailers that had not asked for it previously.

The changes make Michigan's tax code more compatible with other states in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project. The goal is to have similar exemptions and definitions across the country to encourage companies to voluntarily collect and remit taxes owed to participating states.

Under the new changes in Michigan's tax code, deli trays no longer will be taxed because the definition of prepared food had to be changed to conform to other states.

That change is expected to cost the state about \$11 million in tax, the biggest piece in the overall \$18.3 million price tag for the changes, Vettel said.

But that's much less than the \$256.8 million the state expects to lose in the upcoming fiscal year without changing its

tax code to make it more attractive for businesses to collect and remit Michigan's sales and use taxes, treasury officials say.

The newly written tax code exempts drugs that are only available legally with a prescription. Over-the-counter drugs, such as aspirin, will continue to be taxed.

Some nursing home residents currently aren't paying tax on their medicine even if it's available without prescription because a recent court decision said a log of drugs given to patients, even those over-the-counter medicines, is a prescription. It's unclear how many nursing home residents will be affected by this week's change, Treasury officials said.

Also beginning Wednesday, all contact lenses will be taxable. Now, people who need to wear contacts because of a physical limitation or disease don't have to pay the tax.

The number of people paying tax on Internet and catalogue purchases has continued to increase in recent years. But only 64,000, or a fraction of the state's taxpayers, are paying the tax they owe on remote sales, according to the Department of Treasury.

Dozens more arrests, but no violence as protesters hit the streets to speak out against Republicans

SARA KUGLER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Police wrapped demonstrators and an entire midtown Manhattan block in orange netting Tuesday to control anti-GOP protests, arresting more than 270 people across the city as activists massed in the streets for a march to the site of the Republican convention.

Outside the New York Public Library, in the streets near the famed Herald Square and at the site of the fallen World Trade Center, demonstrators pointed themselves toward Madison Square Garden and promised to get their message across that they want President Bush out of office.

"People are trying to question the policies of a corrupt government. They take to the streets and don't ask permission," said protester Gan Golan, 30, a graduate student from Boston.

Organizers expected thousands of protesters as the march unfolded through the evening, but there were no immediate reports of violence.

On the library's stone steps, hundreds of protesters gathered for the march. Verbal confrontations erupted as police moved them away from the library's front door and wrapped the block in orange netting, and about 75 people were taken into custody.

The protests occurred as Manhattan began to resemble a crazy-quilt of barriers, heavily armed police and street-corner activists. More than 800 people have been arrested in convention-related protest activity since late last week, but the demonstrations have been largely peaceful.

Officers also encircled scores of demonstrators with orange netting during a protest near Ground Zero. Detained protesters were loaded onto an off-duty city bus near Ground Zero, and police put the count at about 200. The demonstrators insisted they were following police orders.

An Associated Press photographer was detained briefly in the cordon before being released; a photo messenger working with the photographer was arrested and taken into custody.

Outside the Fox News Channel studios in midtown Manhattan, police in riot gear used barricades to contain around 1,000 demonstrators staging a "shut-up-athon" to denounce what they called the network's right-wing slant. One woman held up a sign that read: "Republicans are really stupid. They watch Fox News and believe it." Police said there were no arrests.

Police also announced the arrest of a 21-year-old Yale student after he entered a restricted area near Vice

President Dick Cheney's booth at the convention Monday night, coming within 10 feet of him and shouting anti-war and anti-Bush statements. Cheney was never in any danger, and no weapon was found on the man, authorities said.

Outside the midtown hotel where Texas delegates are staying, about two dozen protesters, depicting employees of "Hallibacon," grunted through plastic pig snouts Tuesday and wallowed in stacks of fake \$100 bills bearing the images of Bush and Cheney.

The protesters accused Cheney and Halliburton, the company he once led, of profiting from the war in Iraq and its aftermath. They chanted: "We love money. We love war. We love Cheney even more."

Across the street from the Manhattan state Supreme Court building, a young man clad in black and wearing a Palestinian-style checkered scarf climbed a tree and was immediately ordered down by police.

As he descended, an officer grabbed his arm and pulled him away. The young man stood his ground, holding up his other hand and saying nothing. Other protesters rushed toward the police, shouting "Let him go!" The young man was hustled off.

Associated Press reporters Erin McClam, Suzanne Gamboa, Tom Hays, Richard Pyle and Michael Weissenstein contributed to this report.

State parks in Holland, Grand Haven to wireless under MiWiFi program

■ **Park-goers can now utilize the Internet outdoors**

AP Wire Service

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. — With Labor Day weekend beach getaways on the horizon, visitors to a pair of state parks who feel the need to stay connected now have another option: WiFi Internet access.

SBC Communications Inc. and the state this week are unveiling MiWiFi, a program to provide wireless Internet hotspots at some Michigan parks, docks and rest areas.

Grand Haven State Park and Holland State Park are the first with the service. "I think it's just one more service we can provide," Pat Whalen, unit supervisor at Grand Haven State Park, told The Grand Rapids Press. "It really is at no cost to the park here. We don't have to maintain the system."

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PAT WHALEN
Unit Supervisor
Grand Haven State Park

By October, MiWiFi will be available under a pilot project at Ludington State Park, Mackinac Island state dock, a rest area in Clarkston and welcome centers in New Buffalo and Coldwater. In April, the service will be available at Charles Mears State Park in Pentwater, Sterling State Park in Monroe and the East Tawas dock.

MiWiFi will bring SBC's FreedomLink WiFi service to the areas.

Internet access through FreedomLink is available for \$7.95 for a 24-hour session or \$19.95 a month, with a one-year commitment.

Under MiWiFi, SBC will provide free access to the state government's main Web site. Free access to the state's Web site for tourism, job and economic development information will be available

later this year. The spread of WiFi, short for wireless fidelity, to other state areas will depend on how well it is received at pilot locations.

WiFi already was available in one of the parks. Some visitors to Grand Haven State Park already have been able to use wireless service provided by a citywide system installed by Ottawa Wireless Inc., Whalen said.

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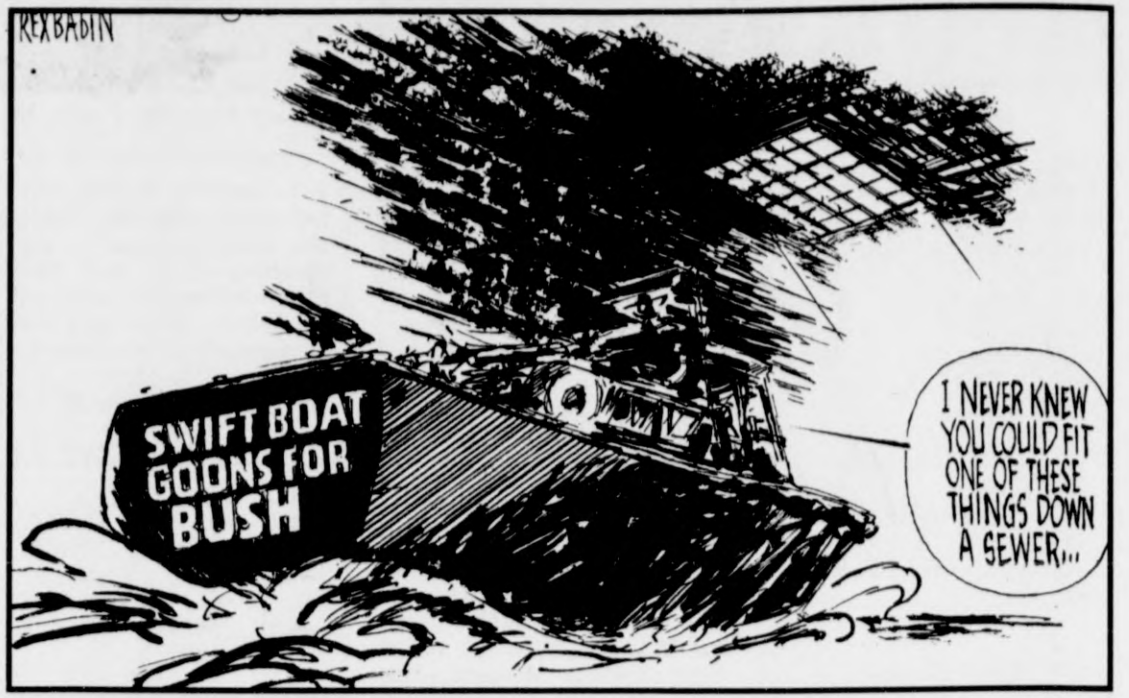
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 - 7:30 p.m. — Van Andel — Tim McGraw
 - 10:00 p.m. — FREE MOVIE: PCU at Kirkhof Center
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- 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. — Entries due for intramural: 4 on 4 Sand Volleyball, Softball, and Tennis Singles in the field house
 - 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Catholic Student Mass in the Cook-DeWitt Auditorium
 - 5:00 p.m. — Last Day to Add, Pay, or Register for a class
 - 5:00 p.m. — FREE MOVIE: PCU at the Kirkhof Center
 - 6:30 p.m. — Orbit Room - Breaking Benjamin - \$2.94
 - 10:00 p.m. — FREE MOVIE: PCU at the Kirkhof Center
- Saturday Sept. 4, 2004**
- 12:00 p.m. — Men's Club Soccer vs. Central Michigan University. Fieldhouse- Outdoor Fields/Courts
 - 5:00 p.m. — FREE MOVIE: PCU at Kirkoff Center
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- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Catholic Student Mass
 - 5:00 p.m. — FREE MOVIE: Men of Honor at Kirkoff Center
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- 12:00 a.m. — Labor Day! No Classes
 - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. — Campus Ministry 8th Annual Canoe Trip. Meet at Kirkoff.
 - 5:00 p.m. — FREE MOVIE: Men of Honor at Kirkoff Center
 - 10:00 p.m. — FREE MOVIE: Men of Honor at Kirkoff Center
- Tuesday Sept. 7, 2004**
- 12:00 a.m. — Labor Day! No Classes
- Wednesday Sept. 8, 2004**
- 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Intramural Flag Football and Intramural Soccer at FH Recreation Center
 - 5:00 p.m. — Men's Club Soccer vs. Muskegon Community College at FH-outdoor Fields/Courts
 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. — GVSU Women's Rugby Club — practice at Intramural fields next to Laker Village
 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. — Hockey Club try-outs at Football Field Lubbers Stadium
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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Sept. 13, 1916, children's author Roald Dahl is born in South Wales. Dahl wrote his first book, "The Gremlins," for Walt Disney in 1943, and later penned the best-selling "James and the Giant Peach." Dahl also wrote the screenplays for "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and a James Bond film, "You Only Live Twice."

• On Sept. 17, 1934, 18-year-old actress Olivia de Havilland makes her stage debut in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Hollywood Bowl. De Havilland, who would go on to win several Oscars, is best remembered for her role as Melanie in "Gone With the

Wind."

• On Sept. 15, 1940, the Battle of Britain reaches its climax when the Royal Air Force downs 56 invading German aircraft in two dogfights lasting less than an hour. The costly raid convinced the German high command that the Luftwaffe could not achieve air supremacy over Britain.

• On Sept. 19, 1959, during a visit to Los Angeles, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns that he cannot visit Disneyland. Government authorities feared that the crowds would pose a safety hazard for the premier.

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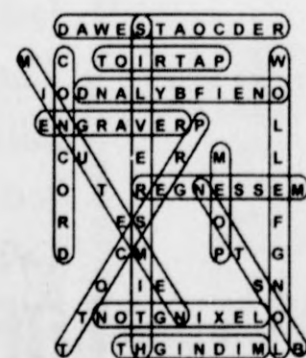
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4. Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Sanaa Lathan, Lance Henriksen
5. Open Water (R) Blanchard Ryan, Daniel Travis
6. Collateral (R) Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx
7. The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Matt Damon, Franka Potente
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Volleyball gets 'set' for season

MICHELLE HENTHORNE
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Strong showings in the elite eight national championship bracket four years in a row can make a program very strong. It also sets the bar for standards, as it will be this tradition that rests in the hands of the No. 10 ranked Grand Valley State University volleyball team players to be passed on and upheld.

"Once you set a bar and standards, where the program has been, you can't lower that," said head coach Deanne Scanlon.

But Scanlon said keeping the bar high is not a problem.

"It's always a natural process," she said. "Every year we graduate top players, and one thing we ask of our older players in the program is to pass on those things to younger players that made them successful. And our younger players have had good people to follow and to set an example."

The coaching staff said their team members have begun to find their new roles within the team and are stepping into new responsibilities. Seven of the players paid for private training over the summer to enhance

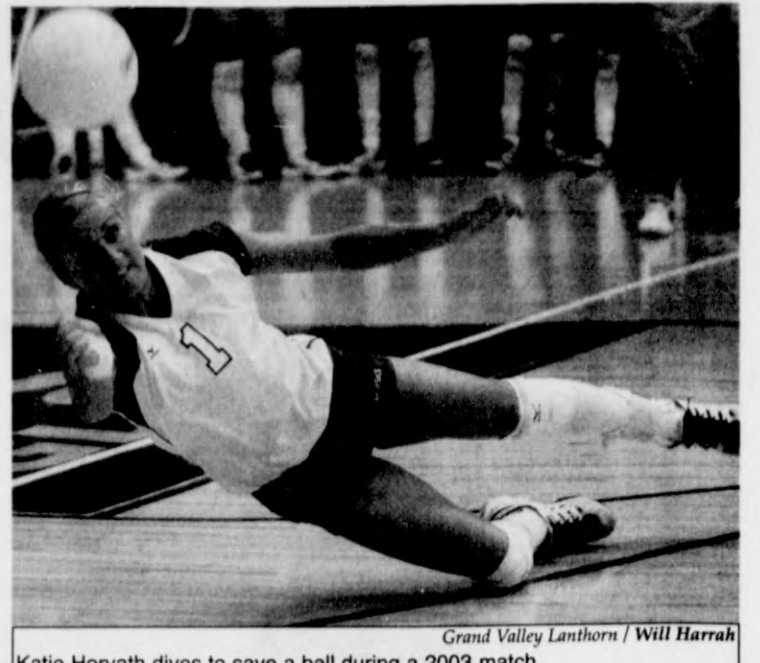
their game and it's going to be those examples that the new recruits must follow.

"You have to have a foundation of the program and we've created a family type environment and that will never change here," Scanlon said. "We have to recruit kids who are willing to be a part of that environment. But we're not a cookie cutter type production. We've done a very good job of changing things up based on different personalities and different strengths and weaknesses that change every year, but it's expected for people to come in and know what their

roles are."

When practice began on August 9, there were six new faces in the crowd. Danielle Alexander, a middle blocker from Newport, Mich., Jamie Ashmore, a setter from LaPorte Ind., Michele Ehrlich, a setter who transferred from Kishwaukee Community College, Cortney Lokker, an outside hitter from Holland Mich., Chelsey Meyers, an outside hitter from Carleton, Mich., and Tina Tromblay, an outside hitter who transferred

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Grand Valley Lanthorn / Will Harrah
Katie Horvath dives to save a ball during a 2003 match.

Soccer team aims high this season



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Will Harrah
GVSU's Rachel Bondy blocks the defender and protects the ball as she leads the offensive attack.

AMANDA WHITE
Grand Valley Lanthorn

The success tasted by the Grand Valley State University women's soccer team in 2003 has left them hungry for even greater portions this year.

The No. 10 ranked Lakers are coming off their best season ever in 2003. The Lakers posted a 17-2-2 overall record and a 6-0-2 mark in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference on the way to their first ever appearance in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Great Lakes Regional Tournament. This new-found success has fueled the team to push for even more ambitious goals.

"There is only one way to go now," said head coach David DiIanni. "We have set the bar high and expect a lot from ourselves and each other."

GVSU strives toward three main goals this season. The team first looks to win the GLIAC championship, an honor they lost to Ashland University by half of a point last year. Second, the team looks to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. Both of these goals lead to their highest yet, to win the national championship.

"We are looking to win the GLIAC before anything," said junior defender Rachel Bondy. "Last year we looked ahead too far and it cost us. We can't let that happen again."

The Lakers won't have an easy road to this title, though. The likes of Ashland, Ferris State University and Mercyhurst all pose major threats to the Lakers.

"We have a very strong regional schedule this year," DiIanni said. "There is a new challenge every single time we step on the field."

The team is aware of the challenges they will face in 2004 and are ready to take them on. Each girl has trained individually this summer for a packet that DiIanni prepared for them. Some play occasionally in pick-up games or in leagues throughout the state, but preparedness is an

individual responsibility for all team members. GVSU's success in 2003 and optimism for the upcoming season rest on DiIanni's emphases on teamwork and the girls' unified front, both on and off the field.

"We all get along really well," Bondy said. "We know everything about each other, what we're capable of and anything personal going on in our lives. We are very close, like a big family."

There are sixteen members returning to the family this season, including four 2003 All-GLIAC team members, junior forward Mirela Tutundzic (First team All-GLIAC and Second team All-American), sophomore midfielder Shannon Carrier (Second team), junior forward Jen Swalek (Second team) and Bondy (Second team).

"All sixteen of our returners are very important," DiIanni said. "They all gained invaluable experience in the NCAA tournament last year."

Although a great deal of experience returns to the field this year complemented by a talented batch of newcomers, the Lakers will be playing without six graduated seniors, including goalkeeper Melissa Henson and defender Abby Gienapp, both First team All-GLIAC in 2003.

"It's always a big deal when you lose seniors," DiIanni said. "You lose experience and leadership. Although we are more talented this year, we are less experienced."

Much of the Lakers' improvements and continuing success can be attributed to second year coach, DiIanni.

"He is very organized and also demanding," Bondy said. "He knows what we are capable of and pushes us to be the best."

This fierce Laker army, led by DiIanni will be a potentially indestructible force this season as they make a run for the GLIAC and ultimately the national title.

Promising season waits on the horizon for tennis

ADAM PARKS
Grand Valley Lanthorn

The Grand Valley State University men's and women's tennis teams are ready to begin their respective seasons and head coach John Black anticipates great things from both of them.

The women's team finished with an overall record 13-12 last season and advanced to regionals. The Lakers graduated Nikki Fairchild, Kim VanSprange and Laura Sukup last year, which leaves three major spots in Black's lineup.

"It will be very difficult to replace Kim, Nikki and Laura," Black said. "Each made many major contributions to the team and will be sorely missed. All three were incredible doubles players and that is the area where the freshmen will have to step up the most."

Black signed on three freshmen about whom he is extremely excited and who he believes will boost the team.

Jenna Killips of Luddington, Emily Zellner of Midland and Arcelia Gomez from San Luis Potosi, Mexico will be the newest Lakers to take the courts this fall.

A First-team, all-state honoree, Killips put up 84 wins and 21 losses during her career at Luddington High School. Zellner, another First-team, all-state selection, offers a wealth of tournament experience from competing in the Wightman Cup over the past four years.

Gomez comes to GVSU as the only internationally recruited player and has been ranked in the top 30 in Mexico.

"All three recruits will have the opportunity to start as freshmen," Black said. "Each has extensive tournament experience and will make a major impact on our team."

The Lakers' No. 1 player, senior Marie Cameron who battled at first singles and doubles last season, returns along with Junior Alison Koopsen.

Seniors Natalie Pallett and

Zanobia Syed along with sophomore Aubrey Lehrmann round out the squad and will compete with the newcomers for positions.

Competition in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference could be even more difficult for the Lakers this year as GVSU graduated the most players in the conference. Black, however, remains optimistic his team can be a strong competitor this season.

"I feel that if the freshmen can adjust to the college game we will again be competing for a spot near the top of the conference as well as for a bid to nationals," Black said. "Everyone's been working hard in the off-season and are excited for another successful year."

The Lakers men's team ended last season with a close loss in the GLIAC championships.

With a 15-10 overall record, the men's team has high expectations, as their entire starting roster return for another season.

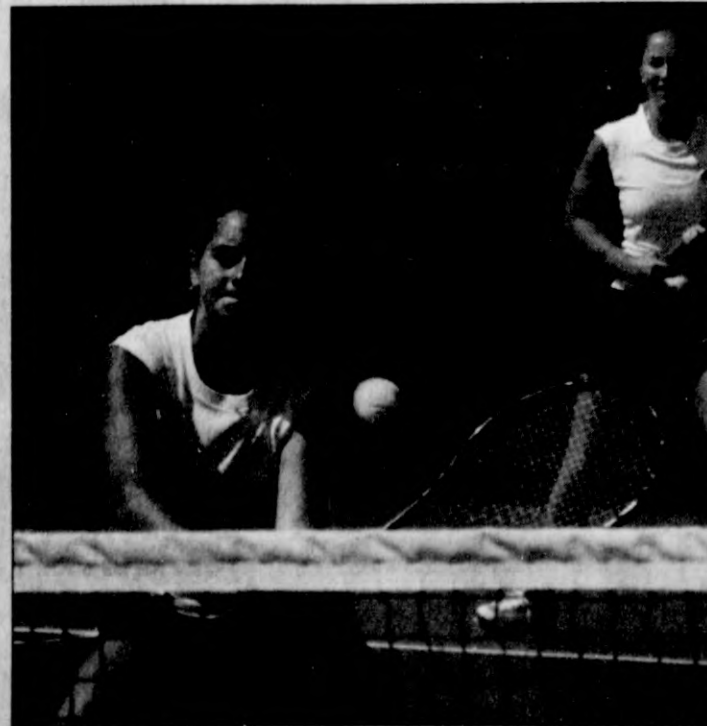
"This year the men's team has set their sights on achieving the first ever national bid for men's tennis at GVSU," Black said. "Last year we were extremely close and finished with a regional ranking for the first time."

That lineup includes three players who earned all-conference honors last season. Kyle Klinge was named to the second team, while Kyle Dehne, and Pete Schwallier were honorable mentions.

The remaining starters include junior Nirun Raju, sophomore Adam Sandusky and sophomore Justin Sauerbrey.

The lineup is still quite young and with the signing of two new players over the summer, Black adds more youth, size and strength to his lineup.

Scott Gregory was a Second team all-state selection from



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Freshman tennis player Emily Zellner returns the ball as senior teammate Marie Cameron looks on during a match against Grand Rapids Community College.

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September means preseason softball

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The Grand Valley State University softball team will get its first action of the 2004-05 year as the preseason schedule is set to begin in September.

The Lakers will start their four-weekend set on the road against Central Michigan University. Next, they head to Chicago for a weekend tournament where they play Illinois State, Northern Illinois, Northwestern and DePaul universities. GVSU then travels to Northwood University before they end their tune-up in Allendale against the University of Detroit-Mercy.

"We are looking forward to these games even though they don't count against our record," said GVSU head coach Doug Woods. "It will be a good test for us. We play good Division I teams in the fall because we won't get a chance to face them during the regular season in the spring."

The Lakers return 16 players who finished with an overall mark of 36-8 last season, which included a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and a trip to the Regional tournament. GVSU also added to their roster in the off-season by signing on five freshmen.

Woods said the objective of preseason is to evaluate the team and the incoming freshman.

"Preseason helps us determine who will get significant playing time and at what position," Woods said. "It also allows us to take a look at the incoming freshman to see where they are at with their games."

With the departure of seniors and players who are recovering from injuries, Woods added that there are some battles at different positions for playing time.

"Our first base, second base, third base, left field and pitching positions are open," Woods said.

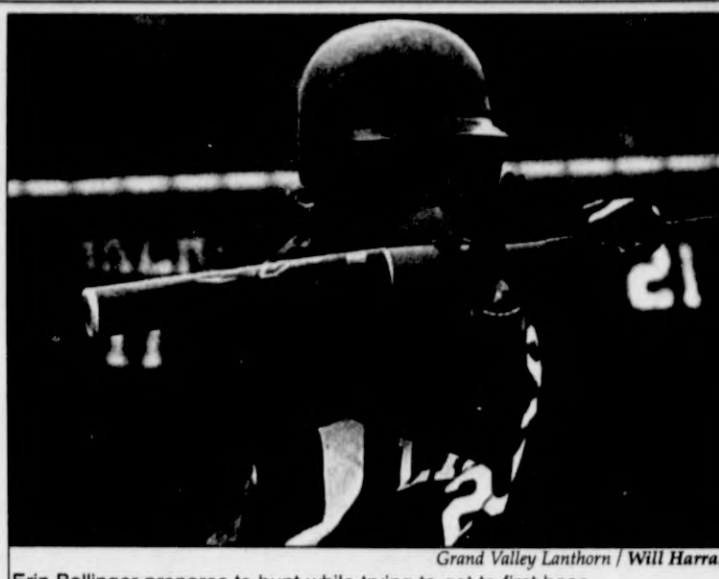
Even though there is room for more pitchers in the rotation, Woods said he has a solid pitching unit despite the loss of All-American Jennifer Mackson. The Lakers have three arms

they can throw at their opponents. Kristin Jenner went 17-2 with a 1.74 ERA last season and Allison Crews contributed a 2-1 record with a 2.14 ERA, while incoming freshmen Stephanie Cole should see significant action.

"Our pitching is the key for our team," Woods said. "If we pitch well, we have a chance to win a lot of ball games."

The Lakers will open their regular season in February. The team has high expectations after a season in which they won the GLIAC and advanced to regional play.

"We have a young team this year," Woods said. "Hopefully we can be healthy, and progress throughout the season."



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Will Harrah
Erin Ballinger prepares to bunt while trying to get to first base.

Swimmers hope to make waves

AMIT SHETH

Grand Valley Lanthorn

With third place finishes for both the Grand Valley State University women and men swims team in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference a season ago, the Lakers are poised to regroup and take the No.1 overall spot in the conference.

The women's squad returns their core group of swimmers from a year ago, which include Mackenzie Mikulenas, Kelly VanDyke, Bridget Higgs, Brittany Youngquist, Jennifer Hillson, Raelyn Prelewitz, Kelly Anguilm, Katie Northouse, Jamie Bowman and Mandy Burton.

"We have a lot of experience returning to the team," said GVSU head coach Dewey Newsome. "We have a great group with two All-Americans Kelly VanDyke and Rachelle Terpstra, to build the foundation around and to qualify for nationals."

The Lakers will also welcome 42 freshmen to the team. However, Newsome says there are four swimmers who should contribute immediately.

"We have four strong freshmen in EB Phillips, Megan Hahler, Mary Kuhner and Rebecca

Somson," Newsome said. "All of them will be key additions to the team."

GVSU hopes to improve on the season they had a year ago. However, to do so, Newsome says the team must work hard in practice.

"It's a long season," he said. "If we're focused, I know we're better than a third-place team in the conference. We need to be better than that this season. We also should send several swimmers to nationals to compete."

As the ladies prepare for their season, the men's team is doing the same.

The team also returns a majority of veteran swimmers. Ben Raap, Dan Kimble, Will Metz, Rob Parker, Ross Perry, Tony Stumpo, Corey Thomas, Keith Trampler, Justin Vasquez, Ryan Whitsitt and Justin Yavor will look to carry the Lakers.

"We are thin in a few spots," Newsome said. "We have a young team, but should send several swimmers to nationals."

GVSU has four freshmen coming in this season to help lift the Lakers past a third place finish in the conference. Klye Barrons, Jake Hayes, Chris Conner and Joel Oberway all should make an impact this year.



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Pete Motury
Grand Valley's Ashley Barth swims in the Women's 200-Individual Medley in a meet against Calvin College.

"We have strong freshmen," Newsome said. "They all will help out in their individual swims and the overall team."

With a solid group of upperclassmen and promising freshman and sophomores, the goals are set high for a talented squad, Newsome said. But he also says that in order to reach their potential this season, they must be prepared for hard work.

"We have to improve on our

third place finish in the conference," he said. "That is our goal. I know we're better than third place. It's just not acceptable."

Both the men's and women's teams are set to begin the 2004 season Saturday, Oct. 16, at the annual Blue and White Intrasquad Meet. The regular season begins at home Saturday, Oct. 23, as GVSU welcomes Calvin and Albion College for GVSU Relays.

GVSU cross country hopes history repeats itself again

JAYSON BUSSA

Grand Valley Lanthorn

The Grand Valley State University cross country teams have set the bar high for themselves with their past success.

For a half a decade now, both men's and women's teams have found themselves as a fixture at the top of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The women's team has reached the Division II national tournament four out of the last five seasons, while the men's team has reached it the past two years.

Last year, the women's team posted a finish of third place in the national tournament. The men finished in 14th place nationally. Now the Lakers look to continue their traditional success in 2004.

"We really focus on simply getting our student athletes to reach their potential and become the best they can as students, athletes and people," head coach Jerry Baltes said. "As long as we work hard and do the best we can at everything we do, the results will take care of themselves."

For the past two years, Baltes has been honored with the Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year award in both men's and women's cross country.

However, his teams' consistent success takes a lot of hard work from himself and runners alike. "The one area that we

continually focus on is staying on top of all the 'little things,'" Baltes said. "That is getting rest, eating well, staying up on studies, stretching well, icing and lifting."

Last year eight Lakers were recognized for their ability to balance their dedication to the team and their performance inside the classroom. Three men and five women were awarded a place on the NCAA Division II Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team.

The teams welcome back a slew of runners who played pivotal roles last year in both the regular season and the national tournament.

The women have bid farewell to three of their talented runners but have solid foundation in returning Kara Egan, Megan Doerr, and Adrian Chouinard, who all ran in last year's national championship. Natalie Ewing, Great Lakes Regional Runner of the Year in 2003 also returns.

The men's team ran a younger squad last year and now welcomes back many pivotal runners. Blake Terhune, who led the Lakers in last year's nationals returns with Jeff Vyain, Casey Abston, David Harvey, Chris Pabst, Jason Prowant, and Mark Terpstra.

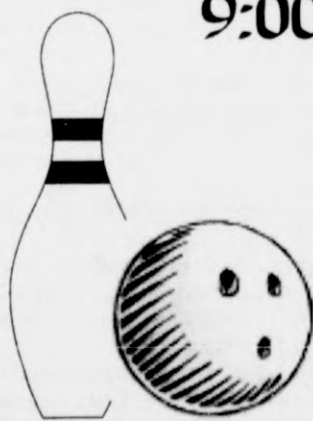
"The men are the most talented group of kids we have ever had at GVSU," Baltes said. "But most importantly is the group's commitment to getting better."

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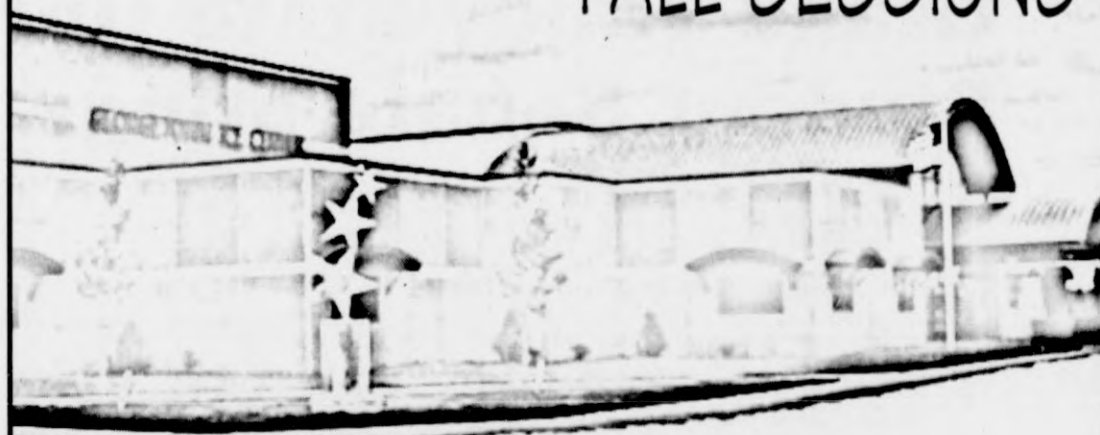
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Team Wally World celebrates their softball intramural championship. Courtesy of GVSU.edu

Intramural program gains popularity

AMANDA WHITE
Grand Valley Lanthorn

The Grand Valley State University varsity athletes won't be the only people stepping onto the courts and fields this fall. All GVSU students, faculty and staff are eligible to participate in the intramural sports program, a program that has been gaining popularity in the GVSU community.

"We had 2,500 students participate last year, with a large number of those overlapping in more than one sport," said Bob Gildersleeve, associate director of Wellness Recreation Services. "That was up 10 percent from the previous year."

One reason intramural sports have been gaining popularity is the wide variety of sports available. They range from the higher impact sports like basketball, rowing and flag football, to the more leisurely sports such as bowling and golf.

There is an activity for every liking, with men's, women's and co-recreational leagues. Many sports even offer leagues of different competition level.

"We try to get as many students aware and involved as we can," Gildersleeve said. "We know how important rec sports are in student development. They increase emotional well-being, happiness and self-confidence while decreasing stress. We acknowledge the strong correlation between mind and body."

"The intramural program is formatted with the students' needs in mind," Gildersleeve said. "A small participation fee is required, but the university subsidizes most of the bill."

"Everything costs money to run," Gildersleeve said. "Some of our sports are offered free-of-charge and we make the rest as easy and affordable as possible."

While some of the money is spent to maintain courts and fields as well as for awards, much of it directly benefits the students by employing them as referees and supervisors.

"We put money right back in the students' pockets and give them great experience in refing their peers," Gildersleeve said. "We also support the student referees with our new Officials Club on campus and by offering them awards and training."

Another attraction for students are the T-shirts given to the champions in each sport. The Student Advisory Council has worked hard to come up with the best designs for these awards you can wear.

"T-shirts replaced trophies all around the country in the 1970's," Gildersleeve said. "They provide a sense of pride as a display of accomplishments and promote the program at the same time. They are also very practical, as most college students live in T-shirts."

For more information about how to get involved and for a complete listing of sports, rules and deadlines, go to www.GVSU.edu/wellness/intramurals.

GVSU Women's Basketball ready for fall season

MICHELLE HENTHORNE
Grand Valley Lanthorn

There will be fresh, familiar faces and eagerness on the bench of the 2004-2005 Grand Valley State University women's basketball team as they strive to build a stronger program in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"We're in the building stages," said head coach Dawn Plitzuweit.

"We have great people in the program and if they work hard they'll build themselves into great players."

With the addition of seven new players to this year's roster, after graduating only one last season, the coaching staff said they are on the right path to creating a program that best represents Grand Valley athletics.

"We believe we've added some size and athleticism and some scoring punch," Plitzuweit said. "And we're encouraged by that."

With six freshman recruits, coaches look to bring in young players to complement the upperclassman. The Lakers gained one transfer player, junior Niki Reams,

from the University of Michigan. Plitzuweit says Reams is a fundamentally sound player who will contribute to the team on both ends of the court.

"She's a talented player and a phenomenal person," Plitzuweit said. "We're excited to have her."

Returning from a season that finished with an overall record of 11-15 and 8-10 in the GLIAC are

Taushauna Churchwell, Erika Ryskamp, Megan Razavi and Julia Braseth, who was second in scoring with an average of 12.3 points and 6.6 rebounds a game. Janine Guastella also returns as a threat on both ends of the court. Last season she averaged 5.8 points, 3.0 rebounds, 2.2 assists and led the team in steals with 1.8 a game. Diana Voikos and Dawn Maynard will look to contribute, while Jaida Bourke, who sat out last season due to injury, will also look to step on the court and be a factor.

"In order to be very good we have to do two things," Plitzuweit said. "We have to have a solid defensive unit and

"We believe we've added some size and athleticism and some scoring punch. And we're encouraged by that."

Dawn Plitzuweit
Women's basketball coach



GVSU's point guard Taushauna Churchwell sets the offensive play. Grand Valley Lanthorn / File Photo

we have to be good on the glass."

Plitzuweit said that however successful the team is on paper, statistics rate second to how consistently the team can play at a high level.

"We talk to our players all the time about being their best," Plitzuweit said. "And it's all about being our best as a team. Those things will take care of themselves."

GVSU will hit the hardwood as they open their season Nov. 16, when they welcome Calvin College to the Fieldhouse arena. The Lakers will then host the GVSU tip-off classic tournament against St. Cloud State and North Dakota before travelling to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. GVSU opens with six of their first seven games in Allendale.

Laker basketball ready to begin era under Wesley

■ Players look to new coaches on bench for leadership in upcoming season

ADAM PARKS
Grand Valley Lanthorn

When the Grand Valley State University men's basketball team runs onto the court at the Fieldhouse Arena this fall, the team not only begins a new season, but also ushers in a new era of Laker basketball.

With a new coaching staff and two energizing freshman recruits, the Lakers have a fresh look and strive to improve upon last season's 14-13 record.

The team's catalyst, head

coach Ric Wesley, enters his first-year at GVSU after leaving his associate-coaching job at Southwest Missouri State University.

"I've had a great interest in being involved with Grand Valley for quite some time," Wesley said. "The athletic program here is really top-notch. I have been very fortunate in my career to work with some excellent coaches. I've been given multiple responsibilities, which have prepared me for every situation on and off the court."

The Lakers also have two new assistant coaches this season. Burt Paddock and GVSU graduate, Jason Larson join Wesley on the bench.

Together, the new coaching staff will guide a young Laker squad and will see their core group of players returning

from a season ago. With the team's top four scorers returning, Wesley said he expects similar offensive output from last season.

Leading scorer, senior forward Marcus Wallace, averaged 16.9 points and led the team with 145 rebounds and 39 steals throughout the season.

Junior guard Courtney James started all 27 games, was second in scoring average with 12.4 and led the Lakers in assists with 4.4 per game.

Also returning are sophomore guard and forward Mike Hall, who averaged 11.3 points and led the team in field-goal percentage and senior forward Eric Chess, who led the team in rebounding and averaged 10.9 points.

Joining the Lakers' attack and strengthening the bench are two talented freshmen guards, Pete Trammell from Jenison and Jason Jamerson from Muncie, Ind.

With these signings, Wesley added youth and depth to the team.

"Both Trammell and Jamerson are great kids who have a lot of character," Wesley said. "Each had tremendous high school careers and I am excited to have them join the program."

As captain of the Jenison Wildcats, Trammell averaged 21.0 points, 9.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals, and 2.0 blocks during his senior season and directed

his team to a regional title. With three Indiana All-State honors under his belt, Jamerson is the only current Laker to have been recruited from outside of Michigan.

A standout at Burriss High School, he helped his team to a 72-20 record over his four-year career and was named the East Central Indiana High School Player of the Year, while posting double-double numbers (24.8 points and 11.2 rebounds) in his senior season.

The Lakers won only six games at home last season and Wesley said he wants to see increased consistency this year to steer his team toward more victories.

"I want my team to be stronger, tougher, and more competitive to get it done when the road gets rocky," he said. "The guys have to learn from and build on last year's experience and recognize their shortcomings and acquire that winning attitude."

To say that Wesley is fired up to be the new member of the Lakers family would be an

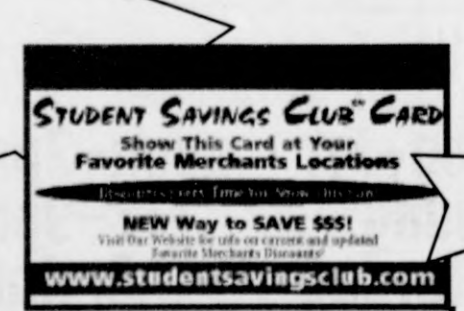
understatement. He invites everybody at GVSU to come enjoy and support the team this season.

"Come watch us," he said. "This is your team and we need your help. We can really respond to and feed off the positive energy, the energy that makes it more exciting for the team and the fans."

"I want my team to be stronger, tougher and more competitive."

Ric Wesley
Men's basketball coach

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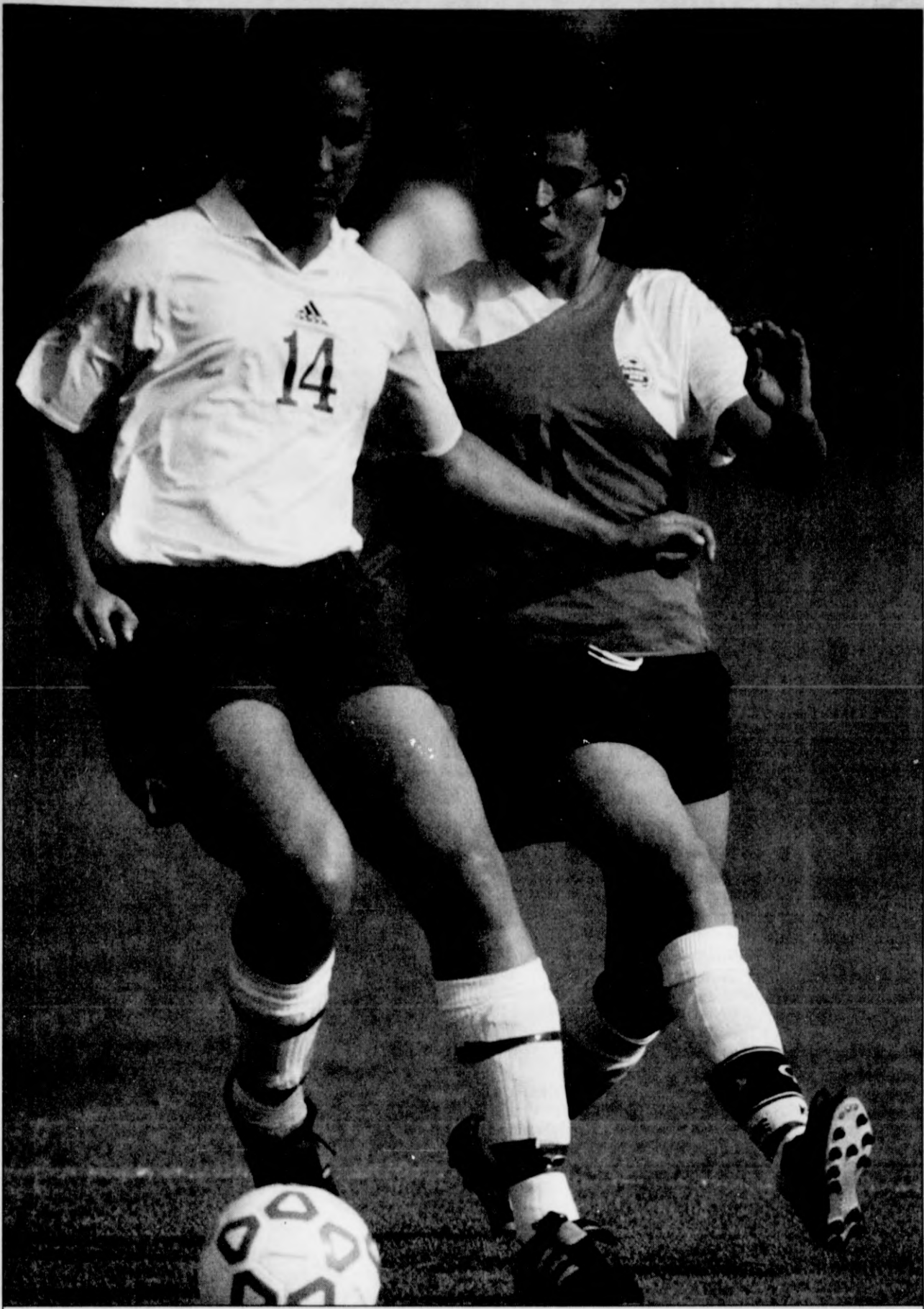
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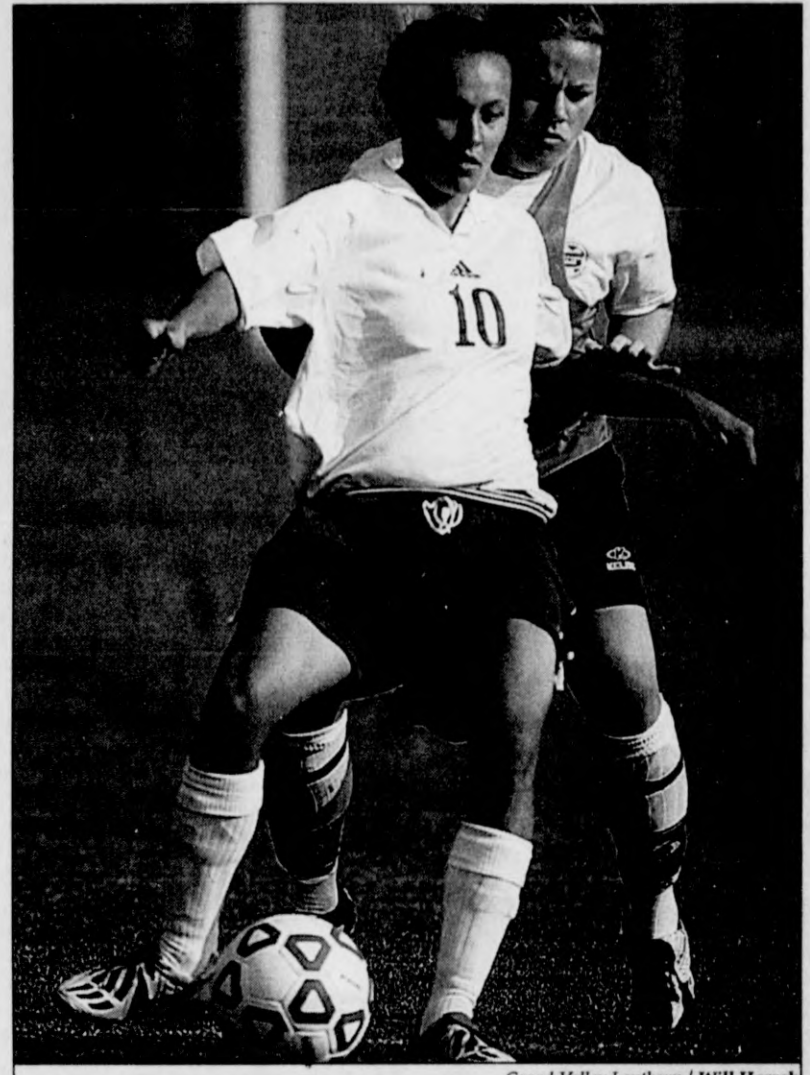
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Grand Valley Junior, Jenny Swalec, looks for a shot from her forward position.

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Grand Valley junior Mirela Tutundzic dribbles past her defender in a recent exhibition game.

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back of Clinton Portis's caliber, you have some problems. I know Denver has had three 1,000-yard rushers over the past three years, but to trade a 1,591-yard Portis for a corner in Champ Bailey is ludicrous. Cornerbacks come and go, but young, explosive running backs are a rare commodity in the NFL. Along with Portis, the Broncos passing game took a hit in the off-season with the departures of Shannon Sharpe and Ed McCaffrey, which will hurt the maturing process of quarterback Jake Plummer.

2. St. Louis Rams. Their days of being called "The greatest show on turf" are over. Playmakers Marshall Faulk and Isaac Bruce are a year older and a step slower, and the offensive line is banged up with the loss of Kyle Turley. Despite receiver Torry Holt, the Rams do not have the speed they possessed in 2000 when they won the Super Bowl and therefore will struggle all year finding their identity on the field. Quarterback Marc Bulger will have added pressure this season as he looks to prove the doubters wrong about him being the man in St. Louis instead of former league MVP Kurt Warner.

3. New Orleans Saints. Every year it's the same talk about the Saints. They have a wealth of talent in quarterback Aaron Brooks, receiver Joe Horn and tailback Duce Macalister. But for some reason, they seem to fade out of the playoff picture in December after a promising first-half of the season. And expect the same this year, especially with division opponents such as Carolina, Atlanta and Tampa Bay.

NFL Contenders and Pretenders

At the start of every NFL season there are teams that are considered contenders and pretenders for the Super Bowl. Here are three contenders and three pretenders that may surprise a lot of teams this season by their disappointing or overachieving play.

CONTENDERS

1. Seattle Seahawks. The Seahawks have a lethal offensive attack with all-pro running back Shaun Alexander's 1,435 yards and 14 touchdowns leading the way. To complement him, is the most underrated quarterback in the league, Matt Hasselbeck, who passed for 3,841 yards including 26 touchdowns a season ago. The biggest hurdle this season will be their ability to win games in hostile environments. Last year, they were a dismal 2-8 on the road. If the Hawk's can go five hundred away from home, expect them to be in the NFC championship game.

2. Buffalo Bills. After last season's underachieving 6-10 record, the Bills have upgraded on offense with the emergence of second-year running back Willis McGahee. A backfield of McGahee and 1,356-yard

rusher Travis Henry along with quarterback Drew Bledsoe and receiver Eric Moulds, the Bills have the ability to put up monster numbers. Buffalo also has a stingy defense, which allowed a staggering 100 rushing yards a game. Despite the Patriots, the Bills only contender in the AFC East is the Jets, which makes them a respectable contender for a playoff wild card.

3. Baltimore Ravens. Anytime you have Ray Lewis anchoring the leagues fourth ranked defensive unit, you have a shot to not only make the playoffs, but to win the Super Bowl. Running back Jamal Lewis gained 2,098 yards last season, while breaking the all-time record for the most rushing yards in a single game with 295. Expect the same from him, as the Ravens will look to grind out victories. Second-year quarterback Kyle Boller should also excel as a pocket passer with tight end Todd Heap and the addition of receiver Kevin Johnson. The Ravens have a solid nucleus to win the Super Bowl as they did in 2001.

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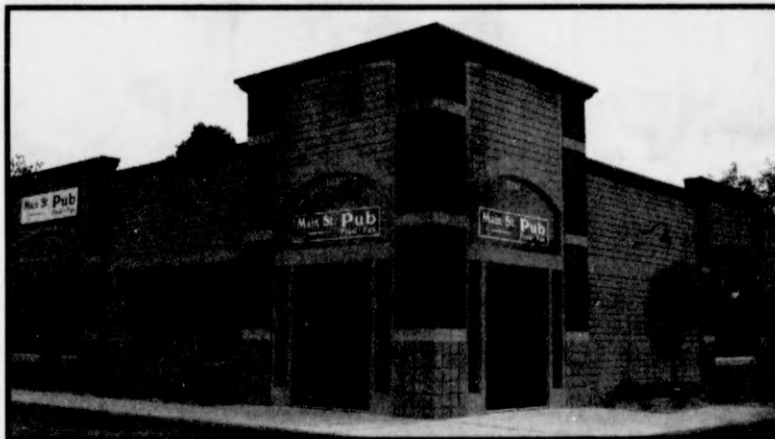
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Golf ready to swing away

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The Grand Valley State University women's golf team is set to begin its 2004-05 season with high expectations.

The Lakers are coming off an impressive year, which earned them a sixth place finish at nationals.

Fifth-year head coach and last seasons Coach of the Year award recipient Lori Stinson says her team will have a chance to head back to nationals and compete for a championship.

"We have a strong nucleus coming back to the team," Stinson said. "We also have more veterans on the team, which gives us extra leadership and experience."

The Lakers have three seniors and six juniors including an All-American candidate to give them a formidable shot at a title. Senior, Melissa Sneller will look to lead the Lakers this season. Last year, she was named the 2004 Women's Golf Athlete of the Year in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"Melissa is an unbelievable player," Stinson said. "She's one of the hardest workers on the team."

Another Laker that will be back for her junior year is First-team All-GLIAC Kristi Vienneau.

"Kristi has played solid for us," Stinson said. "She brings a lot of spark to the team. She is always filled with energy and I am very pleased with her performance."

GVSU also has a highly touted freshman who will make the team even better says Stinson. Michelle Boogaard, who is from

"We have a talented team. We have a positive outlook on this year. We expect to be very competitive."

JACOB HAMILTON
GVSU Men's Golfer

West Michigan, comes to Grand Valley with a lot of golf experience and a game that should help the Lakers win.

"Michelle comes from a golf family," Stinson said. "She has played a lot of quality golf. We expect big things from her."

So with the core group of

players returning from last season, which included Shannon Briggs, Cindi Earle, Danielle Lambert, Laura Leatherman, Katie MacDonald, Melissa Riegle, Roxanne Saladin, Rachel Sinner, Enid Gage and with the addition of Boogaard, the Lakers have a squad that will contend for a conference championship and a spot at nationals.

"Taking care of fundamentals and details will be important," Stinson said. "We have a solid schedule and if we play well we should break some school records and have a shot for the conference championship."

As the ladies prepare for their season, the men's team is doing the same with hopes of advancing beyond regionals.

Last year, GVSU men's golf team lost in regional action, which brought their season to an end. This year, however, the expectations and goals are higher.

"We have a talented team," said GVSU's Jacob Hamilton. "We have a positive outlook this year. We expect to be very competitive."

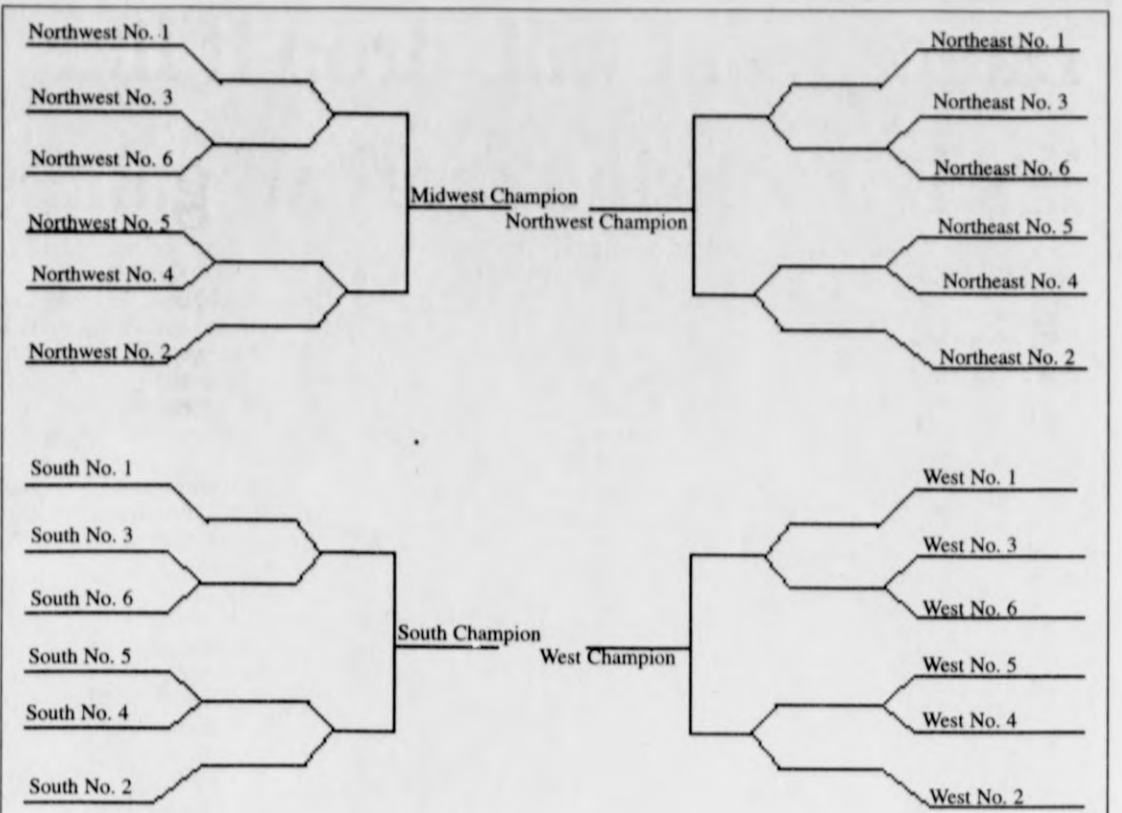
Despite the loss of senior, All-GLIAC, Male Golf Athlete of the Year, Kevin Krammer, the Lakers have their core group of players returning from last year's team.

Hamilton, who earned Second team All-GLIAC will be back and along side him is junior, Kyle Murphy, who was an All-GLIAC honorable mention. To complement Hamilton and Murphy, the Lakers are relying on Bill Schmidt and the freshman to have a solid year.

"The upperclassmen need to step-up this season," Hamilton said. "We know what to expect because we've played in a lot of tournaments and know what the competition is like. The underclassmen must play well too. They are very talented and will help out a lot."

The Lakers have many goals they wish to accomplish this season and Hamilton says in order for them to be met, the team must stay consistent all season.

"If we come together at the right time we have a good chance to make it to nationals," he said. "We expect to come out of our region. We are very young, talented and ready to get the No.1 bid for the postseason."



The Division II playoffs brackets have been expanded from 16 to 24 teams with the top two teams from each region receiving a first round bye. The Midwest champion meets the Northeast champion while the South meets the West.

Road to Alabama gets harder for GLIAC teams

RICH MCGOWAN
Grand Valley Lanthorn

With Saginaw Valley State University's stunning loss last weekend many Grand Valley State University fans may already be booking hotel reservations in Florence Ala, for a fourth straight year.

Though the Lakers are almost a shoo-in for the playoffs this season a return trip to Alabama is nowhere near as assured due to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference moving into the Midwest Region from the Northeast.

The move comes along with an expansion of the Division II playoff format from 16 to 24 teams. Previously the top four teams would represent the region in the playoffs, now each region will be sending six teams to the postseason, with

the No. 1 and No. 2 teams receiving a first round bye.

While the expansion of 24 teams means that unless a titanic collapse take place the Lakers will be playing in the postseason, the shift to the Midwest means the Lakers could be playing more difficult teams on the road to four straight title game appearances. The GLIAC was moved out west to make the four regions more balanced numerically.

The move is being met by mixed reviews.

"The region that we're going to has some very quality football teams and that's challenging," said Ferris State University coach Jeff Pierce. "If you want to be the last guy standing, whether it's the first round or the third round you're going to have to play them."

When the decision was announced a year ago to

expand the playoffs in 2004, then GVSU head coach Brian Kelly voiced his displeasure with the ruling.

Kelly said the idea to move the GLIAC west was being pushed by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, whose teams were routinely losing to GLIAC teams, more specifically, Michigan teams, GVSU, SVSU and Northwood, in the playoffs.

Now GVSU will have to face, traditionally, stronger teams earlier in the playoffs.

While that news may be upsetting to some GVSU fans, GVSU senior running back Michael Tennessee says the playoffs are too far away to be thinking about.

"We don't worry about that, in the playoffs you're going to play good teams anyway, we just take it game by game," Tennessee said.

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Former GVSU coach inducted into Hall

Known for big offenses and turning around programs, Beck enters College Hall of fame.

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As hard as it may be for some Grand Valley State University students to believe, there was a time when the Laker football wasn't very good. Actually, they stunk.

There was a time when the team we now know as back-to-back National Champions had lost 14 straight games.

The Lakers turned the entire program around with the hiring of Tom Beck in 1985. After his first year in Allendale Beck had made GVSU a 6-5 team and when Beck left after six years to become an assistant coach at Notre Dame he had compiled a 50-18 record. The Lakers also won two conference titles and made two playoff appearances. In his last season at GVSU, in 1989, the Lakers had their first undefeated regular season going 10-0.

Last month Beck was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame.

"It's a great honor I'm very, very appreciative," Beck said. "I guess those people that make those selections thought my career and background was worthy enough to be in there, and it's a great honor."

Beck's impact is still felt on GVSU today. He hired former head coach Brian Kelly and former assistant coach Jeff Quinn, both of whom recently moved on to coach Division I Central Michigan.

"I'm glad I had the opportunity to bring in Jeff Quinn and Brian Kelly and when I left they did even better, but I feel like I played a part, to some extent, in their success also," Beck said.

It was also Beck who established the Lakers' high-powered offensive attacks.

Though former San Francisco 49er head coach Bill Walsh is credited with the invention of the West Coast Offense, using running backs and tight ends as receivers, the West Coast Offense is what Beck had been running for years.

Beck said that his motivation was making football something that all of his players and coaches would carry with them forever.

"I wanted not just to win football games and do well offensively, but I wanted it to be a meaningful experience for the players and the assistant coaches and everybody involved," Beck said.

Prior to his stay at GVSU Beck already established himself as a man that can turn around losing programs.

Division III's Illinois Benedictine had suffered 18 consecutive losing seasons. After five years under Beck the Eagles were 37-12-1 and had twice been ranked in the nation's top ten.

Beck then set his sight on Elmhurst who had seen two winning years in the last 23. Beck went 50-22, won two conference crowns and was ranked in the top 15 five times.

Overall Beck was 137-52-1 for his career.

Beck said that any university needs certain things to be successful, and GVSU had those things in abundance.

"First you have to have leadership and [former GVSU] President Lubbers afforded that, you have to have really good facilities or it's going to be tough to compete and Grand Valley had good academic programs and then you have to have bright personalities to lead a program," Beck said.

While the on-field success has been nice for Beck he takes the most joy in having enriched the lives of those he's known.

"I just wanted it to be a good experience and I wanted to add to the positive aspect of somebody's life, and if I can do that I've accomplished something."

Courtesy of sports information
Former GVSU head football coach Tom Beck has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. His GVSU record was 50-18 in six years.

Dance team will 'drop it like it's hot' during football games

■ **Despite a constant fight for funds Laker Dance Team still moving**

RICH MCGOWAN
Grand Valley Lanthorn

This season, like seasons past, there will be more than just football being played at Lubbers Stadium. On the sidelines and between halves the Laker Dance Team will be performing for fans at GVSU home games.

In preparation for the year the team hit the road to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Universal Dance Association's College Dance Camp in August.

The team came away with a host of new moves.

"Everyone splits off to a different level and a different discipline of dance," co-captain Ashley Teat said. "Every person learns three different routines and we come home with between 20 and 30 dances. And that's all new material that we can learn

throughout the year."

It is the trip to Wisconsin, which cost the team \$3,000 to go, that serves as the team's major period of instruction for the year.

"We consider that our coaching throughout the year, because we don't have a coach," co-captain Jessica Nowakowski said. "Everything we learn from outside our group comes from that."

The new steps weren't all the team brought home with them. The Laker Dance Team was also awarded the prestigious superior cup.

"It's an honor to get that trophy, we didn't get it a couple years ago but we've really improved since then and we've got it the past four years," Teat said. "We're pretty proud of that."

The Dance Team also will be at every home basketball game. The team also uses the basketball season to gear up for National Dance Alliance's College National Cheer and Dance Championships in Florida in early April.

"We went to the national competition in Daytona Beach this last April for the first time and we fundraised for that and that's about

\$1,000 a girl and we had 12 girls last year," Teat said. "We competed against 20 teams in our division and then we went to the finals, we were ranked fourth in the preliminaries and we got to perform on the big stage on the beach and our final ranking was fourth."

While camps and competitions are how the team measures themselves against other schools, doing so comes at a price — an expensive one.

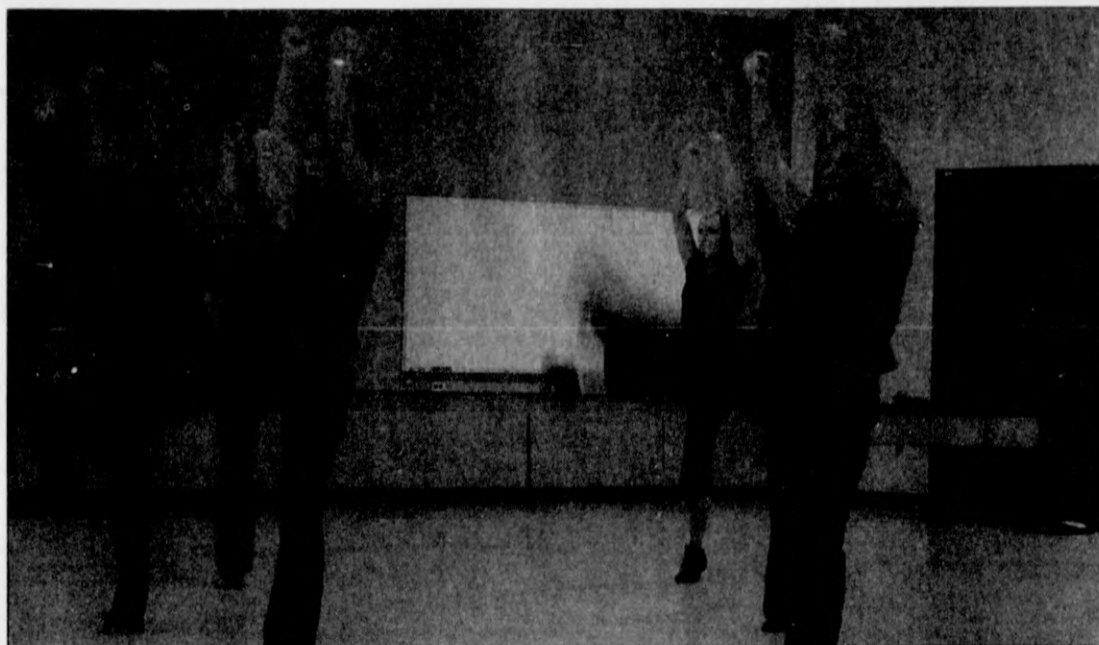
To raise funds for their trips the team organizes a number of events to raise money. One of the most popular events held last year as a spaghetti dinner at BFE sports bar last year.

"We had a spaghetti dinner last year at BFE and that was a lot of fun," Teat said. "They opened it up on a Sunday, the owner donated all the food to us and it was six dollars for drinks and all you can eat."

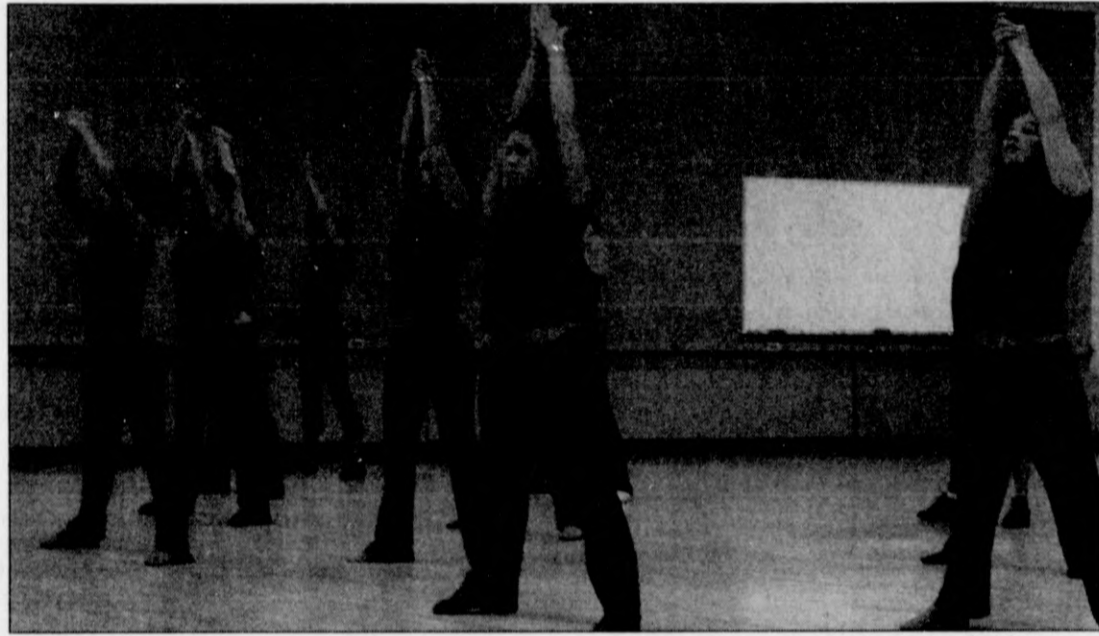
"We did a dance clinic where we had high school and some college kids come in and we teach them different dances, like a smaller version of the UDA camp," Teat said.



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veterans Jenny Selgo, Megan Helsen, Tracy Kirk, Kaitlin Poschke, Kelsey Schuiteman, Erica Vandekopple, Leah Kunz, Stephanie Maciasz, Molly Young, Lauren Hanson, and Alyson Riley.

Coaches expect the team used the summer to condition and they began team practices to prepare for their first tournament at University of North Alabama.

Although they are practicing as a team, the coaches

continue to work with them on a daily basis to better their individual games by having them fill out a personal goal sheet.

The team meets to go over their daily practice plan and one or two things they want to work on from their goal sheets. At the end of practice they evaluate whether or not they met their goals for the day, who helped them meet their goals and their work ethic.

"It's a good way of keeping

the communication lines open between the team and the coaches," Scanlon said.

Scanlon said it's too early to set goals for the season, but she said the obvious goal is to win a national championship.

"But you can't go in focusing on that, it's too far away," she said. "We just want to get to post-season play, because at that point, anything can happen."

TENNIS

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Hudsonville and has played first singles and doubles the past two years at Grand Rapids Community College.

The second man added to the roster is freshman Alex Switzer from Trenton, Mich. Switzer posted a school record 100

wins in his high school tenure, capping it off in his senior season with a superb record of 24-4.

Both players are excellent net-players with huge serves, two vital elements to a college-level doubles game, Black

said.

"This year, with the entire starting lineup returning and two very strong incoming players who will make an impact, anything less than our first bid to nationals will be a disappointment," Black said.

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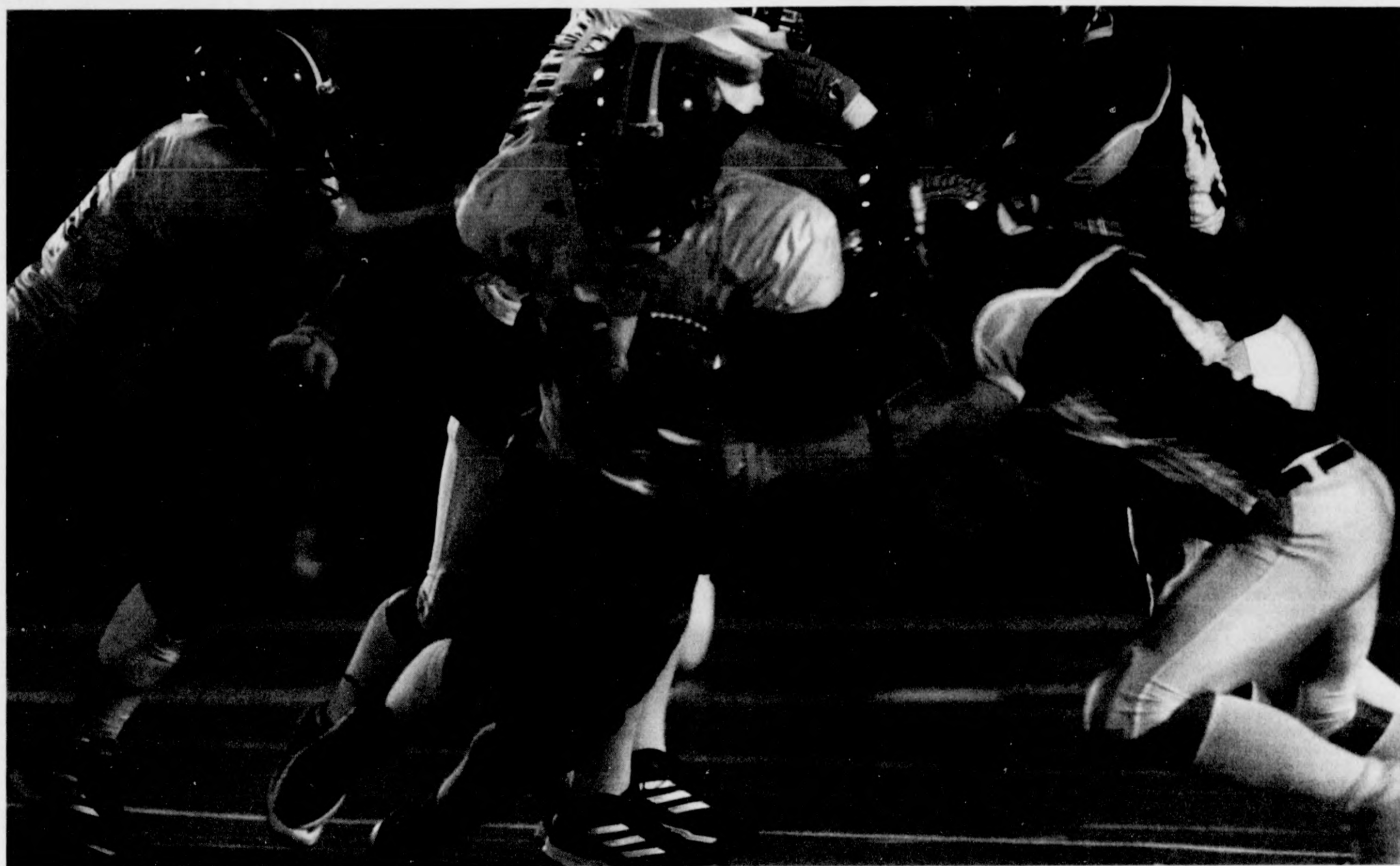
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Off and running

GVSU dominates season opener, led by defense, offensive line



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RICH MCGOWAN
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Grand Valley State University not only took over its season opening football game, but it also took over the Ferris State student cheering section, too.

With GVSU leading on the field at halftime by a 21-0 score and most of the Bulldog cheering section gone, the students from GVSU piled into the home teams' student section and turned the Dawg Pound into Laker Island.

The GVSU defense held FSU scoreless until the final five minutes of the fourth quarter when FSU quarterback Tom Marsan found Carlton Brewster in the end zone. The touchdown was the first touchdown given up by the Laker defense in more than 15 quarters of football

dating back to last season.

The ensuing 2-point conversion failed and the game ended in a 24-6 Laker victory.

"The defensive coordinator came out of me in the second half and we turned it into a pretty boring game," said GVSU head coach Chuck Martin after his first victory at the helm. "I heard a few chants of coach Kelly because we would have scored another 40 in the second half. But I don't mind a nice, boring, second half."

On their first two possessions of the game, however, the Bulldogs marched down the field against the GVSU defense chewing up 96 of their 280 total yards of the game, only to see turnovers end both possessions. A fumble at the GVSU 18-yard line ended the first drive, and another fumble ended the second at the GVSU 47-yard line.

The fumbles would be the beginning of a pattern for FSU, who turned the ball over seven times.

"That's a big thing in that first ball game, ball security," said FSU head coach Jeff Pierce. "If you expect to beat a good football team like Grand Valley you can't do those things"

Senior linebacker Lucius Hawkins came away with two interceptions, returning one 46 yards and deep into Bulldog territory, and senior defensive tackle Keyonta Marshall came up with two fumble recoveries.

As well as the defense played throughout the game, Hawkins said the defense has room for improvement.

"I think we turned it on and off at times," Hawkins said. "You saw it in the red zone, we held them, but we're still adjusting to the coaching style and the

players' style and stuff like that."

The Lakers capitalized early on FSU's miscues. After the first turnover GVSU used 10 plays and 82 yards to send Ryan Hukill into the end zone on a 6-yard run. On their next series freshman receiver Demonte Collins made his first career reception a memorable one, as it was also his first career touchdown.

Midway through the second quarter GVSU quarterback Cullen Finnerty ran in from a yard out to make the game 21-0 going into halftime.

GVSU running back Michael Tennessee ended the game with 159 yards on 39 carries. He also passed former Laker Eric Lynch for fifth all-time career rushing yards in GVSU history (2,872). Tennessee only needs 595 more yards to overtake Reggie Spearmon for first all-time

(3,467).

"That's something I'm not really thinking about right now, what means more to me is winning football games and getting back to another championship," Tennessee said.

Tennessee was also quick to point out that the GVSU offensive line, though young and largely inexperienced, was a major factor in the win over FSU.

"They did an excellent job," Tennessee said. "There's going to be some growing pains, but before the game I told those new players, this is my last year they don't have time to be new players they got to go out there and make big plays, and they did a hell of a job making plays."

"Those guys were unbelievable," said Finnerty who threw for 164 yards while completing 17 of 23 passing

attempts. "Mike Tennessee had about 50 carries it seemed like after the first quarter. We were just pounding the ball all game. The [offensive] line never gave up all game."

The Lakers now lead the all-time series between the two schools 20-12-1 and have won seven of the last eight meetings. The attendance of the crowd, 8,426, was a new modern day record for an FSU home game.

GVSU has won 21 consecutive road games dating back to the 2000 season.

The Lakers hit the road again this weekend and will introduce themselves to first-year Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foe Gannon University. Gannon won its first ever GLIAC game last Thursday defeating Mercyhurst College 43-37 in overtime.

Grand Valley reloads on both sides of the football

■ Mix of youth and veterans make a loaded offense

MICHELLE HENTHORNE
Grand Valley Lanthorn

On the line, in a no huddle offense, all a team has is trust; trust that the person next to you knows where to go and what to do. It is that trust that will either make or break or break the Grand Valley State University's football offensive attack for the 2004 season.

"Our coaches always used to say we're five fingers to a hand," said sophomore wide receiver Eric Fowler.

Last season, the Lakers offense averaged 36.7 points per game. The passing assault racked up 223.7 yards, while the ground game gained 215.9 per game.

But trust does not come from stats alone. It has to be built and nurtured during the off-season and in training camps.

During that time, the players move into dormitory buildings. They turn in their keys and hand themselves over to the coaching staff for a week while they train, condition, learn and grow as a team.

"Camp is essential because it puts everyone new and old in an enclosed environment and everyone can focus solely on football," said wide receiver Brandon Langston. "It's very grueling and a lot of kids drop out. They think football is sugar coated, but when you come out of camp you have camaraderie and trust."

For this season, the faces in camp didn't just belong to the players, but also to first-year head coach, Chuck Martin. Langston says the team is confident that despite the transition from defensive coordinator a season ago, the offense will have a successful year.

"Coach Martin is pretty familiar with the offense," Langston said. "We'll be running the same kind of spread offense, and we have most of the same people coming back, so that's a big help."

One player, who will look to continue his success on the field, is sophomore quarterback Cullen Finnerty. Last season, Finnerty led the Lakers to the national title his first-year under center.

"He, (Finnerty), has one year under his belt, and he's a lot more confident," Fowler said.

Other key attributes fans can count on seeing this year include, but are not limited to running back, Michael Tennessee, offensive lineman Mike Pinter, offensive guard Brian Lydigen, wide receiver Mark Catlin, running back Ryan Hukill, offensive lineman Matt Koss, tight end Jeremy Cochrane, and backup quarterback, who saw sufficient playing time last season, while Finnerty was injured, Jeff Dock.

Also coming on board are two red-shirt freshmen wide receivers, Demonte Collins, and Antione Trent.

"Our offense is like an assembly line, everyone has to do their one small part, and it all contributes something to the finished product," Langston said.

The offense is ready to exemplify the trust they gained in the off-season as they encounter the challenges that lie ahead as the two-time NCAA division II national champions.

"I'm excited for it," Langston said. "Last year the team really relied on the defense and it will be interesting for the offense to take it on its shoulders to be more of a threat this year."

■ Defensive unit ready for the challenge

AMIT SHETH
Grand Valley Lanthorn

You've heard the saying, "Defense wins championships." Well, for the Grand Valley State University football team, that saying is a reality.

The Lakers, who are primed to defend their back-to-back Division II national championships, will have to do so with their defense playing at a high level.

"Our defense is experienced with players who know what it takes to be at the top and to stay at the top," said GVSU Defensive coordinator Matt Pawlowski. "Our defense will have to play up to the level of excellence that Grand Valley football is."

Over the past two title runs, the defense has played consistently, which allowed GVSU to stay in every ball game, especially in the playoffs.

"The defense has been steady over the years," Pawlowski said. "The guys have the right preparation and

attitude. They also trust each other on the field to make plays."

Last year, the Lakers were in the top 20 of every defensive category in the country. GVSU was ranked fourth overall in run defense and allowed a meager 75.5 yards per game on the ground. The Lakers were also ranked sixth in scoring defense with 18 touchdowns and 17th for pass defense as they only surrendered 11 touchdowns through the air. However, the most notable statistic was overall team defense. GVSU ranked eighth allowing an average of 257.4 yards per game.

"The guys know their assignments," Pawlowski said. "They play hard and never take a play off knowing that if they do it could be the one that costs us the ball game."

As for this season, if the Lakers want to accumulate similar numbers as last seasons', players in key positions must fill their roles.

GVSU will rely upon six-foot-two-inch, 300-pound All-American defensive tackle Keyonta Marshall to carry the defense. Along with Marshall, six-foot-one-inch, 220-pound defensive back DeJuane Boone will be featured toe-to-

toe against the opponents' top wide receiver.

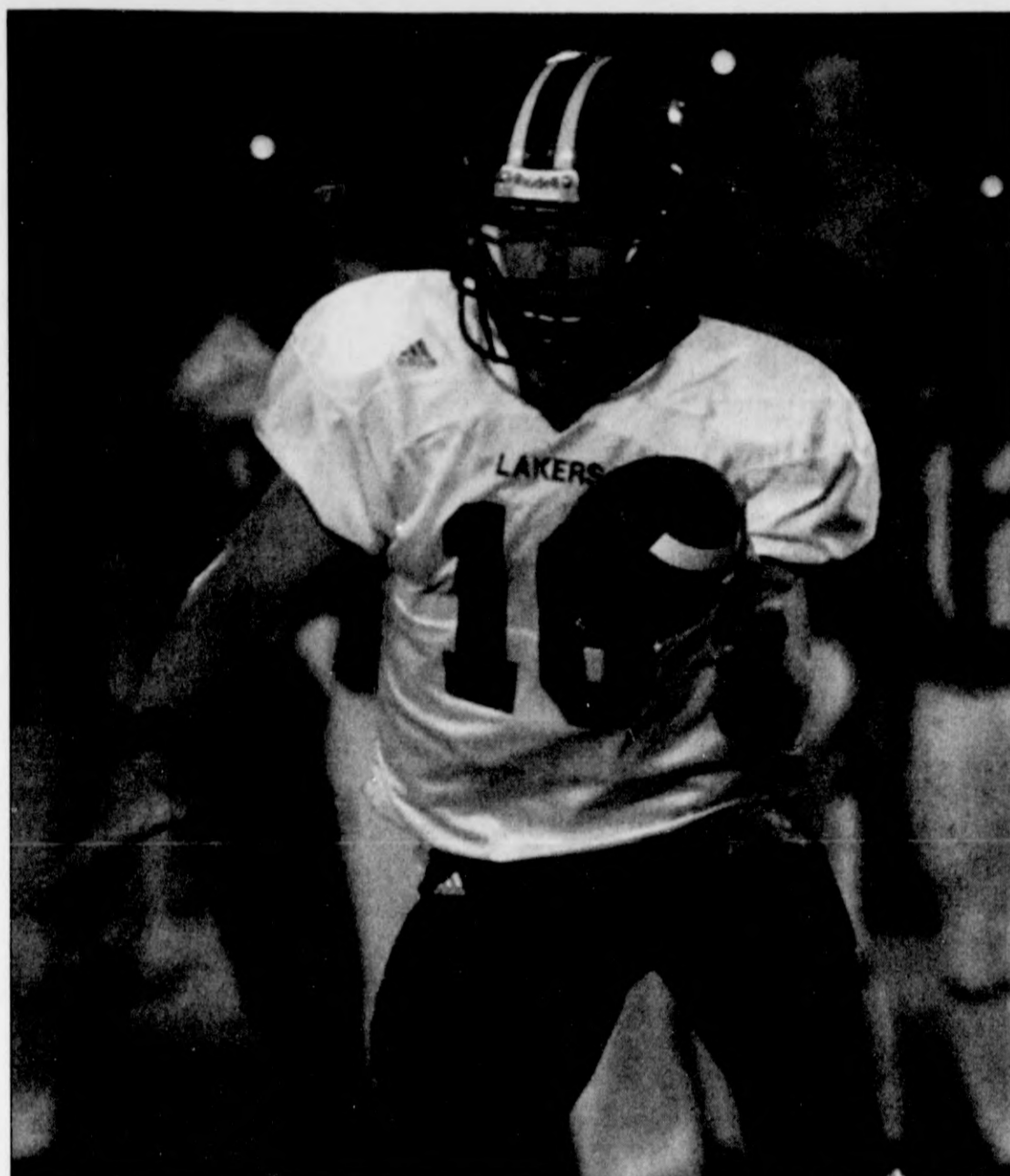
"We look to Keyonta and DeJuane for leadership," Pawlowski said. "They both have made a lot of plays for us over the years and this season we expect the same. We put a lot on their shoulders. They are playmakers."

Other players that will have to contribute all season are senior defensive back Derrick Phillips, senior defensive end Marcus Spencer, senior defensive back Marcel Dillard, senior defensive end Jamel Dillard, senior defensive back Lucius Hawkins and senior corner back Marvis Bryant.

"These guys have a lot of big game experience," Pawlowski said. "They understand what they have to do on a consistent basis."

While the Lakers are geared up to defend their title, Pawlowski knows that every team on their schedule will give them their best shot. And his advice for the guys is to stay focused and work hard to improve every week. He also reminds them that it is a long season.

"I tell them to take one ball game at a time," Pawlowski said. "I also tell them not to look ahead. The goal is to be ready each week."



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Jaslyn Gilbert
GVSU quarterback Cullen Finnerty led the Lakers to a 24-6 victory at Ferris State University. Finnerty completed 17 of 23 pass attempts for 164 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 29 yards and another score.

No looking back

■ **After a great freshman year and a turbulent off-season, Finnerty is ready to play**

RICH MCGOWAN
Grand Valley Lanthorn

One season — one National Championship. That's not a bad percentage. One off-season — one arrest. That is a bad percentage.

It's the former that Grand Valley State University quarterback Cullen Finnerty focuses on and the latter that he wants to get over.

Last December Finnerty led the Lakers to their second straight Division II National Championship in his first season under center.

Finnerty was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference Freshman of the year in 2003. He completed 230 of his 363 pass attempts, throwing for 22 touchdowns and averaging 197.4 yards a game, while throwing only six interceptions.

Finnerty also ran for nine more scores and 822 yards.

In the Lakers championship victory over North Dakota Finnerty was 19-of-29 for 149 yards and ran for 78 more yards.

His heroics, however, were overshadowed less than two months later when he was arrested and charged with misdemeanors of illegal entry and assault and battery. Finnerty pled guilty to the charges.

While Finnerty did not have to lose any playing time, he was sentenced to one year of probation and counseling.

As the season approached GVSU head coach Chuck Martin said he and his team had dealt with the issue and were ready to move on. And while they expected the crowd at rival Ferris State University to be a tough one, they don't expect it to go very far beyond that.

"Everybody takes heat at Ferris," Martin said. "They're going to yell at our starting quarterback no matter what. I really don't think it will go past that. I don't think it'll be an issue this year."

Finnerty agreed, saying before the game, "I don't think it's going to be too big of a deal. I'll be focused on the game."

While crowds at opposing schools may not bother Finnerty he still has to deal with a GVSU student body that is still wondering about that night in January. Finnerty said he was prepared for any backlash from the student body that might see him as a star football player who got off easy.

"It doesn't really bother me," Finnerty said. "People who know me know the kind of person I am. The people who don't know me can think whatever they want. It doesn't really bother me."

"I think we've dealt with it enough," Martin said. "He's [Finnerty] dealt with it enough, we've dealt with it enough as a program, that we are fairly immune to anything anyone is going to say."

As far as Finnerty and his coach are concerned the arrest is

in the past and they are looking forward to a new season of GVSU football.

While most of the cast surrounding him remains the same, Finnerty will have to get accustomed to an offensive line minus six-foot-four-inch 290 pound Mike Wilford lost to graduation, and six-foot-seven-inch 305 pounder Josh Bourke who suffered a season ending injury in the spring game.

Also gone are wide receivers Michah Staley and Mario Loricchio who combined for 82 catches, 1,208 yards and 15 touchdowns.

However, returning are running back Michael Tennessee and receiver Brandon Langston. Add freshman receiver Demonte Collins into the mix and Finnerty is excited about this year's offense.

"Our receivers have a lot of talent and we've got Brandon Langston back and Mark Catlin and we got Demonte coming out and they're really talented," Finnerty said. "I'm just trying to get our team in the right place. Then you give a guy like Tennessee the ball and he'll make things happen."

Though some of the names and faces around him may change, the ultimate goal remains the same for Finnerty, who was 17-of-23 and threw for 164 yards and a touchdown. He also gained 29 yards on eight rushing attempts and ran for another score against Ferris.

"It'd be great to be quarterback for back-to-back champions," Finnerty said. "That's my focus right now."

The 'Key' to GVSU's success

GVSU defensive end Keyonta Marshall looks to continue playing after college career.

RICH MCGOWAN
Grand Valley Lanthorn

As Grand Valley State University quarterback Cullen Finnerty plunged into the end zone last Saturday at Ferris State University he did so with a little help from a very big friend.

Senior defensive end and two-time All-American Keyonta Marshall, and now part-time fullback, plowed through a defender to help his quarterback reach paydirt.

He also made two tackles and recovered a pair of fumbles in GVSU's 24-6 season opening victory.

The foray onto offense will be a recurring theme this year for the six-foot-three-inch 300-plus pounder in an effort to keep the Lakers from having to settle for field goals deep into their opponent's territory.

"I told [head] coach [Chuck] Martin this summer 'coach, I can play fullback, I can block somebody' because last year we kicked field goals when all we needed was a yard," Marshall said. "And he said 'if you get into shape so it won't drain you out for defense I'll put you out there.' Obviously, I worked my butt off during the summer. Anytime we got short yardage you might be seeing me out there."

Over the summer Marshall worked out through a training program twice a day, three times a week. The result was a loss of more than 30 pounds and a faster, quicker, defensive machine.

"It was just me and some other guys on the team and we all just got after it and I thank them a lot because they helped me during the summer," Marshall said. "The things we did were based on football movements and have helped me tremendously."

Last season Marshall was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Lineman of the Year, had 44 total tackles, nine tackles for losses and four sacks. In 2002 he won his first GLIAC Defensive Lineman of the Year award after leading the Lakers in total tackles (79).

"Two years ago he was phenomenal," Martin said. "Last year, I don't think he was as good a player as he was the year before because he was heavier, [but] he was still the most dominant player, maybe the most dominant player in the country. He's really trimmed down this year. I think he'll make more plays, more tackles, more sacks."

Marshall takes pride in his postseason honors but they're not what motivates him.

"You work so hard in the off-season just to be the best you can be during the season and I'm just ecstatic when I hear my name called and there's an award for me personally," Marshall said. "But those things come second to a National Championship because that's a team goal. It's great to get the personal accolades it's the national championships I wouldn't trade for the world."

Though Marshall is in his last year at GVSU his playing career may just be taking off. Marshall and his coaches feel that Marshall could be a sleeper pick in next April's NFL draft.

"When I was in the [Mid-American Conference] he would have been one of the best linemen in the MAC and there are plenty of MAC guys that get drafted," Martin said.

"You always believe in yourself that you can do it, but when you have other people believe in you too then it certifies your thoughts that you can make it," Marshall said.

"I'm basically going to keep doing what I've been doing to get that recognition that I've been getting and hopefully I'll be playing on Sundays later on."

Even opposing coaches agree that Marshall has a bright future.

"Keyonta Marshall is phenomenal," said Saginaw Valley State head coach Randy Awrey. "He is the best. If he's not in the NFL I'll be very surprised. He's got great speed, great mobility, great size, he knows what he's doing when he gets there. He's got a motor that never stops. He's a great football player and I'd love to have him on my team."

In his fourth year at GVSU, Marshall has been on the losing side of a game only twice. Martin said one of the reasons for Marshall's success is that his talents are always at their peak at the most crucial moments of the season.

"Just at the last championship game we're up 10-0 and they have a makeable field goal, I know that the guard on North Dakota is one of the best offensive linemen I've seen in Division II in four years and [Marshall] ran over him like he wasn't there," Martin said. "He ran over him like we were playing the weak sisters."

Before arriving at GVSU Marshall played on scholarship at Division I University of Hawaii. But after a year Marshall felt it was time to move back home.

"Hawaii was great to live in and all the coaches there were great and treated me real well. It just became too far and I wanted to play a little bit closer to home," Marshall said. "Grand Valley had recruited me out of high school and I really liked the campus, I liked the coaches and the family atmosphere around here. I feel real good about my decision."



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Jaslyn Gilbert
GVSU defensive end Keyonta Marshall celebrates during GVSU's 24-6 season opening victory against Ferris State University.

Martin hopes to continue dynasty

■ **After a long off-season, GVSU's rookie head coach finally gets underway**

RICH MCGOWAN
Grand Valley Lanthorn

For the first time in 14 seasons, there is a new face at the helm of the Grand Valley State football team.

The Chuck Martin era officially got underway last Saturday as Division II's back-to-back champions soundly defeated rivals Ferris State University 24-6.

After the victory on Saturday, Martin, downplayed the significance of his first win.

"I would like to be a head coach for a long time, if we won this game or lost this game tonight I don't think it was going to change my life," Martin said. "I think it was a lot more important for other people that maybe now have more confidence that the tradition isn't gone."

The win comes after a coaching transition that hasn't been the smoothest in football history.

Shortly after being named head coach Martin's top assistant/offensive coordinator, Jeff Quinn announced he was leaving GVSU for CMU to join former Laker coach Brian Kelly.

Quinn, however had originally turned down Kelly and CMU only a couple weeks before.

Rumors said Quinn was upset he didn't assume the head coaching vacancy and/or he and Martin didn't get along well. Both Martin and Quinn have denied those rumors.

Not long after Quinn's leaving starting quarterback Cullen Finnerty ran into legal problems, then last year's leading wide receiver Micah Staley left GVSU for personal reasons. Martin didn't even complete his coaching staff until mid-March.

As the season gets underway Martin has said that since being named head coach the most challenging aspect has been dealing with the scrutiny that comes with being the head coach.

"The off the field stuff has been more time consuming than I thought," Martin said. "And I knew the program had elevated to the point where there's a lot of people interested in what's going on in Grand Valley football. I'm a little surprised in

how many people want to talk to me. All the phone calls are to me now."

While the man calling the plays has changed, Martin has said the 2004 version of the Lakers will look a lot like the team that won the last two National Championships.

"We're pretty similar," Martin said. "On offense we're running a lot of similar stuff, on defense we're running a lot of similar stuff."

The mastermind behind a defense that was first in Division II in defending the run (62.0 yards/game), third in scoring defense (13.3 points/game) and 10th in total defense (269.5 yards/game) in 2003.

Now Martin is in charge of an offense with most of its weapons coming back with one major change.

"We're hoping one of them [changes from last year] is going to be the maturity on offense," Martin said. "We had all those freshman playing on offense last year, so we're hoping that the natural progression, they're a year older — they've played in a bunch of games, they're more confident they make less mental mistakes."

"We know they're way ahead of where they were last year.

Last year we're going to UC Davis with all these young pups we had no idea what to expect. I think we have a better idea going in [to this season]."

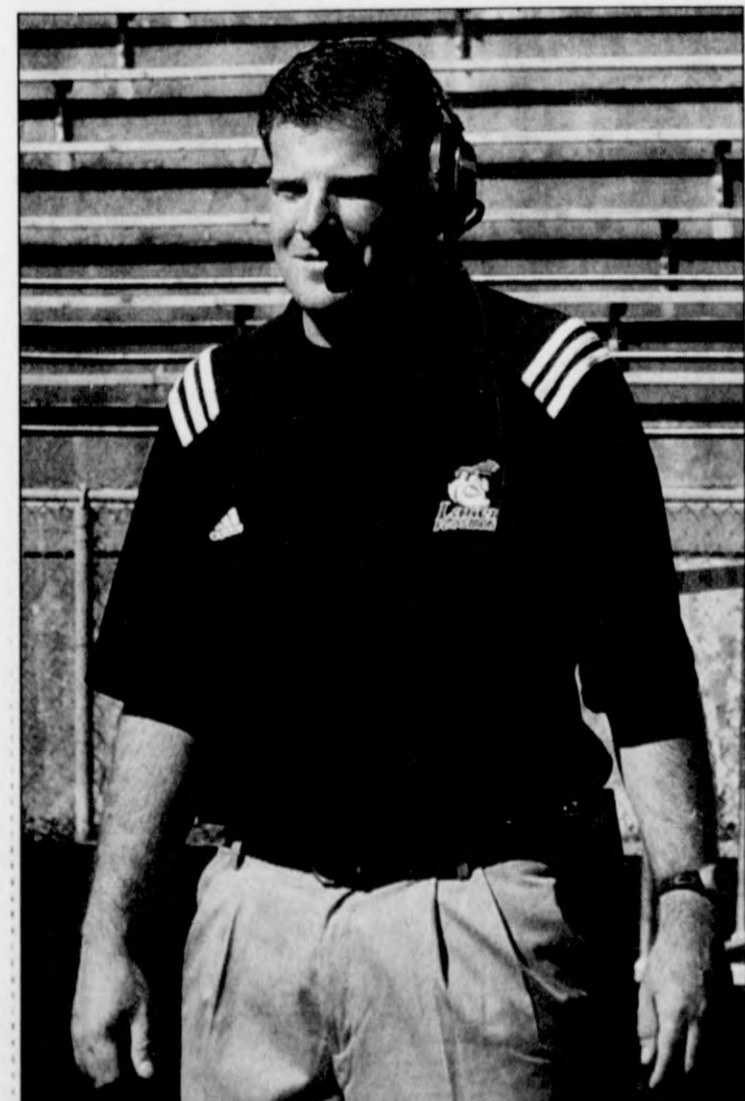
Finnerty agrees that he and the offense are more ready for the season to start than they were last year.

"I look back at this time last year and we're so much more prepared," Finnerty said. "Last year we really didn't know what to expect going to UC Davis, now a lot of guys have a year underneath our belt so I think we're ready to go."

Finnerty also said that anyone who has concerns about last year's defensive coordinator running the offense can do away with those concerns.

"It's apparent that he's coming over from defense but he's a very intelligent guy he knows what he's doing, he knows football," Finnerty said. "I think we're not going to miss a beat on offense this year."

Martin and his Lakers hit the road again this weekend as they travel to GLIAC newcomer Gannon University. The Lakers take the field at Lubbers Stadium for the first time on Sept. 11 against the University of Indianapolis.



Grand Valley Lanthorn / Will Harrak
GVSU rookie head coach Chuck Martin won his first game at the helm of the Lakers with GVSU's 24-6 victory at Ferris State University.

Twelve teams to beat for a GLIAC title

RICH MCGOWAN

Grand Valley Lanthorn

Team: Ashland Eagles
2003 Record: 2-9 (2-8 GLIAC)

Head Coach: Lee Owens, first year
Last Week: victory over St. Joseph's (Ind.) 48-7
Overview: The good news for the Ashland Eagles is that they're returning almost all of their starters to an offense that finished last in points scored, and things can't get much worse than that.

The bad news for the Ashland Eagles is that they are losing almost half of a defense that finished second in the GLIAC in three of four defensive categories, and things can't get much better than that.

One of those losses is First Team All-American cornerback Toure Carter who picked off nine passes last year. Head coach Lee Owens said replacing Carter is going to be a team effort.

"It's hard to replace a guy like that who is so important to the defense," Owens said. "He could man-up a corner and kind of erase one of the offensive players from the scheme, and you didn't have to worry about being burned deep and he came up with interceptions."

Last year quarterback Nick Strance went through a lot of growing pains playing as a true freshman. Strance completed just over 50 percent of his passes for 1,098 yards and three touchdowns while tossing seven interceptions in eight games. Owens hopes that a year under his belt will lead to better things for Strance.

"He's grown up quite a bit," Owens said. "He played last year before he was ready to play I think it hurt his confidence a little bit. We're just trying to keep it simple enough so he can go out there and gain some confidence early."

Helping Strance with his confidence will be wide receiver Mike Hull. Hull's numbers dipped last year from the year before, but Hull still finished seventh in the GLIAC in receiving with 54.18 receptions a game and ninth in yards per game with 56.5.

"[Hull's] our team leader, Owens said. "But he can't do it by himself. We need to make some plays, some problems for the defense that's not Mike Hull."

Biggest difference from last year to this year? "I'm hoping we'll put some more points on the board. Not make as many special teams mistakes and play better offense. When you're second in the conference in defense you got to win more than two games."

Biggest question mark? "We've got question marks everywhere, but quarterback is the biggest question mark because it's the most important position."



Team: Ferris State Bulldogs
2003 Record: 6-5 (5-5 GLIAC)
Head Coach: Jeff Pierce, 60-39 in 10 years at Ferris

Last Week: Lost 24-6 to Grand Valley State
Overview: The Bulldogs will field an all-around solid team in 2004, despite the graduation of the school's second all-time leading rusher in four-year starter Derrick Fudge.

The offense will be led by senior quarterback Tom Marsan who completed 55.3 percent of his passes a year ago for 1,983 yards and 12 touchdowns.

"We're looking for Tom to having an excellent senior year," head coach Jeff Pierce said. "He's really made a strong commitment to our program over his career. We're excited about him."

Joining Marsan in the backfield, replacing Fudge, will be senior Drew Terry. Though only carrying the ball 34 times for 206 yards last season, Pierce has full confidence in Terry being able to follow in Fudge's footsteps.

"[Terry] has been an apprentice behind Derrick Fudge for a number of years and I think people are going to be surprised," Pierce said. "They won't be wondering about Derrick Fudge anymore they'll be wondering where Drew Terry's been. He's my last worry."

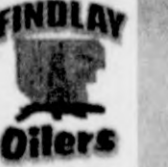
In front of Terry and Marsan will be an offensive line that may be the deepest in the conference. After suffering a siege of injuries to their year ago, the Bulldogs have returned all their injured starters from last year as well as those players who gained game experience by replacing them.

"As an offensive line you need five kids playing," Pierce said. "Usually, offensive lines will have six or seven pretty solid guys and after that you're starting to get into some youth and some kids who aren't quite ready for prime-time. We went well past the six and seven and got into some young guys. We paid our dues for it last year, but I think that will become our strength for us this year."

On the defensive side of the ball the Bulldogs return the nation's fourth leading tackler in linebacker Kevin Myers and the GLIAC's 12th leading tackler in defensive tackle Whitney Bell. Defensive End John Hazle led the GLIAC in sack with 11.

Biggest difference from last year to this year? "I like the experience. For the most part we're one year older, on offense, in most positions and another year of experience and a year of knowledge, I hope, we'll be a step further ahead there."

Biggest question mark? "It's always a big question mark every year as how some of your new people are going to be stepping in to take over roles from the experienced players. Reacting to the tough situations."



Team: Findlay Oilers
2003 Record: 6-5 (5-5 GLIAC)

Head Coach: Dan Simrell, 20-23 in four years at Findlay
Last Week: 40-21 victory over Tiffin

Overview: The 2003 version of the Oilers saw a team that relied heavily on production from its quarterback, and will again lean on Kevin Crooks.

The senior quarterback completed nearly 60 percent of his passes for 1,651 yards and threw 10 touchdowns.

Crooks also led the Oilers in rushing with 515 yards, an average of 46.8 yards a game.

Also returning to the Oiler backfield will be Michael Simpson (395 yards on 101 attempts in eight games), Jeremiah Bolden (287 yards on 63 attempts) and Austin Beach (208 yards on 57 attempts).

As a unit the Findlay backfield ranked fourth in the GLIAC averaging 168.6 yards per game and reached the end zone 15 times.

The running game is likely going to see more pressure from opposing defenses, however, due to the loss of four-year starters Ty Rhoad and Jeff Rowe at wide receiver. Combined the duo caught 76 balls for 820 yards. Their void is going to have to be filled by returning seniors Andy Wilker and Josh Lenaburg (54 receptions and 598 yards combined).



Team: Gannon Golden Knights,
2003 Record: 9-1 (Independent)

Head Coach: Bill Elias, 23-26 in five years at Gannon
Last Week: Won against Mercyhurst, 43-37

Overview: Gannon enters the GLIAC at perhaps the best possible time. The Golden Knights went 9-1 last year, and return nearly their entire team. Gannon also finished ranked in the top 25 in seven categories including turnover ratio (sixth), and passing efficiency defense (19th). However, that success came against weak

competition. The combined record of GU's 2003 opponents was a paltry 39-70.

Head coach Bill Elias believes last year's schedule hurt his team in the GLIAC preseason coaches poll, where his team was picked last. "I would seriously doubt anyone that picked us last has ever seen us play," Elias said. "We're just the new guy and I think it's just common that you put the new guy last."

While Gannon may be unknown to the rest of the GLIAC, Golden Knight quarterback Darnel Whitfield will not be a secret for very long, Elias said.

"People in the GLIAC will be surprised," Elias said. "This is a good football player. People that just assume, because we weren't playing anybody last year, that this kid isn't good are going to be surprised when they look at him."

In 2003 Whitfield threw for 2,255 yards while completing 160 of 248 passes, good for 64.5 percent, higher than any QB in the GLIAC. Whitfield also tossed 20 passes for touchdowns while only being picked off eight times. He also had 606 yards and eight more scores on the ground and finishing as the Knight's second leading rusher.

"There will not be a better running quarterback in the conference, I think I'm safe to say," Elias said.

Biggest difference from last year to this year? "Not much. We have 18 starters back. University of Buffalo transfer Tim Dance will start at wide receiver, he started at the University of Buffalo. And Joe Dipre who played for Pitt last year will play for us on defense. So with the 18 kids back and adding those two, we think we're better than last year."

Biggest question mark? "How do we match up week in and week out with the other teams [in the GLIAC]?"

Team: Hillsdale Chargers,
2003 Record: 4-7 (4-6 GLIAC)
Head Coach: Keith Otterbein, 8-14 in two years at Hillsdale

Last Week: Victory over Indianapolis 49-43
Overview: For a coach whose defense finished 11th in total defense and passing defense and 10th in rushing defense and won't be bringing back four of its top six tacklers, and whose starting quarterback has a total of 39 passes attempts in his career, Hillsdale head coach Keith Otterbein is surprisingly optimistic about his team.

"Everybody's got to replace good players and we're in that mode and I think, for us, having the opportunity to... plug some of those holes up with a little more experience and a little more maturity is going to be a benefit for our football team," Otterbein said.

Though the losses of Rob North (88 tackles in seven games), Tim O'Malley (82 tackles), Jim Barr (72 tackles) and Jack Pitts (65 tackles), the Chargers are bringing back one of the top linebackers in the nation last year in Josh Mott. Mott finished led the team and finished fifth in the country with 135 total tackles.

On the offensive side of the ball the Chargers will have to make due without four-year starting quarterback Bill Skelton. Taking over for Skelton will be sophomore Aaron Scholl. Despite his inexperience Otterbein is confident Scholl can lead the Chargers.

"He's got a little bit of game experience, he doesn't have the extended game experience, but he's a heady football player he's got good athleticism," Otterbein said.

The experience that Scholl does have came against the then No. 1 ranked Cardinals of Saginaw Valley State. In the 31-22 loss Scholl threw for 141 yards on 15-of-28 passing and ran for two touchdowns.

"He came in and played against the No. 1 team in the country last year when Saginaw was ranked No. 1 and played the second half against Michigan Tech and he performed pretty well," Otterbein said.

Hoping to ease the pressure from the quarterback will be sophomore running back Phil Martin who led the Chargers in rushing in 2003 with 497 yards on only 115 carries.

"[Martin] was banged up throughout last year with an ankle and a shoulder [injury] and he was not able to perform up to his highest potential so we're looking for a really good year out of him," Otterbein said. "We've got to have an effective run game and Phil is a big part of that. And a big part of Phil's performance is going to be staying healthy."

Biggest difference from last year to this year? "I hope we're better on both sides of the ball. We're older and more mature, so the biggest difference is we're an older football team. Which is a good thing for us."

Biggest question mark? "We've got to have some success and some confidence. That's been the hump we have not been able to overcome. The bottom line is we have not had success. We need to have success, which will instill the confidence that allows the football team to keep playing hard."

Team: Indianapolis Greyhounds
2003 Record: 6-5 (5-5 GLIAC)

Head Coach: Joe Polizzi, 53-55-1 in 10 years at Indianapolis

Last Week: Lost 43-49 at Hillsdale
Overview: Indy could be a team in transition this year. While returning is Harlon Hill finalist Matt Kohn, not returning are his top three receivers, Ceasar Manning, Rob Mager and Travis Zike who combined for 190 receptions, 2,823 yards and 18 touchdowns. Without those hands catching the ball Kohn will be hard pressed to duplicate last year's numbers (3,314 yards on 239-of-390 passing and 21 touchdowns).

For the Greyhounds to taste success this year they are going to need to see more yards from a rushing game that finished 11th out of the 12 team GLIAC last year, averaging only 87 yards a game.

"We have to be more balanced," head coach Joe Polizzi said. "We have to be able to hammer the ball inside, and I think we've got good enough backs that can help us in possessing the football in field position and scoring the points we need to."

The backs that Polizzi is going to be looking at for those yards are going to be Donnie McCoy and Rob Robinson. McCoy led Indy a year ago in rushing with 676 yards, 61.5 yards a game, and Robinson finished the year second with 352 yards, or 35.2 yards a game.

Regardless of the yards gained on the ground, Polizzi knows that his quarterback is going to be the focus of opposing teams.

"I think after what he [Kohn] did last year, like any great quarterback, defenses are going to do all they can to disrupt his rhythm we expect a lot of pressure," Polizzi said. "We expect a lot different schemes, different ideas from defensive coordinators around our conference to slow him down."

With the losses of his receivers last year Polizzi is hoping his young talent will be able to step up and make those losses less apparent.

"Good people are in place and it's just a matter of them growing and maturing and being able to handle the prime-time reps," Polizzi said. "We feel we've got people ready step up."

Biggest difference from last year to this year? "The biggest difference will be our offensive line play; I think we're going to be much, much, much improved on our offensive line. I think the same thing about our defensive backfield. I think we've seen right now that we're a better secondary and

for me those are keys to be an upper echelon team in our conference."

Biggest question mark? "The question marks are how are our young receivers going to respond, how do they progress through the year; are they going to be on par with our quarterback so we can do the things we need to do offensively to win in this conference."

Team: Mercyhurst Lakers
2003 Record: 5-6 (4-6 GLIAC)
Head Coach: Marty Schaeztle, 7-15 in two years at Mercyhurst

Last Week: loss to Gannon 43-37 in overtime
Overview: For the first time in his three years at Mercyhurst, head coach Marty Schaeztle is bringing back more talent than he is losing and that experience alone could help boost the Lakers from statistical cellar-dwellers into an up-and-coming team in the GLIAC.

Last season Mercyhurst finished last in both total offense and rushing offense. Senior Justin Adams finished his first season as a running back, after playing defensive back for two years. Adams gained 606 yards and scored five touchdowns on 177 attempts, averaging 75.8 yards a game. With a year of running the ball under Adams' belt, Schaeztle hopes for a more productive rushing game.

"We hope we're just a better threat running the football," Schaeztle said. "Hopefully the two things that come from that are one, we'll be a better running team and we'll be able to throw the ball better — completion percentage will go up and we'll and we'll get more big plays through the air. But for us it starts at running the football."

With a more productive running game sophomore quarterback Jeff Nowling should be able to build on some decent numbers for a freshman without a lot of help (151-of-310, 1,740 yards, 8 touchdowns and 10 interceptions).

"[Nowling] was put in some tough situations, which revealed the fact that he was a freshman last year," Schaeztle said. "There was a couple of games last year where he was the only guy we were turning to and that put him in a tough spot."

Also helping Nowling should be some help from a young corps of receivers. Last year Mercyhurst was led by tight end Jeff Thiel in both receptions (40) and yards (527).

"We need to be a little more consistent at the wide receiver not just in catching the ball but making sure that we run the right routes," Schaeztle said. "The experience that some of the guys have now will help out in that area."

"What's also going to help is that we feel we've made some improvements up front on the offensive line. And I think Jeff Nowling will be given a little more time to find the receivers."

Biggest difference from last year to this year? "For us the biggest difference, the biggest plus for us, is we've got experience coming back throughout our team. Special teams, offense and defense. That's the first time in three years that we've been here that we can say that. Some places it's only one year of experience, but it's better than having none."

Biggest question mark? "I think our biggest question marks ride in defensive line, we lost two very good inside players that work very well together and I do think that we lost two wide receivers that made some contributions to the program."

Team: Michigan Tech Huskies
2003 Record: 5-5 (5-5 GLIAC)
Head Coach: Bernie Anderson, 79-91, in 17 years at Michigan Tech

Last Week: 45-6 victory against Northern Michigan
Overview: In 2003 the Michigan Tech Huskies were anything but boring to watch.

The Huskies were the one of the GLIAC's top offenses and one of its worst defenses. Tech averaged more than 420 yards of offense and 35.2 points a game last year, finishing second in total, rushing and scoring offense. They also averaged 474 yards against and 32.1 points per game, finishing last in total defense and passing defense and ninth in scoring defense.

While the Huskies hope the former stays the same, they need to see the latter improve. "Defensively we have two new coaches including a new coordinator [Tim Driscoll], we have a new defensive package and with that you have your growing pains, but I think there's some adjustments there that I think should help us," said head coach Bernie Anderson.

On offense, the Huskies may have the deepest backfield in the GLIAC. Senior running back Chris Lomasney had 817 yards and six touchdowns and was ranked fifth in the nation averaging 148.4 yards a game in only six games before going down with a season-ending knee injury. After Lomasney went down freshman Lee Marana didn't miss a beat and finished with 885 yards and 12 scores. Both backs were named to the GLIAC second offensive team.

Anderson said he expects both back to see a fair share of carries this season.

"We needed both of them last year and we'll need both of them this year," Anderson said. "Both of them are going to play and we're not going to be concerned with how many yards one of them has as we are with keeping them both healthy and pounding away with our running game."

Senior quarterback Dan Mattlach will be under center for the third straight year. Last season, Mattlach threw for 1,912 yards and a school record 20 touchdowns, while only throwing two interceptions.

Anderson said that being past over for any post-season honors has left Mattlach with a bitter taste in his mouth for the 2004 season.

"You look at him in '03-'04 you can see his determination in his performance up to this point," Anderson said. "An air of confidence, an air of determination. He's very comfortable in this system and very confident in his abilities."

Biggest difference from last year and this year? "The biggest difference will be that we have a little more depth and better defense and maybe some more depth in the weapons on offense."

Biggest question mark Going Into the Season? "The biggest question mark is defense. We have to play defense to win close games."

Team: Northern Michigan Wildcats
2003 Record: 3-8 (3-7 GLIAC)
Head Coach: Doug Sams, 9-13 in two years at Northern Michigan

Last Week: lost 45-6 at Michigan Tech
Overview: The 'Cats celebrate 100 years of football in 2004, a year which, coincidentally, might seem to last 100 years for the NMU faithful.

The Wildcats have question marks all over the place. On offense, NMU has to figure out a way to replace the graduated Brandon Genwright who was a First Team All-GLIAC selection a year ago with 122 total tackles, seventh in the conference. The next highest tackle total belonged to Ryan Wender's 54.5.

The 'Cat defense ranked last in scoring defense (37.2 points against a game), 11th in rushing defense (190.6/ game) and 10th in total and passing defense (420.5 and 230.5, respectively). The loss of Genwright will not help those rankings.

Offensively NMU has players returning that can produce, but the Wildcats had trouble finding the end zone ranking eighth in scoring offense, 23.9 points per game.

Senior quarterback Kyle Swenor was second in the GLIAC in average passing yards (268.2) and threw for 20 touchdowns and is NMU's all-time

leader in career completions with 529. His main target will be junior receiver Vinay Mayfield who hauled in an NMU record 85 receptions a year ago, first in the GLIAC, for 1,019 yards and seven scores.

Running the ball will be Abram McCoy who averaged 84.3 yards per contest, had 927 yards for the season and six touchdowns.

As high-powered as the offense is, it is going to have to keep the ball in order for NMU to win ball games.

The Wildcats had the second highest number of turnovers in the GLIAC, coughing up the ball 38 times. They were also flagged for more penalty yards than anyone else in the conference averaging 71 yards a game in penalties.

Team: Northwood Timberwolves
2003 Record: 6-5 (6-3 GLIAC)
Head Coach: Pat Rieppma, 57-56-2 in 11 years at Northwood

Last Week: Victory over Saginaw Valley State, 24-21
Overview: The gameplan for Northwood is simple. Run the ball, run the ball and, for a change of pace, run the ball some more.

In the Northwood system the quarterback is nothing more than the guy who hands the ball off. NU ran the ball 512 times last year and threw the ball a total of 142 times, the second lowest was Michigan Tech's 266 pass attempts.

Though Northwood lost its top back from a year ago, fullback Bryant Lawrence whose 624 yards on only 124 carries named him to the First All-GLIAC team. Bryant's loss is only a small portion of the 2,538 yards Northwood gained on the ground last year.

The 'Wolves defense could be one of the best in the conference this season returning most of its core from a year ago. NU was first in the GLIAC in pass defense allowing only 149.5 yards a game and intercepting more passes (13) than giving up touchdowns (12). The NU rushing defense left something to be desired by allowing 150.7 yards on the ground per contest a year ago, placing them seventh in the GLIAC.

The key for Northwood is going to lie in the defense being able to stop the run and the offense holding onto the ball after finishing last in total turnovers (39) and turnover margin (-17).

Team: Saginaw Valley State Cardinals
2003 Record: 12-1 (10-0, GLIAC Champions)
Head Coach: Randy Awrey, 45-15 in five years at Saginaw Valley

Last Week: Lost 24-21 against Northwood
Overview: The Cardinals, ranked No. 5 in the coaches' preseason poll to start the season, will look a little different in 2004 than they did a year ago.

The most notable change will be the loss of All-GLIAC First team receivers Glenn Martinez and Ruvel Martin. Both now playing in the NFL, Martinez and Martin combined for 120 reception for 1,762 yards and 15 touchdowns.

"Obviously that's a huge void in our gameplan from last year," said head coach Randy Awrey said. "But we're going to have to do different things and we've got different players in those positions, so we're just going to have to go back to, in some cases, the drawing board, and see what these kids can do."

With the loss of his favorite two receivers, 2003 GLIAC player of the year, senior quarterback Mark Radlinski will have to look to third and fourth leading receivers Mark LaFreniere (40 catches for 681 yards and five touchdowns) and Stan Spencer (39 catches for 487 yards and six touchdowns) to carry the burden.

"Whether Mark has as fine a year, I think Mark will be the first to tell you all he cares about is what the win/loss column is at the end of the season," Awrey said. "How we win the game, I think, doesn't matter as long as we keep doing what we can to win."

On the other side of the ball, the SVSU defense may have trouble repeating its 14.4 points against per game that it averaged last year.

"Our defense has been solid, but we have lost some kids people don't realize," Awrey said. "We lost one of our starting linebackers, one of our starting defensive linemen, we lost one of our defensive ends we lost both of our corners and both back-ups. So there are players that are not here that were pretty good."

Biggest difference from last year to this year? "I think the biggest difference is going to be the players that you would call your stars. I can't pick them out right now. There's going to be different players, new names that you haven't seen before."

Biggest question mark? "How are we going to play in game conditions? We're practicing good, but game conditions — what is that going to be like? These new players stepping into starting roles, how are they going to react? Are they going to do as well? Are they going to be better? That's always a question in a coach's mind."

Team: Wayne State Warriors
2003 Record: 3-8 (2-8 GLIAC)
Head Coach: Paul Winters, first year

Last Week: Did not play
Overview: Paul Winters has a lot to do in his first year as head coach of the Warriors.

Wayne State returns only three starters from an offense that was eighth in total offense, 10th in rushing and ninth in scoring a year ago.

"We're very concerned [with the lack of depth on offense]," Winters said. "We've worked very hard but if we get an injury or two it's going to be very tough."

One of the returning starters, however, is senior quarterback Randy Hutchison who was 186-of-315 a year ago for 2,292 yards, 10 touchdowns and averaged over 200 yards a game. He also scored five times running the ball.

Winters said that with the youth around him Hutchison will be looked upon to lead the Warriors.

"I expect him to put up pretty good numbers," Winters said. "He's had a good spring and he's had a good summer. So we expect him to go out and play and do hopefully better than last year."

The biggest subtraction from last year is the graduation of running back Craig Duppong. Duppong was fourth in the conference averaging 99 yards a game.

"Craig Duppong was a great back, one of the best that I've watched," Winters said. "But I think the running situation, as a whole, will be better than last year."

Offense wasn't the only trouble area for Wayne State last year. The defense finished last in rushing defense, allowing 218.7 yards/game on the ground, and 10th in scoring defense, averaging 32.2 points against.

Winters said keeping teams off the scoreboard and stopping the ground game boils down to the basics.

"We just have to make tackles," Winters said. "Too many times last year they were just running through us. This year we're playing a different defense and we expect to be better."

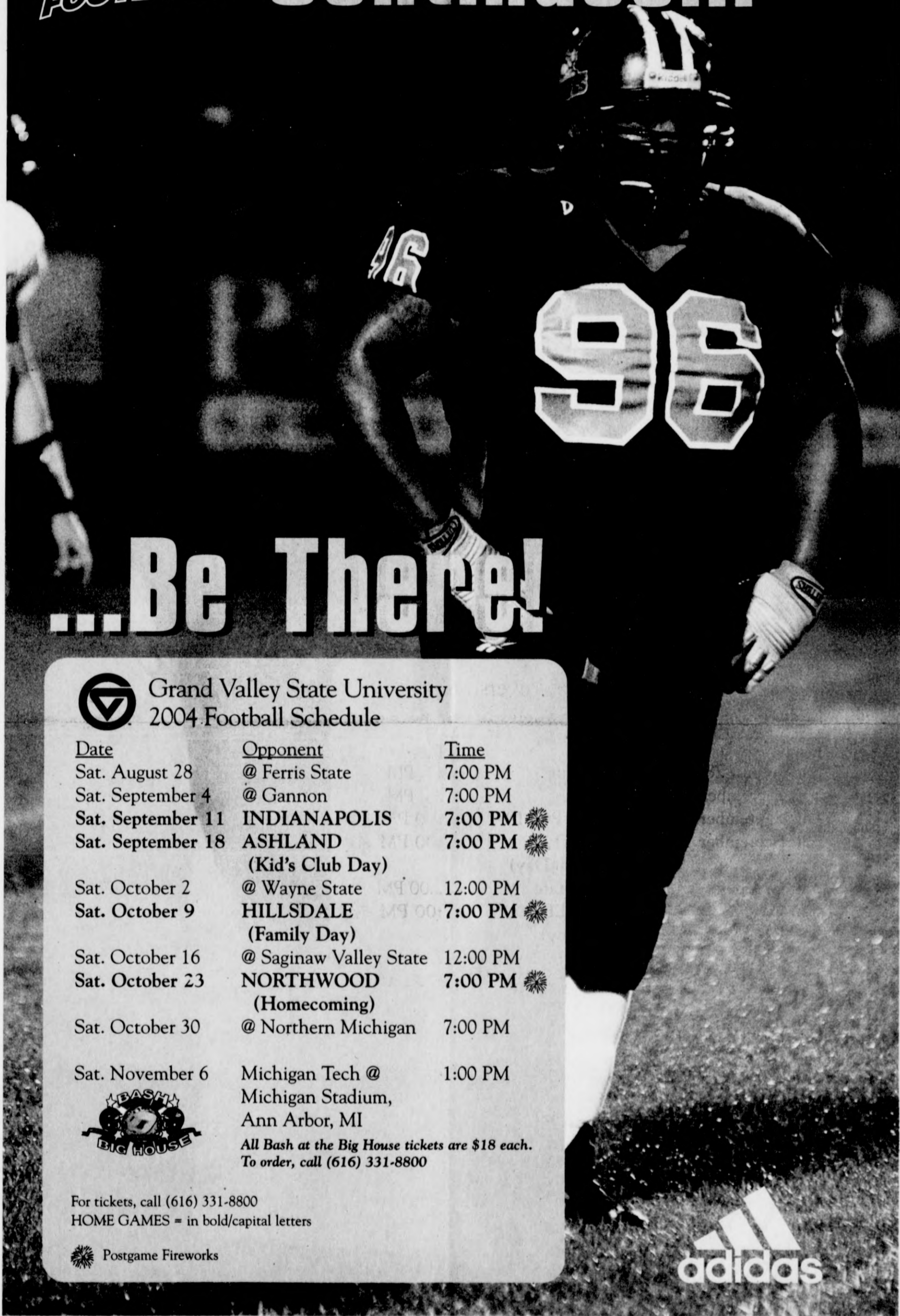
Biggest difference from last year to this year? "I only have tape from last year, so it's hard for me to say. All I can tell you is that we're going to play very hard and hopefully we're not going to beat ourselves."

Biggest question mark? "Probably the offensive line. We only have one returning starter and we got a lot of young guys that are in the position to play."





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Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. August 28	@ Ferris State	7:00 PM
Sat. September 4	@ Gannon	7:00 PM
Sat. September 11	INDIANAPOLIS	7:00 PM
Sat. September 18	ASHLAND (Kid's Club Day)	7:00 PM
Sat. October 2	@ Wayne State	12:00 PM
Sat. October 9	HILLSDALE (Family Day)	7:00 PM
Sat. October 16	@ Saginaw Valley State	12:00 PM
Sat. October 23	NORTHWOOD (Homecoming)	7:00 PM
Sat. October 30	@ Northern Michigan	7:00 PM
Sat. November 6	Michigan Tech @ Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, MI	1:00 PM



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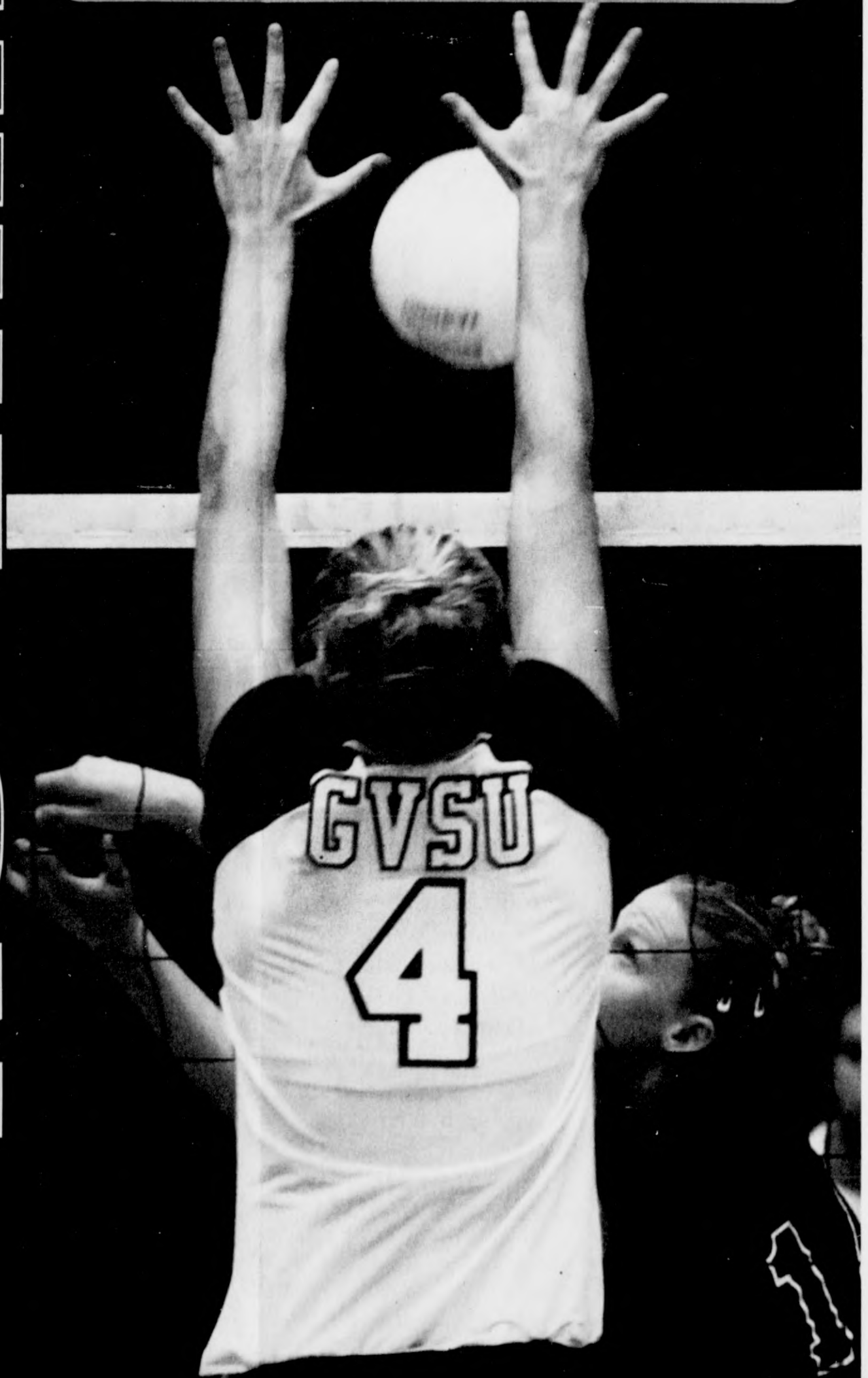
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Radisson Riverfront Classic			
Sept 3.	Friday	West Texas A&M	2:00 pm
Sept 3.	Friday	Wheeling Jesuit University	7:00 pm
Sept 4.	Saturday	Truman State University	12:00 pm
Sept 4.	Saturday	University of South Dakota	4:00 pm
Date	Day	Opponent	Time
Sept. 17	Friday	Ashland University	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Saturday	University of Findlay	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Friday	Northwood University	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Saturday	Saginaw Valley State University	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Friday	Hillsdale College	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Saturday	Wayne State University	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Thursday	Ferris State University	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Thursday	Lake Superior State University	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	Friday	Northern Michigan University	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	Saturday	Michigan Tech. University	4:00 p.m.



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