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GVSU honors faculty, staff for 40 years of service

■ From 226 students to 22,000 and growing — these three men have seen it all

FORREST KARBOWSKI
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Two Grand Valley State University faculty members and one staff member will be presented with the first 40-year service awards today. Carl Bajema, John Scherff and Don VanderJagt will be presented the award at the Holiday Gathering at 3 p.m. in the Grand River Room.



supervisor and project manager for GVSU, said he has never taken a sabbatical in his 40 years at the university. VanderJagt, a mathematics professor, was

one of two faculty members to develop the mathematics curriculum in the university's first years. Bajema, a biology professor, was unable to be contacted before publication. VanderJagt said when GVSU started out, it was still "hoping" to be a college. "We had no curriculum," he said. "I taught calculus, and students didn't have any background in it at all. But the students worked hard — they



were really determined, and they're called 'the pioneer class.' They really seemed to work hard, and they made up for any lack of background."

Scherff said the biggest change he's noticed over the years was in number of students. "The 226 students we had when we started compared to the 20,000 we have now gives you some idea of the change that has taken place," he said. Although VanderJagt said he's had chances to work at other universities and to work in administration, he said he is content with teaching for now.



"I just decided that I was trained as a mathematician and I enjoy mathematics and teaching," he said. "But I also enjoy the opportunity to teach people at an institution that if the institution was not there, probably wouldn't have a chance to go to school."

VanderJagt said he appreciates GVSU's draw of "non-traditional" students — students who do not come directly from high school and who can't afford to move to another university or who can't afford private schools in the area. "[GVSU] affords a lot of

personal friends, it's just that my job has become part of my personal life. I carry it home with me. I wake up with it in the morning. I know so many people here, so many people whose lives I've become involved in." In the future, VanderJagt looks forward to the presidency of the NCAA next year, and Scherff said he is considering retirement at an undecided date. "I'm very grateful to have had 40 years of an involvement with an institution that has been this dynamic, and has gotten me so personally involved with the lives of so many people," he said. "I really have a lot of good feelings about what Grand Valley has meant to me over the years."

people an opportunity they didn't have and I'm just glad to be a part of it," VanderJagt said. Scherff also said knowing he's made a difference in people's lives is the most rewarding aspect of the job. "We all have our times when we wonder if we should stay, and maybe there are times when others wonder if we should stay," he said. "The money was never grand, but it's the constant contact with so many people and knowing that you're solving problems, knowing that you make a difference." Scherff said his staff is one of the biggest reasons he has stayed at GVSU for 40 years. "I estimate that 80 percent of my social life revolves around the university," he said. "That does not mean I have a lot of

GVSU to fire up anti-spam plan

■ Anti-spam software will be installed to help eliminate large quantities of unsolicited mail in student accounts

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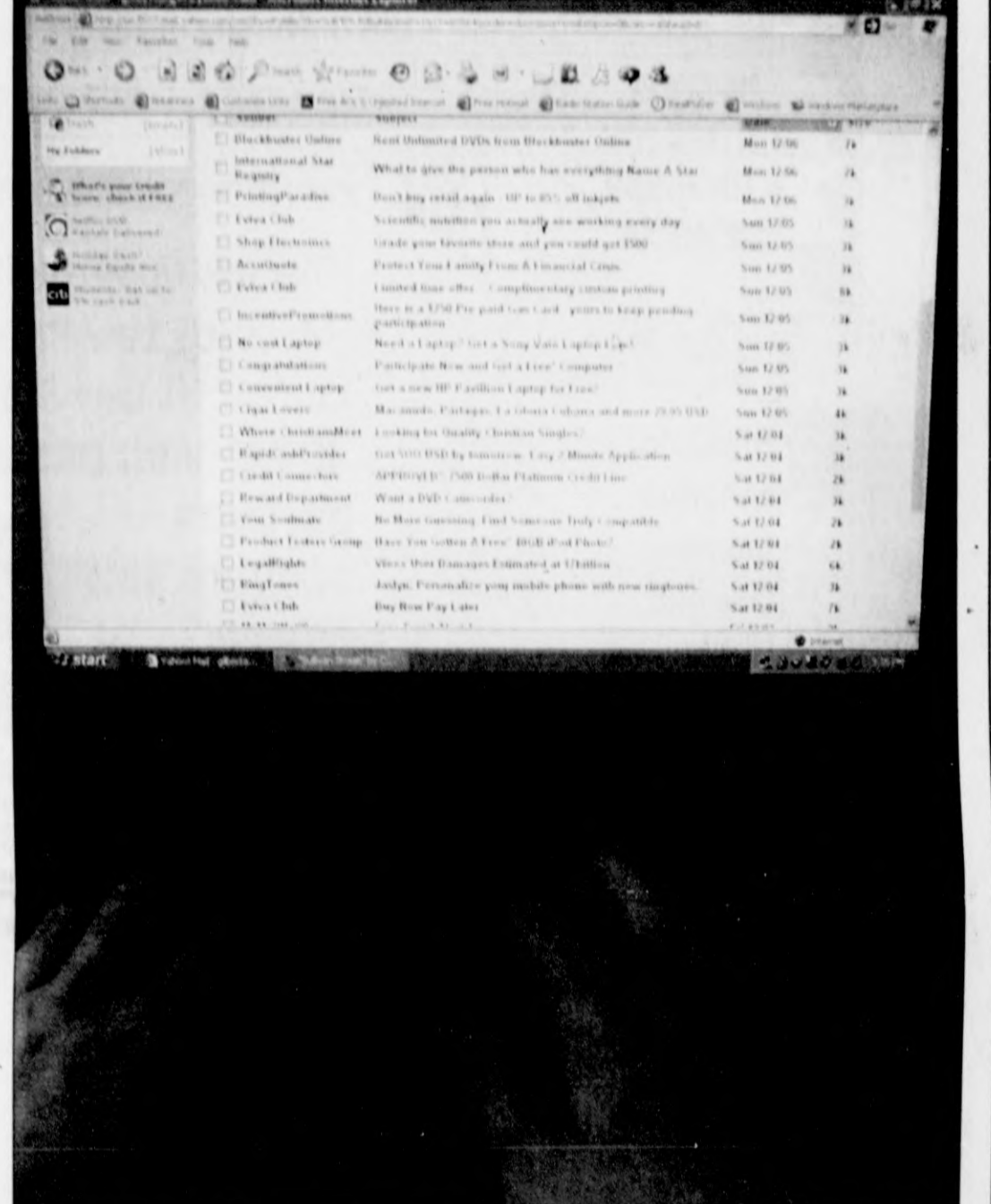
If you have a pressing need for prescription medications, a mortgage or are looking to cash in on a lucrative deal with the President of Nigeria, you may be sorely disappointed when opening your student e-mail account. In three weeks, Grand Valley State University's information technology department will be installing anti-spam software, which aims to eliminate the issue of spam mail in student accounts. Iron Mail 4.5, an upgrade of the program currently used for faculty accounts, will add an extra step of security in preventing mass unsolicited e-mail messages from plaguing students. Spam is a slang expression for unsolicited commercial e-mail. Since its introduction to the Internet, it has become a big problem for the over 20,000 students and alumni that use the student.gvsu.edu domain at GVSU, as well as the faculty e-mail system. Emily Sell, a junior literature and language arts major, said she receives anywhere from 30-50 spam messages a day. "It gets kind of annoying to find all this junk mail taking up my e-mail space that I could use for friends' e-mails," she said. System administrators noticed the problem when faculty began complaining of this issue and the information technology

department took action, installing anti-spam software that would add extra protection to the faculty e-mail accounts. After good reviews by the faculty, the information technology department made a decision to help eliminate spam in the student accounts. According to literature obtained from Tom Norman, e-mail administrator at GVSU, the program will scan all inbound e-mails before they post to the inbox. After being reviewed and assigned a certain point value, it will send the message to a queue of e-mail suspected to be spam. The remaining e-mail that does not show spam qualities will continue to the inbox. Every six hours, starting at midnight, students will receive an e-mail with the list of quarantined e-mail, allowing the user to permanently block the e-mail, or give the system permission to pass it through to the inbox even though it is scanned as spam. After seven days of sitting in quarantine, the system will delete the messages, keeping the inbox clear.

"The older version which the faculty and staff currently use has been very effective in allowing their accounts to stay clear of unwanted spam mail, leaving it to just one single e-mail with a summary of all the senders," Norman said. "The students will be testing out the updated version to see how well it works with high volumes." Unsolicited e-mail can take up server space, costing the university thousands of dollars a year to expand its server because of wasted memory. With this new software, GVSU will be able to save significantly with the decreased amount of space used on the server. Thom Reistere, system analyst for GVSU, said students won't notice any changes to their current service, other than receiving four e-mails a day with all the spam mail subjects included in the message. Reistere said the new software will not stop spyware or virus-infected e-mail. Students must rely on GVSU's current e-mail virus scanning software and their personal virus software.

"It gets kind of annoying to find all this junk mail taking up my e-mail space..."

EMILY SELL
Junior
Literature & Language Arts



On spam patrol: A student goes through the countless spam e-mails that fill many mailboxes. GVL Photo Illustration / Jaslyn Gilbert

In addition, the new program shouldn't cause a problem for students who send themselves e-mail from outside accounts. But if the e-mail is flagged as unsolicited e-mail, it will appear in the quarantine queue. Reistere said the program will not scan mail going to outside e-mail accounts such as Hotmail or Yahoo! that are used as the default contact e-mail address for university correspondences. The new program will be officially implemented on Jan. 3, 2005 and literature on how the program works will be available online soon. Norman urges students with questions to ask any computer and information technology assistant or to contact the Information Technology Center at (616) 331-0121. He said the program is easy to use, but information technology staff are available if any questions arise about Iron Mail's use and operation.



Riding into the sunset: John Gracki, a professor in the health sciences department, was honored at a reception for his retirement. GVL / Megan Major

Gracki to retire after 34 years

■ Associate Vice President John Gracki will retire from current position

ASHLEY CHANEY
Grand Valley Lanthorn

After 34 years at Grand Valley State University, Associate Vice President John Gracki will begin a phased retirement at the end of this semester. Gracki has seen Grand Valley evolve from a small college with few buildings and dirt roads into a university with multiple campuses that are still growing. Starting in winter 2005, Gracki will return to his professorial role in chemistry part-time and working in the Center for Health Sciences. "I like to teach and do scholarship," Gracki said. In Gracki's career at GVSU, he has been a faculty member, dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, acting dean of Continuing Education, interim provost and his

current role as associate vice president of Academic Affairs since 1978. Of all these positions, Gracki said that his favorite position is the one that he is in now. "I enjoy the breadth of the issues that you get to deal with," Gracki said. Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Gayle Davis said "the variety of roles he's had is so extensive that you almost could name any piece of Grand Valley and John has touched it in some way." Mary Seeger, dean of Advising Resources and Special Programs, said she has known Gracki since he arrived in 1970. She has worked with him on many projects over the years. "John and I have both chosen to spend our professional careers in one place," Seeger said. "We both have a lot of ourselves invested here." Seeger said Gracki has played a major role in expanding GVSU programs in the sciences and in the health fields.

Over the years, Gracki has had a positive impact on faculty and staff members with whom he has worked. "He's so fun to work for," said Nancy Moseler, Gracki's administrative assistant. "He really has a heart for the students." "He's so fun to be around," Davis said. "He likes to practice his French. He likes to think about language and pronounce his name with Polish inflections and pronunciations." Gracki said his favorite memory was in Alabama when GVSU's football team won the National Championship in 2002. Seeger said her favorite memory of Gracki was also in 2002, when Gracki was initiated as a new member of the campus chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. "I remember having said that it was a long overdue honor," Seeger said. With more free time, Gracki said he looks forward to traveling. He plans to visit his twin daughters in New Orleans and Washington, D.C. and his son in Louisville, Ky.

He and his wife have plans to visit Paris yearly. Gracki said he is also looking forward to doing more research in his discipline. He said one of the reasons he hasn't stepped down from his administrative position is because of his involvement with the university. "Grand Valley has really been a family, my hobby and I like to do what I do here, so I'll be probably hanging around." Davis said Gracki's love for GVSU is evident by his role in making the university what it is today. "I'm really going to miss him in his role," Davis said, "but I'm really glad that he's going to be at Grand Valley in the classroom and still contributing like he always has." A private Dean's Council dinner on Dec. 6 and an all-campus open reception on Dec. 7 were held in Gracki's honor to celebrate his accomplishments and to welcome him back to the faculty again. "It's been a great ride," Gracki said.

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GVSU celebrates human rights

■ **Human Rights Day celebrated for first time at GVSU**

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A speech by Tom Hansen, national coordinator of the Mexico-U.S. Solidarity Network, marks Grand Valley State University's first celebration of Human Rights Day today at the Cook-DeWitt Center at 8 p.m. Although it officially takes place internationally on Dec. 10, it is being observed today at GVSU. This is the first year the event has been celebrated at the university. Human Rights Day is an international celebration marking the day the United Nations signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. "It celebrates all the work that is being done around the world for

human rights," said Dave Grillo, a junior at GVSU who coordinated the event.

Along with the speech by Hansen, there will be speeches by student organizations about the ways students can promote human rights on campus, as well as a speech by political science professor Merike Blofield.

Grillo said because human rights is a global issue, it affects college students every day.

"As college students we need to be engaged global citizens — and that's not just an ideal, it's a fact," Grillo said. "We're living in a global society, and we have to step outside of the boundaries of just our own little world. But even in that sense, there are human rights violations that happen in front of us every day — racism, sexism and things like that."

The event is co-sponsored by the student groups Students Against Sweatshops, La Pulperia Nica, Latino Student Union, Focus on Rethinking Gender Education and the Women's

Center, as well as the international organization Amnesty International.

Tom McCormack, president of Students Against Sweatshops, said it's easy to forget about the living conditions in the rest of the world when living in a privileged society.

"It's kind of a reminder of the privilege we have, and also a reminder of what we can do with that privilege to impact people in a positive way, meaning trying to promote human rights around the world," he said. "Basically it's an event that's going to help people understand

how a student can make a big impact," McCormack said.

"Because at that age someone has a lot of resources available and students are also in a big consumer bracket that a lot of corporations are targeting."

According to its Web site, the Mexico-U.S. Solidarity Network is an organization that works for democracy, economic justice and human rights on both sides of the United States and Mexico border. The group's work on grassroots education fits with this year's Human Rights Day theme of human rights education.

"As college students we need to be engaged global citizens — and that's not just an ideal, it's a fact."

DAVE GRILLO
Junior & Event Coordinator

MSU medical school delayed

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A plan to move the Michigan State College of Human Medicine to Grand Rapids has been delayed until at least 2007. The move has been in the works for the past 18 months. The Bowersox proposal, an Oct. 29 report by Deloitte Consulting — a global consulting firm — and the Grand Action Committee — a Grand Rapids-based non-profit organization — estimates that the school will cost approximately \$100 million plus the cost of new facilities, and generate more than \$1.5 billion over the course of 10 years.

The delay comes after concerns that the school was too expensive and impractical, according to the report.

The report recommends that Grand Valley, St. Mary's Health Care, Spectrum Health and Van Andel Research Institute (VARI) — four local entities the report indicates are being most critical to the success of the move — create a work group to foster dialogue with MSU to assist the transition. The group will be led by VARI.

The discussions would focus on the timing and scope of student transfers to the West Michigan campus, as well as financial commitments on both the West Michigan and MSU ends.

West Michigan is home to seven general hospitals, a specialty pediatric hospital, two cancer centers and will soon open a heart center. According to the report, the major hospitals provide more than 20,000 jobs in the region. The report calls a medical school "the next logical step."

"Medical schools can be powerful economic engines," the report states. "High performing medical schools attract and create high paying jobs in academic, research, clinical and related industries."

The report views MSU as the best candidate for creating a medical school in West Michigan because of the high amount of state funding its College of Human Medicine already receives — almost \$19 million in general fund cash support and \$12-20 million in other annual support. It also cites 70 MSU students who are completing clerkships and fourth year rotations in Grand Rapids.

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NATION

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Intelligence Bill nears passage in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled House agreed Tuesday to vote to overhaul the nation's intelligence agencies now that President Bush and House Armed Services chairman Duncan Hunter have endorsed a provision guaranteeing battlefield commanders access to top-secret information. A vote could come late Tuesday, House Intelligence chairman Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., said, after getting the approval of the majority of House Republicans at a morning meeting.

Hamid Karzai sworn in as Afghan President

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai took the helm Tuesday of a country whose revival is threatened by a surging opium trade and a persistent Taliban insurgency, pledging to bring stability and prosperity to Afghanistan even as rebels staged attacks near the Pakistani border. With the speeches over and foreign dignitaries departing his solemn swearing-in ceremony, the affable Karzai begins a challenging five-year term under pressure to heal ethnic divisions and repair the war-ravaged nation's decrepit infrastructure.

Kanye West receives 10 Grammy nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Producer-turned-rapper Kanye West collected a leading 10 Grammy nominations Tuesday, including album of the year, for his innovative debut, "The College Dropout." West's disc stood out in the rap landscape because of its atypical prose. It avoided the usual plotlines about sex, money and violence and touched on everything from religion to his own insecurities.

Bush: terrorists won't rule Iraq's future

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — President Bush, appearing before cheering U.S. forces Tuesday, declared that terrorists won't be able to control Iraq's destiny because "free people will never choose their own enslavement." Bush said that as election day there approaches Jan. 30, "we can expect further violence" but also said that the balloting must go forward.

Foreign-made flu vaccines heading to U.S.

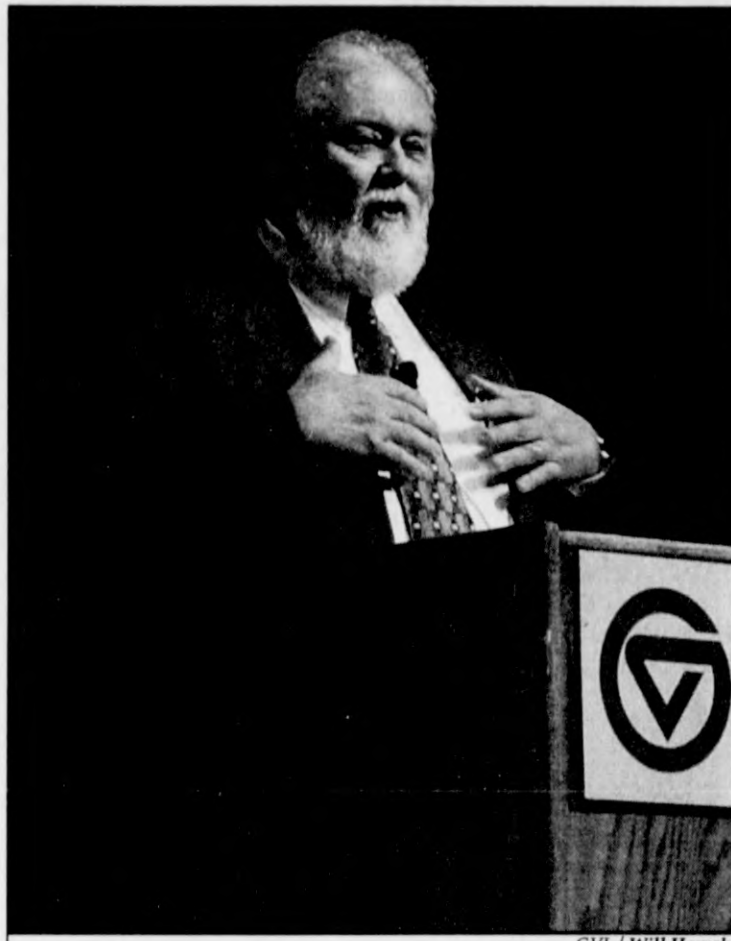
WASHINGTON (AP) — The government said Tuesday that flu vaccine manufactured in Germany was safe enough to be used in the United States and that as many as 4 million doses would be available to alleviate the U.S. shortage. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the government was immediately buying 1.2 million doses of the vaccine, called Fluaxix, which will be available this month, and said British manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline had agreed to make about 3 million more doses available later.

Egypt agreement could frame Mideast peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Egypt said Tuesday it had brokered an understanding to halt Israeli-Palestinian violence and move toward a peace accord, hours after Hamas militants set off a bomb in Gaza that killed an Israeli soldier and triggered Israeli retaliation that left four Palestinian militants dead in the most serious violence since the death of Yasser Arafat. Egypt's state-run news agency, MENA, reported that Cairo would call for a July peace conference in Washington to include all parties to the agreement: Israel, the Palestinians, the United States and the European Union. The plan calls for an early cease-fire and contains overall principles for ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, MENA reported, adding that a dialogue among Palestinian factions on a cease-fire agreement would begin in March in Cairo.

Memo: workers threatened over prison abuse

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — U.S. special forces accused of abusing prisoners in Iraq threatened Defense Intelligence Agency personnel who saw the mistreatment, according to U.S. government memos released Tuesday by the American Civil Liberties Union. The special forces also monitored e-mails sent by defense personnel and ordered them "not to talk to anyone" in the United States about what they saw, said one memo written by the Defense Intelligence Agency chief, who complained to his Pentagon bosses about the harassment.



Building bravado: Vernon O. Ohlman designed most of the architecture for GVSU both in Allendale and the Pew Campus.

GVSU architect discusses designs

■ **Architect Vernon Ohlman talked about some of the work he has done at GVSU**

ALAN INGRAM
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Grand Valley students, faculty and administrators had the chance to hear about the university from the designer himself, Vernon Ohlman, chairman of the board and senior designer at Design Plus in Grand Rapids.

The architect spoke at the Cook-DeWitt Center Auditorium on Monday, Dec. 6 about some of the work he has done and what has gone into it at GVSU.

Ohlman said one of his dreams is to design buildings that can help to change people's lives, adding that GVSU is similar in that aspect.

"And what I came to realize when I started working for Grand Valley [is,] that is your job, that's what you do on a

day-to-day basis ... you change people's lives," Ohlman said.

The buildings at GVSU he has designed can be seen both in Allendale and in Grand Rapids. In Allendale, he designed many living centers including the new South living centers, the Padnos Hall/Henry Hall/Student Services center, the Alumni House and Visitor Center, the entrance arch and the south stadium entrance.

Nearly all of GVSU's downtown campus can be attributed to him as well. He designed the DeVos Center, the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences and Winter and Secchia Hall living centers. In all, his design is visible in over 40 newly constructed or remodeled buildings at GVSU.

President Emeritus Arend Lubbers said many of these buildings provide something beyond a working space.

"Padnos, Loosemore and Henry Halls, the Calder Art Center, the DeVos Center and the Cook-DeVos Health Science Center, along with many other spaces around campus, give us more than a

space in which to work," Lubbers said. "They give us spaces that at varying times ... provide us a sense of well-being and even inspiration."

Lubbers added that over the past 30 years, Ohlman has continually "merged his creativity with the vision of our university."

Ohlman said he and his firm feel strongly about working with their clients since they are the ones who actually have to use it and live with it.

"I don't believe that architecture is all about architects," Ohlman said. "I believe it's about you."

Five factors need to be considered when designing something, he said. They include context, scale, neighborhoods, connection and definition of place.

Context includes a search for coherence, he said. For example, the Allendale Campus is much more rural than the urban Pew Campus.

The scale is important because it can influence

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Getting around: Grand Valley buildings have push-button doors that open automatically for students with disabilities who are unable to pull doors open.

Mobility difficult for some

■ **While GVSU continues to update its campuses, students with disabilities still find it difficult to get around**

AJ COLLEY
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Ami Wilson represents several demographics at Grand Valley State University. She is an undergraduate student, a mother, an adult student and, perhaps most noticeably, a disabled student.

With the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), universities have had to make changes to ensure students with disabilities have the same educational opportunities as non-disabled students.

Kathleen VanderVeen, GVSU's director of disability services and ADA coordinator, said the ADA requires programs, not buildings, to be accessible.

Buildings erected after the ADA was passed must be accessible

As a result of older buildings not having to be up to code, if a student can't access a room, the class is moved.

Miranda Pelikan, a GVSU

junior and the president of GVSU's organization for the advancement of disabled students (OADS), said having to move and/or reschedule classes because of an accessibility issue is unfortunate for the other students in the class who had planned on the class being a certain time and place.

Disabled students who cannot use stairs face an issue if they want to study certain programs, such as photography — the photography labs and dark rooms are in the basement of Lake Superior Hall, a building that does not have an elevator.

VanderVeen said in the past the school of communication has rented facilities for students who can't access the labs.

Pelikan said she knows of one student who was interested in the photography program but dropped it due to accessibility issues.

Ryan Boshoven, a 21-year-old GVSU senior with cerebral palsy, said his disability has a

negative impact on his academics. Boshoven said he's usually at least five minutes late to one of his classes because of difficulty in getting to it.

Wilson, 32, also has difficulty getting around campus, as she is a wheelchair-user.

Boshoven and Wilson rely on a van service offered through the Dean of Students office.

Although ADA does not mandate additional transportation like the van supplies, the university offers the van service to students who have difficulty getting around campus because of a

permanent or temporary disability, VanderVeen said, adding the van is one way the university goes "above and beyond" for its students with disabilities.

"I would hate to see Grand Valley without [the van]," VanderVeen said.

"It is very necessary for a lot of our students that have mobility impairments."

Boshoven said although there seems to be no contingency plan for problems that may arise with the van, it is a "mostly reliable" service for students.

One problem Wilson said she has is that the van is for students to get around for academic means. Wilson has three children, ages 2, 3 and

12. "I can't carry two toddlers with this chair," she said.

Pelikan said the university is not exactly wheelchair-user-friendly.

"It's better than some universities," she said, "but they still have a long ways to go, especially the downtown campus."

Some doors on the Pew Campus are too heavy for students in wheelchairs to open, Pelikan said.

Wilson said she has had problems with push-pad doors cutting, bruising and slamming on her.

Pelikan said OADS is currently auditing buildings at GVSU to make sure they are up to code. When the group is finished, they are submitting a report of their findings to the university.

"They're starting to listen to our group," Pelikan said, adding the university said they'd consider making changes to buildings after the report is submitted.

New system aims at tracking students

■ **Database of enrollment records on college and university students proposed**

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A recent proposal by the research wing of the Department of Education seeks to create a database of enrollment records on all college and university students.

The proposal is drawing sharp criticism from education and civil liberties advocates concerned about privacy issues. Supporters believe the data will make it easier for taxpayers and policy makers to gauge the quality of education that students receive from colleges and universities.

Until now, the federal government has only had access to individual student information in connection with federally financed

student aid. Currently, colleges and universities submit information — a kind of a summary — about overall enrollment, graduation, prices and financial aid without identifying particular students.

The present system of rating higher education is subject to gaps and distortions in its figures. For example, when a student transfers from one college to another, that student is counted as a dropout and also as a new student.

Philip Batty, director of institutional analysis at Grand Valley State University, said if a student leaves GVSU to go to, for example, Michigan State University, the university must count that student as a dropout. Even if the student succeeds in graduating from MSU, GVSU would have to count the transfer as a kind of failure, something Batty said he disagrees with.

"We don't consider it a failure," he said.

While it would be nice to

keep track of the students who transfer and not count them as dropouts, Batty said he doesn't think it would make a huge impact on most of the current figures.

By tracking individual students' field of study, credits, tuition paid and financial aid received, supporters of the new proposal say it would be easier to create a clearer and more accurate picture of the current state of colleges and universities.

But in order for students to be tracked, their name, address, birth date, gender, race and Social Security number would have to be entered into a national database. Batty said there would be

quite a few benefits from such information, allowing for large-scale research with standardized data.

If the proposal were to be implemented, there would need to be an amendment to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. FERPA keeps colleges receiving federal funds from releasing most student records without permission from parents.

According to the Department of Education, individual student information would not be shared with other agencies and would be safe from outsiders attempting to gain access.

"The Department of Education has a lot of

"It's better than some universities, but they still have a long ways to go..."

MIRANDA PELIKAN
President of OADS

"The Department of Education has a lot of experience handling this kind of data..."

PHILIP BATTY
Director of Institutional Analysis

Speaker talks on World AIDS Day

■ World AIDS Day speech by guest speaker Rae Lewis-Thornton addressed stereotypes and encouraged students to care for themselves no matter what

MARIBETH HOLTZ
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Rae Lewis-Thornton was diagnosed HIV-positive in 1986 when she was 23 years old. Five years later, she was diagnosed with AIDS. She doesn't know who infected her.

"After a while it became irrelevant to me who had infected me because at the end of the day it was about the choices I made about my own body and about my own life," Lewis-Thornton said in a speech held Dec. 1 in Kirkhof Center.

"...I don't blame anyone for infecting me. I stand here a woman today and I accept the consequences about the choices I've made about my own body. But I've got to tell you, at 26 pills a day, it becomes a hard pill to swallow."

Lewis-Thornton, a motivational speaker, spoke on World AIDS Day at 9 p.m. to an audience of about 300, made up of mostly students. She gave her story, told about AIDS and common stereotypes people have about it and encouraged others to set boundaries and make wise decisions about their bodies.

"My prayer for you is that you will never have to feel my pain or live my life," Lewis-Thornton said. "Rethink your sex and your dating life in the way that you have calculated your degree and your future because in the end the only person who can save you is you."

Lewis-Thornton has been

speaking on AIDS to audiences across the country for 11 years. She is a certified pastor, her personal story was an "Essence" magazine cover story, she's appeared on "Nightline" and has won an Emmy award for a television series on living with AIDS.

"People tell me I make this look easy. If you knew what I knew," she said. "People think I got it goin' on! ... if you knew what I knew."

She said most people don't think they're at risk for HIV and AIDS.

"Most people think there's something about my life now and something about my behavior that exempts me from HIV ... I believe that's a false sense of security," she said.

Lewis-Thornton said she does not think there will be a cure for HIV because "it's too intelligent."

She said the lowest point in her life was the transition from HIV to AIDS. It emotionally shut her down and she was "wasting away."

"She said she should have died a long time ago, but she's discovered that life and death are matters of God, not matters of humans."

"I ain't goin' nowhere until it's time, until it's my purpose!" she exclaimed.

She encouraged students to set boundaries for themselves.

"[To say] if I could have, would have, should have means nothing," she said. "It's OK to say no. It's OK to set a standard for yourself."

The event was initiated by

Grand Valley State University's chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, of which Lewis-Thornton is an honorary member. It was co-sponsored by many other student groups and campus organizations.

Alicia Adell, GVSU's president of Delta Sigma Theta, said she saw Lewis-Thornton at a summit last year and knew then that she would be perfect for the campus. Adell said Lewis-Thornton's speech was "very impactful for this university."

She said it had a special impact because Lewis-Thornton was so young when she was diagnosed with HIV.

"I really hope that people realize this can happen to them," Adell said.

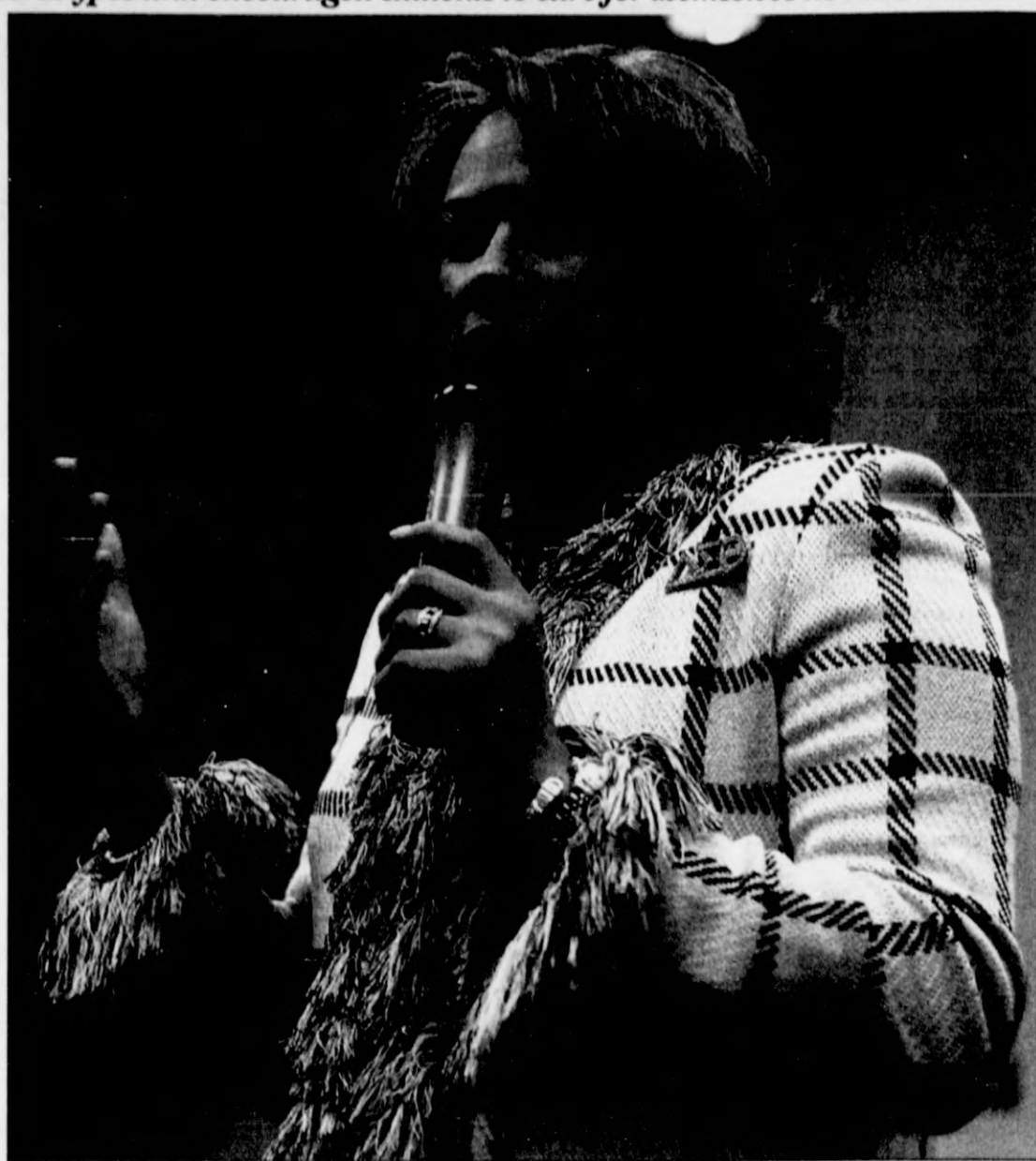
Marlene Kowalski-Braun, director of GVSU's Women's Center, which co-sponsored the event, said Lewis-Thornton brought a lot to the audience, especially when she spoke about common misconceptions and stereotypes people have about AIDS.

"She was very frank and honest, which college students like," she said.

Kowalski-Braun said sexually transmitted diseases are an important issue for the Women's Center, but AIDS could be addressed more often.

"For college students there's a tremendous amount of risk and I don't think we talk about it enough," she said.

Adell said she hopes to bring Lewis-Thornton back to GVSU in years to come.



Getting real: Rae Lewis-Thornton discusses her AIDS status and answers student questions on World AIDS Day Dec. 1.



Mesmerized: Spotlight Productions sponsored hypnotist Tom DeLuca to come perform for Grand Valley students in the Fieldhouse on Tuesday.

DeLuca hypnotizes GVSU students

ANGELA HARRIS
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Fruit with feelings, shoes that play music, an inside and outside beauty contest, Britney Spears entertaining the crowd and random pickup lines entertained the audience of about 650 students Tuesday night.

These antics were all the result of Tom DeLuca hypnotizing 20 randomly-chosen students from the audience during his two hour show.

DeLuca hypnotized the students to believe that they were part of a beauty contest, to think they were missing their rear ends, forget that the number six existed or eat a quart of ice cream in 30 seconds as well as other various actions.

Susie Rivard, freshman business major, was hypnotized to say "Who's your daddy?" whenever DeLuca said "Grand Valley" and to lose muscle control in her tongue when he asked her what her name was.

"I remember saying 'Who's your daddy?' and struggling to say

my name and being frustrated," Rivard said.

During the show, one hypnotized student began yelling at the audience for laughing at them and that it was not funny.

"When the girl was yelling at the audience, I agreed with what she was saying," Rivard said. "Nothing was funny. I did not get why everyone was laughing."

She added that while she was on stage, she hated DeLuca because everyone was making fun of them and he was not on their side, but rather the audience's side.

Throughout the show, DeLuca had members of Spotlight Productions act as spotters to the students so that they did not fall over or hurt themselves in any way.

At one point, three girls were hypnotized to think that one of the spotters, junior Eric Hinel, was good-looking.

"I'll admit it made me feel good," Hinel said.

Another student was hypnotized to answer any questions asked to him with a pickup line.

"The pickup lines were my

favorite part of the show especially the one about his car," Mike Marquardt, sophomore information systems major, said. "It made me want to go out and buy a Ford Tempo — 3 doors."

Jason Erb, sophomore film and video major, added, "The whole show was made up of good stuff, but the pickup lines were definitely the best."

At one point, the audience booed DeLuca because he would not ask the boy that was answering with pickup lines any more questions. DeLuca did ask the student one more question for them.

At the end of the show, DeLuca hypnotized a group of the students to start dancing as if they were in a club when he said the word "Chicago."

"My favorite part was when my roommate, Aaron, took his shirt off while he was dancing because that is something that he would never do in real life," Joe Bozek, junior criminal justice major, said. The show, which was sponsored by Spotlight Productions, was free for students but if they wanted to

enter the raffle for the "best seats in the house" they could bring \$5 or ten non-perishable food items. The winner won the opportunity to sit in the front row and enjoy pizza and pop with a friend.

Ashley Warnement, Spotlight Productions campus traditions co-chair, said that they collected \$40 and 50 cans.

"It's pretty good considering it was \$5 and only 10 cans," Warnement said.

Erin VanMal, the co-chair, added that the money and the cans would be going to God's Kitchen, a food kitchen in downtown Grand Rapids because they really need the food and were the closest to campus.

"Out of all the kitchens we considered, they seemed to be in the most need," Warnement said. "They serve 288 cans of vegetables a day as entrees."

DeLuca has been featured in People magazine, Rolling Stone Magazine and an article on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. He is also the four-time Campus Entertainer of the Year.

Students give to local, international holiday charities

MARIBETH HOLTZ
Grand Valley Lanthorn

In the midst of studying for final exams and finishing research papers, Grand Valley State University students are finding time to give to local and international organizations in holiday programs that reach out to people and animals in need.

Campus Ministry and student workers at the Recreation Center have led programs that allow students to donate gifts to Operation Christmas Child, Other Way Ministries, the Salvation Army and the Harbor Humane Society. Both groups are finding students to be very generous during the holiday season.

The Recreation Center has a WOOD television station and Salvation Army Angel Tree, which has ornaments with descriptions of gifts that can be bought for area children in need. The volunteers have also put ornaments on it with suggestions of items that can be bought for the Harbor Humane Society.

Amy McClintock, student building supervisor and a student leader at the Recreation Center, said the program is going well so far.

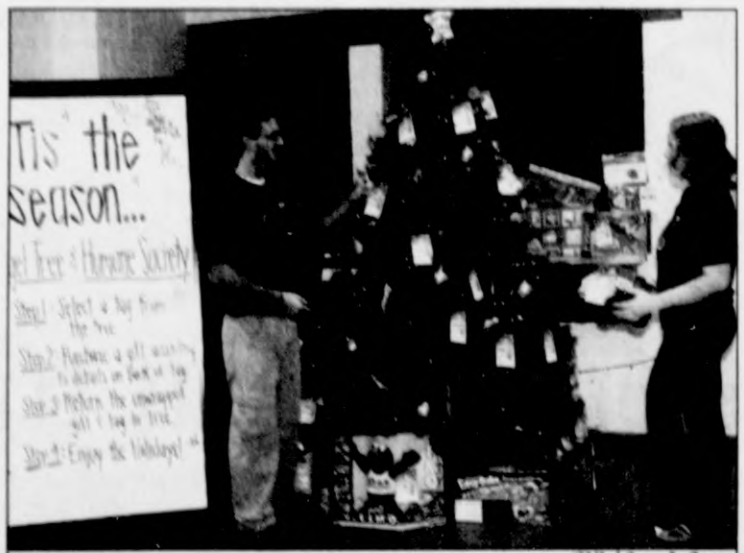
"Our whole office is just packed with toys," she said.

The tree, which stands in the lobby of the Recreation Center, is at a location that many people pass on the way to classes, practices or to work out. McClintock said this helps make the program a success. She said the tree shows students "a quick way to volunteer and give Christmas cheer to somebody who's not as fortunate as we may be."

This is the second year volunteers at the Recreation Center have participated in the Angel Tree program and the first year they have done a program to help the Harbor Humane Society.

McClintock said last year, participation in the Angel Tree was "fabulous." Because they were featured in WOOD TV's "Connections with Maranda" and "The Jerry Barnaby Show," they got a lot of publicity and a great turnout, clearing out all of the tags on the tree twice and eventually donating two carloads of toys to the Salvation Army.

This year, McClintock said both the Angel Tree and the Harbor Humane Society programs are successful.



Tis the season: Near the rec center in the Fieldhouse is the Salvation Army Angel Tree, where sophomore film and video student Jason Erb and junior advertising and public relations major Bridget Stang demonstrate the process of removing an ornament and replacing it with a present.

The Angel Tree program collects gifts for children in West Michigan who are in need. Participants pick up an ornament with a suggestion of a gift to buy, buy the gift and bring it back unwrapped. Eventually, all of the gifts donated are wrapped and brought to a big party with Santa at Celebration! Cinema in Grand Rapids for children and their families.

McClintock said students like the program because there is no price range on the gifts and they can give what they want. She said it also "gives us the chance to act like kids and pick out what we want."

The ornaments for the Harbor Humane Society have requests on the backs of them for items such as blankets, batteries, gas cards and food. McClintock said the humane society is really in

need and she thinks animals are often forgotten during the holidays.

She said the combination of both programs on one tree is good for students because it allows them to choose what they want to give based on to whom they want to donate. The deadline for all gifts is Dec. 22.

Campus Ministry has encouraged students to give in both an international and a local program this year.

It collected about 50 boxes filled with toys and necessities to give to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse that sends the boxes to, as campus minister Peter Pieters put it, "kids all over the world who may never get a gift because they're orphaned by war

PLEASE SEE HOLIDAY, A5

Event celebrates, breaks stereotypes about Kwanzaa

MARIBETH HOLTZ
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Gospel music and modern African dancing will fill the Grand River Room Sunday night as the Black Student Union will celebrate its heritage as well as strive to inform others about their culture and traditional festival, Kwanzaa.

The event, called "Kwanzaa: An Evening of Heritage," will be held Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. It is free and will have programs that are meant to break the stereotypes many people have about the festival.

Larry Kinsey, co-chair for the event, said many people don't know very much about Kwanzaa and look at it in a negative light, thinking it's only a cultural event for African Americans. He said the principles of Kwanzaa are principles that everyone of all cultures can relate to.

"It's not just black power, but it's about what we can do together," Kinsey said. "It's about bettering yourself and your community."

Jessica Benson, the other co-chair for the event, agreed, saying, "to reinforce family, community, culture, giving back to the community — that's for everyone."

Benson said BSU puts on a Kwanzaa event every year.

This year's event is especially early as Kwanzaa is from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

Kinsey said last year's event was a success with about 150 people attending, but this year he hopes more people will attend, who represent a wide variety of cultures. That way, the BSU can inform more people about the festival, giving them a new understanding of it.

Kinsey said many people have misconceptions about Kwanzaa. He said it's not an African holiday, even though the names of the principles celebrated are in Swahili. Rather, it's African American-based. He also said it's not particularly religious and it's not a substitute for Christmas.

Kinsey said on each of the seven days of Kwanzaa a principle is celebrated through the lighting of a candle. The principles include Umoja (unity), Kuumba (creativity), Nia (purpose) and Imani (faith). Each day's principle is reflected throughout the day and on the last day of Kwanzaa, a big party is given where gifts are exchanged.

At this year's event, GVSU professor Lois Owens will speak about the seven principles of Kwanzaa. A local dance group will perform

PLEASE SEE PARTY, A5

Sleepless Nights keeps students up with events

SHARON MASON
Grand Valley Lanthorn

The Laker Late Night crowd was much larger than usual on Friday night due to the Spotlight Production takeover for this semester's Sleepless Night.

About 250 students gathered in Kirkhof to enjoy a night away from books and studies during this biannual event. They opted to feast in a hot dog eating contest, bouncing-boxing tournaments, root beer pingpong and many more activities.

"Sleepless Night is an event where you can go somewhere, have a lot of fun, but not party and drink," said Stephanie Mueller, event chairperson.

Student Lisa Pearson said there were plenty of activities offered in Kirkhof on Friday.

All three levels of Kirkhof were full of events — from wax hands and free massages in the lower level to a bingo game upstairs — to keep students busy until the early morning hours.

Pseudo, the student improvisational comedy group, took over the upstairs at around 11 p.m. to entertain in a "Who's Line is it Anyway?" form.

"They're always funny," said

senior Betsy Haak, who's seen Pseudo perform several times. "This time they were better than before and I really did laugh a lot during the marshmallow game."

Pete Lapczynski, a student visiting from Ferris State University, also devoted his Friday night to Sleepless Nights.

"Pseudo was good, fun, cheap entertainment," he said. "The whole night was kind of interesting. It was full of things we'd never have offered at Ferris."

Just after midnight hit, featured comedian Keith McGill took over the stage in the Grand River Room, entertaining more than 50 people.

Mueller said she had hoped for more people to attend; however she said she was still pleased with the turnout.

For all who came to the event looking forward to the free haircuts that were supposed to be offered, Mueller said she extends her deepest regrets.

"I'm really sorry that the haircut lady never showed up," she said.

Student Ty Krueger said he did as much as he could throughout the night, including participating in the hot dog-eating contest followed by two



Bouncing Around: Grand Valley students compete in a round of "Bouncy Boxing" in the Kirkhof lobby, during Friday's Sleepless Nights Event.

rounds of bouncing boxing.

"Sleepless Nights is different than Laker Late Night," he said. "I've been to Laker Late Night, but I heard that there was going to be a lot of different stuff to do tonight, so I came. Spotlight did a good job with tonight, it's one of the best events."

Currently, Spotlight Productions is beginning to put together next semester's Sleepless Night, though the event's name may change.

"We want to put on another big event," Mueller said. "Las

Vegas Night is in the works and I'm determined to find an Elvis impersonator. Plus there will probably be a mock bar and plenty other Vegas-styled entertainment."

More information on this event will be available in January from Spotlight Productions.

If anyone is interested in helping or joining Spotlight, meetings are held every Monday night at 9 p.m. in the Student Organization Center, in lower level Kirkhof.

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or poverty.

This is the first year Campus Ministry has participated in this project and student leader Meredith Vanover was pleased with the big response.

"That was really exciting that people cared internationally," Vanover said. "It's just really

cool to see students giving back."

Campus Ministry also led a project similar to the Angel Tree, that allowed students to give gifts that were listed on ornaments. These gifts, however, went to Other Way Ministry, a Grand Rapids organization.

The gifts were put in the ministry's Christmas Store and sold for half price to people who

can't otherwise afford gifts bought at a store for their children.

Pieters said this is done so parents can buy the gifts for their children "with dignity" and is a lot more meaningful because the parents spent money on the gifts, thus sacrificing something they had for their children.

This is the fifth or sixth year Campus Ministry has participated in the program.

Vanover said this year they tried to focus on buying gifts for teenagers.

Pieters said students involved in Campus Ministry are always generous during the holiday season.

"I'm always pleased with the response," he said.

Vanover agreed, saying, "I am constantly amazed ... I'm just surprised that both [projects] got such a wide response."

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modern African dancing and the Muskegon gospel group "Psalms" will sing gospel songs.

Kinsey said the music is very

much a part of the African American culture.

"Because most African Americans are Christians, most of the music will be gospel," he said.

Free food will be at the event, including catfish, fried chicken,

spaghetti and cake. Kinsey said the free food is likely to bring people in, but he doesn't want that to be the only reason people come for the event, nor the only thing they get out of the event.

"We don't want them to come

for the free food, but to come with an open mind," he said.

He hopes people leave with a better understanding of Kwanzaa and knowing, through applying the principles of Kwanzaa, that they can better themselves.

GVSU offers stress relief

ANGELA HARRIS
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Three 10-page papers due in five days with a 15 minute speech in another class. Averaging four hours of sleep a night and grabbing something to eat on the run to the library or during a quick study break.

Welcome to finals and the crazy, hectic week before it where it seems like every professor is requesting final projects all at the same time.

Finals can be stressful for students, but there are services offered at Grand Valley State University for students to help keep the stress under control.

Amy Soper, wellness coordinator for GVSU's Wellness Center, said students experience stress during finals because of the preparation required, the anxiety and expectations involved and because of students procrastinating and not planning ahead.

Leading up to finals, stress can become the students to lose sleep, become anxious and can change the person's nutrition habits. This is because it breaks up the routine that students have developed and changes their lifestyles.

To better prepare themselves for finals, Soper said students should manage their time and plan out what they will be doing during the day and plan how they will study.

Students should also utilize study groups or study in a non-distractive location.

"Environment has a lot to do with

it," Soper said. "If it is loud, the student can get easily distracted. Students should go somewhere quiet such as the library or coffee house."

To help students deal with the stress of finals, GVSU offers a variety of services throughout the year and especially during finals.

These services range from seminars from the Counseling Center, to exercise classes and massages from the GVSU Wellness Center, to mediation groups from the Ways of the Earth group on campus.

Students should also get enough sleep, Soper said. This will help students retain information.

"Make sure you get enough sleep to function," Soper said.

Nathan Smith, president of the student organization Ways of the Earth, said that mediation is also a good way for students to relax and relieve stress.

He added 20 minutes a day can equal two hours of relaxed sleep which is especially good if students are exhausted because of finals.

The Ways of the Earth has been conducting mediation circles all semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Cook-DeWitt and Kirkhof for all students.

On Dec. 11, there will be a program from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Pere Marquette room in Kirkhof called "Managing stress the easy way." This program is designed to teach students how to deal with the stress of finals week and will include free massages, stress balls, informational packets and refreshments.

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Annis Water Research Institute receives federal funds

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Grand Valley State University's Annis Water Resources Institute will obtain \$500,000 in federal funds, Congressman Pete Hoekstra (R-Holland) announced on location at a press conference on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Of the \$500,000 AWRI will receive, half will be used to upgrade and make improvements to AWRI's field station, which is losing some integrity, AWRI Director Alan Steinman said. The other half of the funding will go toward education and outreach.

"We were very fortunate to get the money," Steinman said. "It's absolutely critical."

The education and outreach funds will go toward increasing the number of trips for 4th through 12th graders on the Institute's two research vessels, the D.J. Angus and the W.G. Jackson.

The funding is critical to both Grand Valley and Muskegon, Hoekstra said. He said he thinks GVSU has a premier facility in the AWRI and that their work is very important. The money, which was part of the 2005 federal appropriations package, will not only help rehabilitate the

facility itself, but it will also make it more accessible to the public, which he said is important.

"On a regular basis, we're in touch with Alan [Steinman]," Hoekstra said. "He really is a valuable resource to me." He added that Steinman is concerned about environmental issues much like he is. They speak about many things including programs, legislation and cleanup.

The legislation will help provide a practical application of science, Hoekstra said, since the community is also affected.

"If we're going to spend the money, we need to have the

science to make sure we spend it wisely," Hoekstra said.

GVSU Vice President for University Relations Matt McLogan said the money was much needed.

"I'm very pleased that these appropriations will help Grand Valley to do two things: First, continue our work to preserve, protect and defend Lake Michigan and, second, enhance the work of the Annis Water Resources Institute," McLogan said.

While the money is not in hand yet, McLogan said everything should be in place by spring.

Steinman said the money must

be spent within three years and added that it won't be a problem. He said there is so much work that needs to be done that he does not anticipate any difficulties finding ways to spend the money.

He added that they will continue working to obtain more funds with the hope of continually improving their programs and facilities.

"These types of [appropriations] really help us explore opportunities that may not be available," Steinman said.

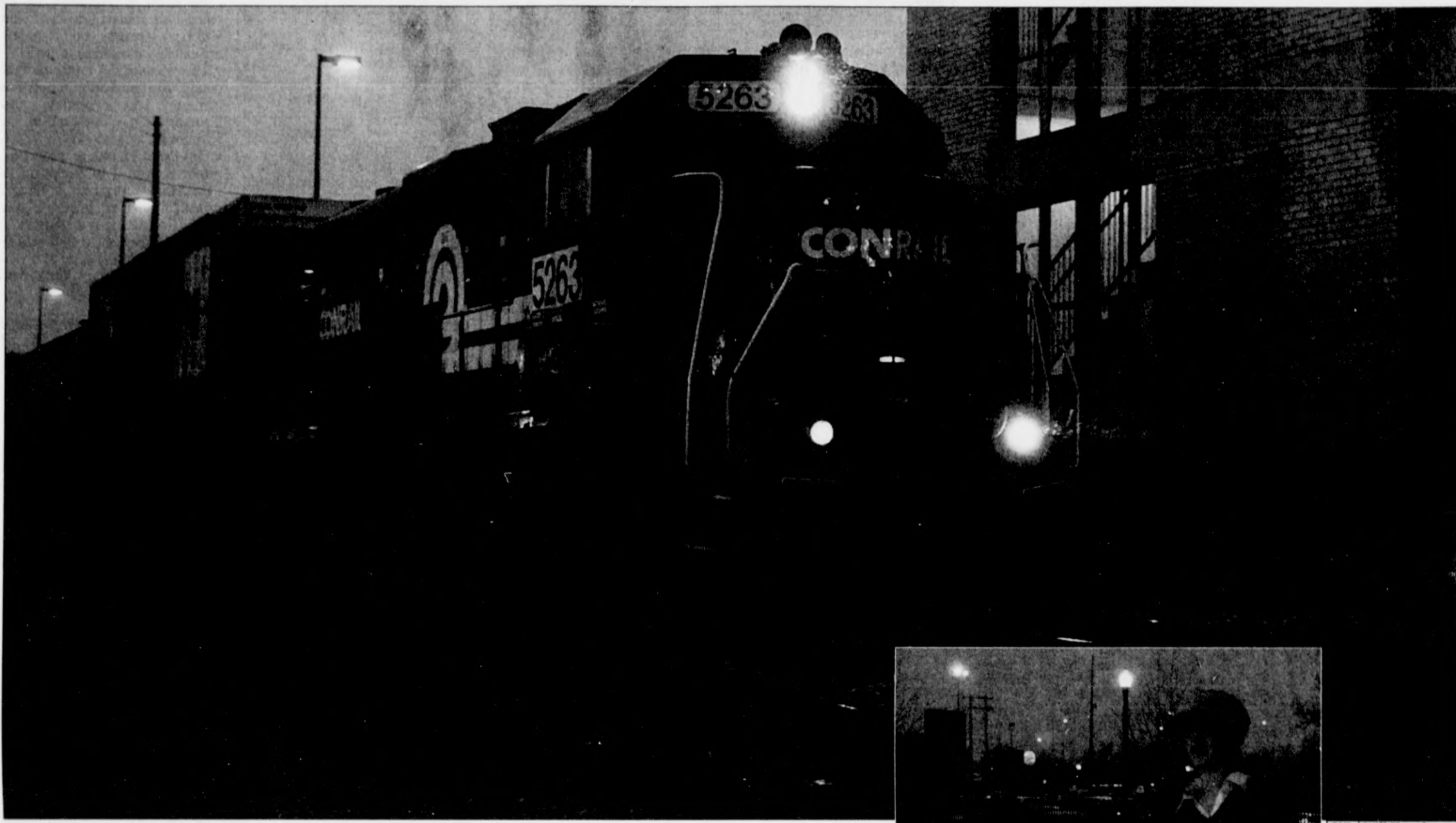
Both McLogan and Steinman said they were very pleased with how helpful Hoekstra was in getting the funds for AWRI.

McLogan said Hoekstra gets many requests, but that he supported this one from the beginning.

"We are thrilled that in this one his support was immediate and strong," McLogan said. He added that it couldn't have happened without the congressman's help.

Steinman added that he thinks Hoekstra is an asset not only to his district, but also to the region. Hoekstra also helped secure funding for the seawall that surrounds the institute.

"I can't do justice in words to express my appreciation for the representative and his staff," Steinman said.



Near misses have officials concerned

■ CSX has reason to be worried after several near misses at the downtown parking ramp

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While the new parking ramp downtown may make it easier for students searching for a spot, it appears to be turning into a safety issue for its users.

The ramp is located next to railway tracks that separate it from GVSU's DeVos Center. This has caused three reported incidents of "near misses" with trains since the ramp was built, said CSX Transportation Public Safety Coordinator Ken Gilsdorf.

He said the lack of signage must be improved and additional warning signals should also be considered.

"You don't have enough signs, the signs that you have are too little, and they're hidden on the far side," Gilsdorf said. "They need to be bigger and they need to be

closer." While Director of Security for Pew Campus and Regional Centers Allen Wygant said he was unaware of this being an issue this year, Gilsdorf said the reports from train crews go to CSX and not directly to GVSU.

Something must be done to make sure an incident doesn't happen at GVSU, Gilsdorf added.

He said probably one of the best and cheapest methods of prevention, in addition to improved signage, would be to wire the metal gate that closes at night to the railroad gates on Lake Michigan Drive and Fulton. That way, when the traffic gates go down, the parking ramp gate would also close.

"When [the] lights and gates start activating, then I would like to see that gate that's

there closer," Gilsdorf said. "That's my No. 1 thing."

Currently, GVSU plans to install more signs to warn pedestrians of the tracks and oncoming trains, Wygant said. He added that he feels people in the garage can tell when a train's coming because of the noise and vibration.

Actual pedestrian lights and gates, similar to those the alert cars to trains, could cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

"Even if you did have the right of way, you're going to be the loser...you know, it's you versus a car or you versus a train — there's no good going to come from that."

ALLEN WYGANT
Director of Security



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Missed warnings: Top, When traveling downtown, people are warned that a train may be on the tracks. Left, Leah Armstrong heads across the tracks downtown. Signs that are designed to warn students about the dangers of crossing the tracks are often hard to see.

close the ramp was to the tracks and wonders how it was approved. CSX normally has a 25-foot property line from their nearest rail.

Generally, CSX wants people at least 15 feet back from the train in case something falls off or is dragging under it, Gilsdorf said.

Gilsdorf said he spent nearly 45 minutes observing approximately 200 people walk over the tracks when he visited the site on Tuesday. Of them, he said he did not see one of them stop and look each way down the track. People need to stop, look and listen when walking across tracks, he said.

Importantly, he said it is vital that people do not try to beat the train. The tracks often get slippery from the oil on them especially when it is wet

outside. People can easily slip and fall down in front of the oncoming train.

Wygant added that any time pedestrians encounter another form of transportation they need to be careful, even if they have the right of way, which in this case they don't.

"Even if you did have the right of way, you're going to be the loser," he said. "You know, it's you versus a car or you versus a train — there's no good going to come from that."

Anywhere from two to four trains run each day on the tracks next to the parking ramp, Gilsdorf said. Each one travels at approximately 25 miles per hour. At that speed, it can take up to a half mile for it to stop.

"And like that sign says out there, that train is not going to stop for you," he said.



Learning to save a life: Nursing Majors Diane Perry (left) and Kelley Veresh (right), both Juniors, practice compressions on a dummy.

New study explores reasons behind nursing errors

MARTY SLAGTER
Grand Valley Lanthorn

For the first time, hospital staff nurses nationwide will have a better, more detailed understanding of the errors they've committed on the job.

A recently released nationwide study co-authored by Grand Valley State University Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Linda Scott, provides insight on the types of errors and reasons they were committed.

The study is a follow-up to another study published by the same research team last summer on the effects of excessive hours worked by nurses.

The 28-day study took a national random sample of 393 registered nurses and asked them to keep a log book of both errors and near-errors they made on the job, and the reasons why they occurred.

Scott said the study provided a number of answers as to why errors were committed by nurses on the job.

The study showed errors such as omitting a routine task or making charting and transcription errors occurred due to a lack of communication within the workplace.

Scott said one of the main reasons nurses committed errors was due to the complexity of care that nurses provide.

"Obviously, the sicker you are, the more complex your care is going to be," Scott said. "That's one of the main causes of errors."

Scott said another reason why errors occurred was the way hospitals are staffed.

"Being short staffed is always an issue," Scott said. "A lot of times nurses are forced to be in several places at once. We need to find different ways that allow us to work more efficiently."

The report showed that a nurse may be interrupted, on average, at least 19 times during a three-hour period by at least 13 different sources.

"Nurses are always concerned with the quality of patient care," Scott said. "But a lot of times, they just don't have enough time to devote to them."

Ann E. Rogers, agreed, saying that fewer responsibilities for nurses might help a nurses' attention level with their patients. Rogers, associate professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, led the study with the help of both Scott and Michele C. Balas, a University of Pennsylvania nursing doctoral student.

"We need to look at how our work is structured," Rogers said. "Fewer responsibilities for nurses might allow them to focus all of their attention on patient care."

Rogers also said the study is

important for nurses to look at because the errors they make could have a significant impact on patient care.

Another important issue the study raises is the improvements that should be made to improve overall patient care.

Scott said the study was designed to not only survey and analyze errors made by nurses in the workplace, but to look at strategies to improve patient safety and nursing care.

"The main purpose is to look at the factors that effect patient safety, which is preventable errors," Scott said. "We need to look at different strategies to improve patient safety and nursing care."

Scott said the group has been working on the study since 2002 and she expects more data from another sample to be released later next year.

G.R. Monopoly wins award

■ **Monopoly board game centered on G.R. wins award for best fundraising project**

ALAN INGRAM
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Grand Valley State University's Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization has passed "Go" and has collected far more than \$200.

The organization has spent the better part of the past year developing and selling a Monopoly board game centered on Grand Rapids area businesses and institutions. The club won an award on Nov. 6 given by the National Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization for the best fund-raising project.

"We knew we had a good product," said CEO Graduate Adviser Daniel Mulka. "We knew we had a good shot at it." The idea for the game actually came to Mulka when he was working on a PowerPoint presentation with a Monopoly theme.

Mulka also received recognition for the project when he was nominated for Best Adviser. Project Leader Daryn Kuipers received a Best Student Leader nomination. Both finished in the top 10 in their respective categories.

"It was a real honor," Kuipers said.

He said he feels like he just did what he had to do to get the job done. Mulka added that he was surprised at his nomination.

After he proposed the idea to CEO and the organization decided to make the board game its primary undertaking, Mulka said a small group of people in the organization helped it all come together.

He said members would often put in long hours going to businesses asking for their support, hoping that the finished product would raise \$100,000 for a scholarship fund. Companies on the board include Steelcase, Meijer and Altacor.

"With our Monopoly project we knew we had a big hill to climb," Mulka said. He added, however, that they knew if they put their minds to it, the end goal was possible.

Kuipers said he has been very pleased with how the game has developed. The club itself has sold out of the boards, but more are available for sale at local Meijer stores for \$29.95, Mulka said.

Currently, the club hopes to sell many boards during the upcoming holiday season. Of the 8,000 boards made, Mulka said his best guess is that 4,000 to 5,000 still remain. He said, however, he does not have specific numbers, so his estimate

is based solely on observations at the stores.

Based on the same observations, he said sales tailed off slightly around November, but picked up just before Thanksgiving. Nearly 1,000 boards were pre-sold by the club and approximately 500 were sold in the first week on shelves, Mulka said.

Looking back on it now, Mulka said he wouldn't have believed the project would have been this successful when he began.

"We had a lot of hurdles to jump over and somehow we did it," Mulka said. "A lot had to do with having the right people."

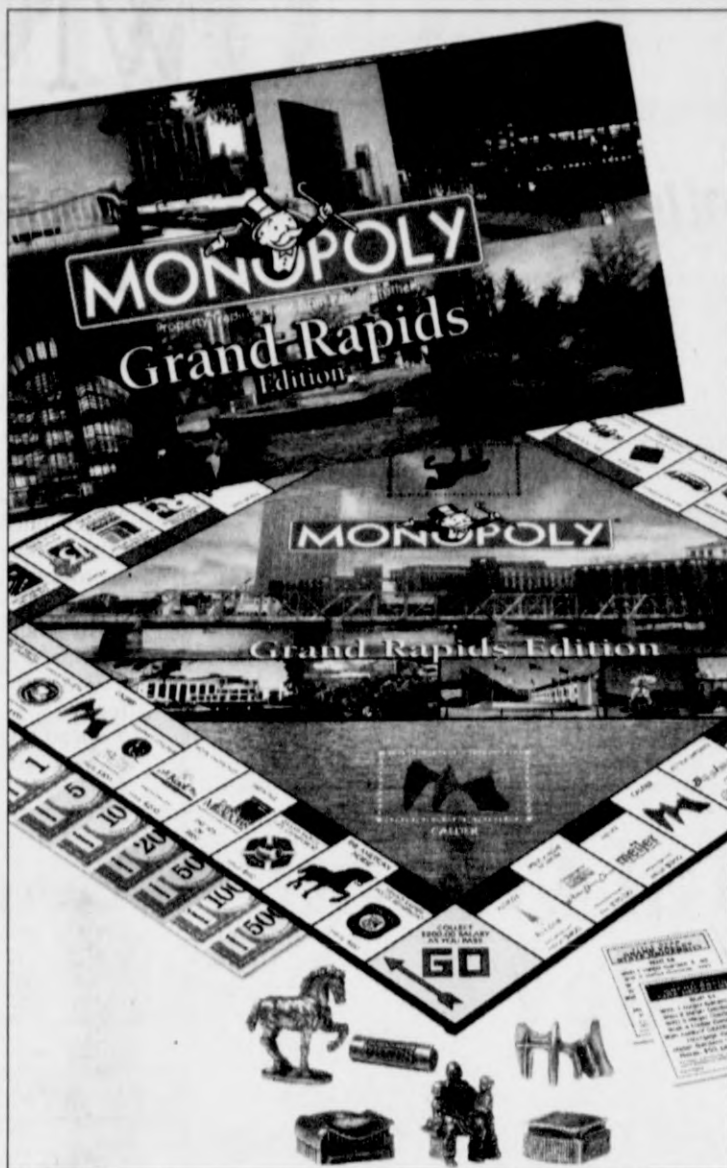
Kuipers added that the faculty, staff and administration at GVSU were there to help when needed.

"They really were a big part in helping us get the project done," he said.

While guidelines for the scholarship were not determined as of press time, Mulka said they should be by either the end of this week or by the end of the semester at the latest.

The Monopoly project should be complete by the end of the year, Mulka said. Future projects are in the works, but nothing specific has yet been determined, he added.

"As an entrepreneur you have a vision for the final product, and not everyone can see it," Kuipers said. "The final product I saw is on the shelves at Meijer."



Monopoly, GR Style: GVSU's Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization designed and is selling a Grand Rapids-based Monopoly board game. It is available at local Meijer stores for \$29.95.

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emotions and needs to make people comfortable. The idea of transparency, or being able to see into a building, is also important, Ohlman said. It helps make people feel more at ease since they can see what is going on inside and there's not so much unknown. Variety, shape and color are also important to design.

The idea of neighborhoods helps build a diversity of cultures, Ohlman said, while connections allow for spontaneous community enjoyment.

Finally, the definition of place is important because it helps to engage and inspire people that use it. Ohlman said the idea is to design a place where people want to be, not a place where they have to be.

Lubbers said that the design of a place can reveal quite a bit about it.

"Yet the first, and often lasting impression of the university is architectural," Lubbers said. "The special beauty of the campus, or the lack of it, is visual and immediate."

Members of the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate put together a resolution honoring Ohlman for the work he has done. GVSU President Mark Murray presented it to him to conclude the presentation.

Christmas at the Zoo a hit with local kids



Santa's real reindeer: Loren Hale sits on Santa's lap and visits with a reindeer at the John Ball Park Zoo in downtown GR on Saturday.

DAVE MULLER
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Lions, monkeys, birds of prey, chimpanzees and Santa Claus may not seem like a traditional holiday combination, but it made sense at John Ball Zoo's Christmas at the Zoo on Saturday, Dec. 4.

During the free event, children had their pictures taken with Santa and his reindeer and had their favorite stuffed animal checked on by a veterinarian. The event also asked for small donations of "enrichment" items for the animals, or things that can keep the animals busy, said Brenda Stringer, the zoo's director.

"It's really good if an animal has a job," Stringer said. "Mammals in particular need to be more mentally engaged."

Things like rawhide toys, baby bottles and food items like peanut butter, cereal and marshmallows were all donated and will be useful in enhancing the animals' lives, she

volunteer who gave away free hot cocoa.

Christmas at the Zoo wasn't just for the animals, Stringer said. It was also educational for the children.

"The kids can learn that they should take their own animals to the vet," Stringer said of the stuffed animal check-up. Children who came to the event learned how to take care of their own animals and also learned about how the zoo takes care of its animals, she added.

The stuffed animal checking service was a main attraction, drawing a larger line than Santa Claus. Dr. Richard Bennett, a veterinarian for the zoo for 25 years, said he got a smile out of reassuring the kids that their stuffed animals were not ill.

Bennett used his tools to check the kids' stuffed animals' ears, eyes, skin, tails and heartbeats before giving the animals a bandage. The children got an introduction to early pet care, Bennett said.

Denise Newhouse came to Christmas at the Zoo with her husband and four children to have the kids' stuffed zebra, tiger, pig and teddy bear checked by Bennett.

"They all have bandages, even the little piggy's tail," Newhouse said. She said her daughter wants to become a veterinarian and that her children especially enjoyed the ever-zany chimpanzees.

Ronald Cook of Grand Rapids said the chimpanzees were also a favorite of his 4-year-old daughter.

"She didn't want to leave," Cook said.

McIntyre, who has been volunteering at the zoo for 10 years, said the weather was just right for this year's Christmas at the Zoo.

"We've had a really good turnout," she said. "A lot of events [at the zoo] are weather depending, but it's warmer today, and there isn't any snow people have to trudge through."

McIntyre also said the zoo is looking for volunteers. She said volunteering hours are "very flexible," one weekend per month, for example. She said volunteers can work with the animals, or even in the zoo library.

For additional information regarding volunteer work or the zoo in general, visit <http://www.johnballzoosociety.org>.

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Grateful Grand Valley

This afternoon, Grand Valley State University will recognize three long-time employees of the university for 40 years of service. However, Tuesday of this week also saw the passing of Jay Van Andel, a major university contributor. While the situations are different, the events combine to show that GVSU truly appreciates people who are dedicated to higher education and the university.

When GVSU was founded as a tiny, rural state college in the early 1960s, few people likely imagined that a mere 40 years later, the university would be home to more than 22,000 students and several regional campuses.

It is fortunate that GVSU, at its current point in development continues to recognize people who have been and still are instrumental to the success of the university.

The university is doing itself a favor by demonstrating its gratitude to service and dedication by recognizing three university employees for 40 years of continued service along with numerous other employees who have reached other milestone anniversaries.

GVSU's three 40-year employees being recognized are John Scherff, Carl Bajema and Don VanderJagt.

GVSU also came through in fine form by recognizing Jay Van Andel, a long time contributor to the university merely hours after notice of his passing became public.

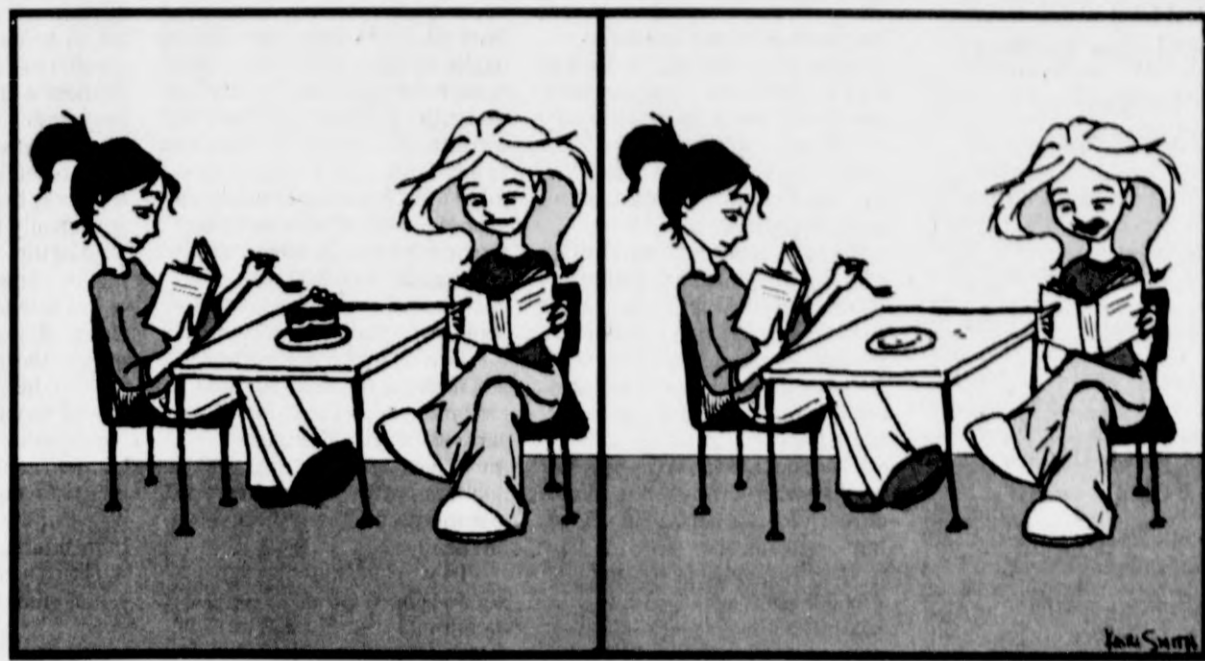
While the latter situation is unfortunate, GVSU handled the situation appropriately by releasing a statement to the public offering condolences to the Van Andel family. In the statement, GVSU President Mark Murray said, "Jay's impact on our university was both quiet and far-reaching. Jay was always there when we needed his support for projects that would become milestones for the University. His personal generosity is reflected across our downtown Grand Rapids campus, whether on 'health hill' with the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences or in the DeVos Center, where the Van Andel Global Trade Center was named in honor of his entrepreneurial spirit and his vision for international business. Just yesterday I heard a recital on the organ he supported for our Cook-DeWitt Center. Our hearts go out to Jay's family."

It is reactions like this as well as acknowledging current employees and staff that have shown their dedication to the university that allow GVSU to maintain good relationships across donor and employee lines.

All too often employers fail to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of employees. This practice is unfortunate and GVSU deserves accolades for taking care of the people who are concerned about the welfare of the university, either through donations or through years of dedicated service.

It is rare to find people who have a commitment toward higher education, regardless of whether it is through service or finances or both.

GVSU ought to be commended for setting an appropriate precedent on recognition of people who are vital to the university regardless of the context in which they help it.



GVL Comic / Karl Smith

GVL SPEAK UP

This week the Grand Valley Lanthorn asked eight community members:

Do you think Grand Valley offers enough assistance to students with disabilities?



"Yes, but I don't really know."

Jason Schout
Freshman
Undecided



"No, I do not. I had a roommate who broke her knee last semester and she had to be in a wheelchair for a while and I've never seen somebody have so much difficulty getting around."

Sara Weston
Senior
Group social studies



"I don't know, I haven't really thought about it."

Sky Rubley
Senior
Behavioral science



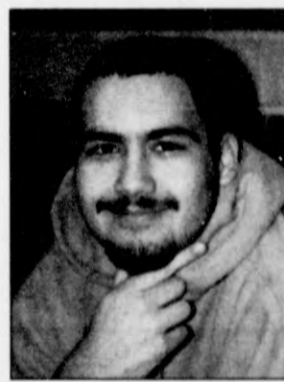
"Yeah, I think so."

Ann Cichocky
Sophomore
Statistics



"Yeah, I guess so. To the best of my knowledge they do."

Josh Crigier
Sophomore
Business and French



"Yeah, I would think so. There are all sorts of housing options for disabled people."

Russ Ortmann
Sophomore
Biology



"I don't know. I've never had the need to inquire about that."

Jordan Nelson
Senior
Computer Science



"I have no idea. I don't have a clue what they offer and don't offer."

Tamara Beatson
Junior
Math

GVL STUDENT OPINION

Need a study break or bored?



BRIAN PERRY writes for the GVL opinion. His views do not necessarily represent those of the newspaper.

It's almost time to go home! That is, if you're not a Grand Rapids native who goes home every weekend. There are a few of you out there. I'm going back to God's Country, aka the Upper Peninsula, for ice fishing and dial-up Internet.

While you are relaxing at home, there are a few ways to keep yourself busy online. Now many of you already know about these great sites but they are still worth mentioning. The first is <http://www.ratemyprofessors.com>.

Guess what you do at Ratemyprofessors.com ... That's right, you rate your professors from this semester. And then, if you've had someone I'm about to have, I can find out all about them and drop them if necessary. At least that's the most common use of the site. I prefer to rate my old professors without previewing my new ones. There's no reason to make yourself anxious based on someone else's bad experiences. I've seen great professors get horrible reviews, and I've seen terrible professors get great reviews. I'm always skeptical of the accuracy of the ratings.

There is more to it, however, than how accurate we can be. The true importance of Ratemyprofessors.com is that Grand Valley State University is the No. 1 most rated school in the country. We have about 38,000 ratings of professors, which is 8,000 more than the

second place University of Delaware. If the football team can't be the best in the country every single year (an unreasonable request) we can still be the most rated school on Ratemyprofessors.com. But we need your help!

The second interesting site for you to peruse during your leisurely break is <http://www.thefacebook.com>. Thefacebook.com is a community site, kind of like Friendster.com, but it is based on colleges and GVSU is a featured college. You use your GVSU e-mail account to log in so that impostors have to stay out. At Thefacebook.com you can stalk the beautiful women in your classes by finding out their favorite books, movies, and whether or not they are already taken. In a less creepy use of the site, you can join online clubs based on common interests. Prefer Miller over

Budweiser? There's a group. Budweiser over Miller? There's a group. Cried when George Bush was re-elected? There's a group.

I know what you're thinking. This site is completely and utterly useless. And you're right. But while you've got hours upon hours with no homework to do, and no classes to skip, and you need a break before playing an entire season of Madden over the next 12 hours, jump online. Find out more about friends and strangers and let them find out about you. Find out more about me. Send me a note about how interesting your first hour on Thefacebook.com was. Then go back to Madden.

Two great sites for building community and killing time. Then again, break is too short. Maybe you can fit in a visit to these sites during Finals week.

"My influences... basically you name it, I spit it."

- RiChard Jackson
Rap artist, Campus shuttle bus driver

GVL OPINION POLICY

The ultimate goal of the Grand Valley Lanthorn opinion page is to stimulate discussion and action on topics of interest to the Grand Valley Community.

The Grand Valley Lanthorn welcomes reader viewpoints and offers three vehicles of expression for reader opinions: letters to the editor, guest columns and phone responses.

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GVL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A few questions for the president

Dear President Bush,
Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding Gods Law. I have learned a great deal from you and understand why you would propose and support a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage. As you said "in the eyes of God marriage is based between a man a woman." I try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination... End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some other elements of God's Laws and how to follow them:

1. Leviticus 25:44 states that I may possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans, but not Canadians. Can you clarify? Why can't I own Canadians?

2. I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

3. I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness Lev.15: 19-24. The problem is how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

4. When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord Lev.1:9. The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?

5. I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself, or should I ask the police to do it?

6. A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination, Lev. 11:10, it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this? Are there 'degrees' of abomination?

7. Lev.21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

8. Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev.19:27. How should they die?

9. I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

10. My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev.19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them? Lev.24:10-16. Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair, like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (Lev. 20:14)

I know you have studied these things extensively and thus enjoy considerable expertise in such matters, so I am confident you can help.
Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Kurt Freund
GVSU Student

Feeling unsafe at GVSU

Dear Students and Faculty of Grand Valley,

I recently had the misfortune of having my purse stolen. It was bad enough to happen to me, but I do not want this to happen to any other woman on campus. Normally, I do not bring my purse in with me while in class or studying. However, this time I did because I was at school studying for a long period of time. At about 10 minutes before my class began, I used the women's restroom. The stalls are small, so I left my purse on top of my carry on with the idea of leaving quickly for class. It took all of about 2 minutes. I came out of the stall, saw my carry on, but my purse was gone! The moral here, is keep your purse with you at all times.

The Campus Security responded and took my information. Now, agreed, I should have kept my belongings with me. However, I am not going to beat myself up for having left my purse out in the open. Honest people would not have given a thought to stealing someone else's property.

To the person who stole my purse, I forgive you. All I ask is that you return the purse and the contents to the Campus Security with no questions asked.

Now, I want to address the issue of poorly lit parking areas. With taking evening classes, it is totally unsafe to walk to your dorm or your car in almost pitch black areas. To whom it may concern, we as students have had to pay to park this year. I submit to you that we need to have better lighting! I talked with a professor friend who has had several occasions when leaving campus where he could not see students crossing in the evening.

Two of my family members had to come to the campus to pick me up. Yes, my keys to my car were among the contents of my purse. Upon arriving home, one family member discovered that my car had been "marked" on the rear window.

To whoever did this, this is not a joke. We need to feel safe on our campus. Do not think that this has gone unnoticed!

I am remaining anonymous for obvious reasons. However, I hope that all that I have said is taken seriously and that no one else will have to experience what I did.

Name withheld per request

Abortion is child abuse

Letter to the Editor:

After reading Nate Cole's article "Status of women falls short in health, reproductive rights" (November 18), I feel the need to alert some readers to the dangerously flawed logic of a comment made by Assistant Director of GVSU's Women's Center Jo Ann Wassenaar. Her comment that resources being used to bring about the end of abortion should instead go to children who are already born and aiding them sounds very well, but needs extensive critiquing.

Ms. Wassenaar's statement attempts to trivialize the fact that one million children are being killed per year in the United States. Her underlying claim is that only children "who are actually born" are worth our attention. I doubt very much Ms. Wassenaar would ignore such murders if one million "born" children were killed every year.

The fact that these children simply have not exited the womb in no way impact their status as a human being. The

belief that a trip from inside the mother to the outside world magically grants the status of humanity is utterly ridiculous. Nor are unborn children blobs of tissue waiting to be granted life of their own. Unborn children are so developed that doctors are capable of performing surgery on them while they are still in the womb.

Ms. Wassenaar also doesn't go into detail regarding how resources toward "children who are actually born" should be used or directed. However, taking the context of the issue, it seems safe to assume she is either talking about abused children or those in poverty.

Children in poverty should indeed be cared for, but not at the expense of one million dead children each year. This is what the cost would be in ignoring the plight of the unborn. The most humanitarian approach to America's children is to stop killing almost a million every year.

As for child abuse, many people fail to understand that abortion is the ultimate form of child abuse. It is definitely one of the most physically torturous acts a person can inflict on a child. Often limbs are torn off, and their skulls are crushed. All this is done well after the time that the "fetus" is capable of feeling pain.

Directly following the ruling of Roe v. Wade, child abuse on "born" children rose dramatically. While some people may view this as impressively coincidental, the two are directly related. Abortion devalues human life, and it devalues children. This is not to say that most child abusers consciously calculate that if it is OK to kill their unborn it is all right to abuse their born. However, abortion has set the value of human life, and it is followed by these abusive parents. Fighting abortion is a fight against child abuse; it is fighting for both the unborn and the born.

Thomas Armantrout
Senior

Republicans need to get their facts straight

Letter to the Editor:
A short time ago Kyle Rausch of the College Republicans wrote a letter about a situation at San Francisco State University connected to last month's elections. Rausch describes a tense and violent

scene instigated by Arabs and Palestinians and shored up by a crew of "radical leftists" and rapidly spreading to Grand Valley. The letter was irresponsible, misleading, incendiary and factually dubious.

Rausch claims that 300 people — Arabs and Palestinians and radical leftists — shouted insults at the republicans and threw food at them. He got parts of it right: it did happen on Nov. 3, it occurred at SFSU and he did get some of the people right, though why he made it a point to single out Arabs and Palestinians remains unclear. The rest of it is simply not true according to people at SFSU, including students, faculty, the school's newspaper and the university's president.

According to Golden Gate [X]Press staff writer YaVaughnie Wilkins, a crowd of "approximately 100" — not 300 — had gathered on Monday, November 1. No food appears to have been involved. Instead, an argument between Nala Mohammadi and Victor Traycey escalated. Mohammadi called President Bush a murderer in the context of the Iraq war and Traycey called Mohammadi a terrorist and said to her "If you don't like what [President Bush] is doing, why don't you go back to the country you came from?" Mohammadi tried to take something from the republicans' table, Traycey pushed her hand away, and Mohammadi lunged for him. Her friends then caught her and restrained her, and after campus police spoke with her, Mohammadi and her friends left. Wilkins's account was published on Nov. 3, and the paper features no further coverage.

University president Robert Corrigan states in a letter to SFSU students, faculty and staff that to describe events on either Monday or Wednesday as the work of a mob would "seriously...distort reality." Corrigan says of Wednesday's events:

Students who were angered by a sensationalist Internet site's portrayal of the Monday event and others who were disappointed by the outcome of the Presidential election gathered near the Student Center. That day they disrupted scheduled events and some confronted an informational table set up by the College Republicans. This noisy but non-violent confrontation, which in no way was a mob action, grew into an impromptu

anti-Bush rally of 150-200 students. Public Safety maintained a clear separation between the College Republican table and the crowd.

Even the SFSU College Republicans, in a letter responding to Corrigan's statement in which they contest nearly everything he said, appear to agree with Corrigan's figure of 150-200. Rausch's claim of 300 is ridiculous. We can hardly say Rausch is lying about the numbers, however, just horribly uninformed or misinformed. He says that he does not know how the SFSU republicans feel about the situation, though the SFSU College Republicans state this clearly in their open letter to Corrigan, readily available on their Web site. The numbers are in that letter.

Rausch says, while talking about universities across the nation, that "conservative students have been assaulted." Crude, though constitutionally protected insults maybe, but felony assault? Not to my knowledge. College Democrats of America (CDA) president, Grant Woodard, tells me that he has heard of no similar situations from state leadership across the country, and chapter heads in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, report nothing unusual — let alone violent.

The Democratic Party is committed to ideals of personal freedom and responsibility, and we will protect the right for ALL people to speak freely, even those who do so irresponsibly. The far right has tried for some time, with growing success, to paint itself as the victim of a liberal establishment. Those on the right have turned the Republican Party into a gang of thugs in suits and ties assaulting Americans with the laws they write and enforce while crying that those who call their policies and leaders what they are have in some way crossed the line and violated their rights. The Right has no right to ruin my country while commanding my silence — and I WILL speak. The Republican Party has controlled this country for four years, and their cheap hacks can no longer blame liberals in order to push their xenophobic, homophobic, reactionary right wing agenda, and claim to love America but secretly hate Americans.

Greg Paulsen
Executive Director, GVSU College Democrats

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Female undergraduates outnumber males at GVSU and nation-wide

AJ COLLEY

Grand Valley Lanthorn

When Duane Cunningham sits down in his 2:30 p.m. class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, he is one of three male students in a 30-person classroom.

Cunningham, a 20-year-old junior international relations major at Grand Valley State University is experiencing, in perhaps an extreme case, the high percentage of female students enrolled at GVSU and universities across the nation.

As of this fall, GVSU's enrollment numbers show females in the majority at 62 percent. The national average as of 2000 puts females at a 56 percent majority of higher education students.

Cunningham said he thinks it's good that more women are in higher education because women already have enough trouble finding employment.

"There are already so many things attempting to stop women from success," Cunningham said, "so us having more women is definitely a good thing because it gives them

more of a chance for advancement."

Nearly all of Cunningham's classes are female-dominated, he said.

As far as the academic impact of more females in the classroom, Cunningham said being in classes with a female majority is an advantage for him because he is able to see a different perspective than he normally would.

While some universities may be considering recruiting more heavily to males or giving male applicants different standards for acceptance, GVSU has no plans to do so.

"We don't review a male applicant any differently than a female," said GVSU Director of Admissions Jodi Chycinski. She said admissions are based on students' academic credentials and application.

Chycinski also said GVSU currently sees no need to balance out the male to female student ratio.

While this year GVSU admissions saw an increase of 1.1 percent from last year in undergraduate applications from males and a decrease in 3.5 percent from female

applicants, the university still receives more applications from females.

At Santa Clara University, recruiters are beginning to target more males.

"We make a special pitch to them to talk about the benefits of Santa Clara, as we do for other under-represented groups," said Charles Nolan, Santa Clara's vice provost for admission in a story in *The Seattle Times*.

Pat Oldt, GVSU vice president for planning and equity, said GVSU does its

best to have an "inclusive" recruiting process.

While the number of female college students may be surprising in comparison to males, females have held the majority since about 1980.

Oldt said in her five years at GVSU the male to female ratio has remained about the same. Indeed, since 1999 the percentage of female enrolled undergraduate and graduate students has remained between 61 and 62 percent. Nationally, the numbers have stayed somewhat stagnant as

well, hovering between 55 and 56 percent between 1990 and 2000.

Regionally, Ferris State University is the only university that maintains a male majority at 52 percent.

"I think the question is: Why are males not entering the university at this stage?" Oldt said.

There are a variety of reasons why campuses have more female students, she said.

Oldt said she thinks more males are entering careers

right out of high school or putting off going to college.

"Part of it is the economy and part of it is how society has traditionally viewed certain professions," Oldt said.

Women may be breaking out of these traditional views, as females dominate male numbers in biology and biomedical sciences at GVSU. However, males at the university still outnumber females in engineering and computer science.

National numbers

Year	Percentage of enrolled female undergraduate students
1970	42.3
1975	45.7
1980	52.3
1985	53.2
1990	55.0
1995	55.8
2000	56.1

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

National numbers

Year	Percentage of enrolled male first-professional students
1970	91.5
1975	79.3
1980	71.8
1985	65.6
1990	61.0
1995	58.4
2000	53.4

Source: National Center for Education Statistics



Towering above: Females (pink) have outnumbered males (blue) at Grand Valley for the past decade. Graph illustrates combined undergraduate and graduate student enrollment. Source: Philip Batty, GVSU director of institutional analysis


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Lakers stomp Ashland in conference opener



Looking for support: GVSU center Jaida Bourke looks for someone to pass to in last week's victory over Ashland.

AMANDA WHITE
Grand Valley Lanthorn

The Grand Valley State University women's basketball team went into last Thursday's

game in Allendale expecting a battle. The Lakers (4-2, 1-0) got just that and came out with an 84-62 victory over Ashland University in their Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opener.

GVSU head coach Dawn Plitzuweit said the women came ready to play.

"We came out of the locker room with a lot of intensity," she said. "We have depth so it doesn't hurt us to run."

Ashland scored the first points of the game and pushed the ball up the court all half, but it was raining 3-pointers for the Lakers. Their first 15 points came from behind the arch.

Junior Niki Reams and senior Janine Guastella hit back-to-back 3-pointers. Sophomore Erika Ryskamp tallied another and freshman Crystal Zick hit back-to-back threes to give GVSU a 15-10 lead with 15:35 to play in the first half. They shot 50 percent from behind the arch on the day.

The Eagles fought back, making a 9-2 run and going up 19-17 off a layup by Lisa Graue, but sophomore Taushauna Churchwell's jump shot tied it and her layup from a Ryskamp

steal put the Lakers up for good at 11:33.

GVSU increased the gap, leading by as much as 12, and ended the half up 43-34.

Plitzuweit said the Eagles' transition game gave GVSU problems at the beginning of the game.

"The transition game got us early on a little," she said. "We did a good job, though, and we were able to control the tempo of the game."

The Lakers' depth and conditioning showed in the second half when they wore the Eagles down and outscored them 41-28.

Reams said the women were determined to not let up in the second half.

"In some of our other games we didn't step up in the second [half] when we were up," she said. "We don't want to let that happen again. I guess it's just us not wanting to lose."

GVSU opened the half with a

9-0 run, but the Eagles bounced back with a 7-0 run of their own. It wasn't enough to ignite their offense, however, and the Lakers had an answer for every Eagle basket.

GVSU led by as much as 24 in the second and out-rebounded Ashland 45-36. They shot 44.1 percent from the field and 85 percent from the free-throw line. Ashland shot 31.3 percent from the field.

Reams led the Lakers with 22 points, 11 rebounds, four steals and two assists. Ryskamp tallied 22 points, four assists and one steal and Zick had 10 points, four steals and one assist. Churchwell (eight points, four assists and two steals) provided a spark off the bench and Guastella tossed in seven points, three assists and two steals despite foul trouble. Julia Braseth pulled down nine rebounds and had six points.

Plitzuweit said it was a good team victory.

"Overall we played at an

intense level," she said. "Reams picks up the intensity for everyone when she's out there and Janine also played well in foul trouble. She gave us a good burst on 'D' when she was in the game."

Reams also emphasized the team involvement in the victory. "Our chemistry is clicking," she said. "We know how each other plays and came up with some big stops on defense. We were able to slow them down from their norm."

GVSU is back in action tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Saginaw Valley State University and Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lake Superior State University.

Plitzuweit said the team's tough early schedule should pay off in the next couple weeks.

"We've played good teams early on," she said. "That has helped us prepare. We play two of the top three in the conference (Ashland and LSSU) right away."

Men's hoops grab two at home

■ GVSU allows just four second half baskets in win over GLIAC-rival Ashland

APRIL RAYNOVICH
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Last week the Grand Valley State men's basketball team picked up two key victories to move to 4-1 (1-0).

The Lakers opened up Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play on Thursday by defeating the Ashland Eagles (4-2, 0-1) by a score of 62-44.

The two teams were knotted up at 23 going into the closing seconds of the opening half before senior forward Marcus Wallace hit a trey at the buzzer to break the game open.

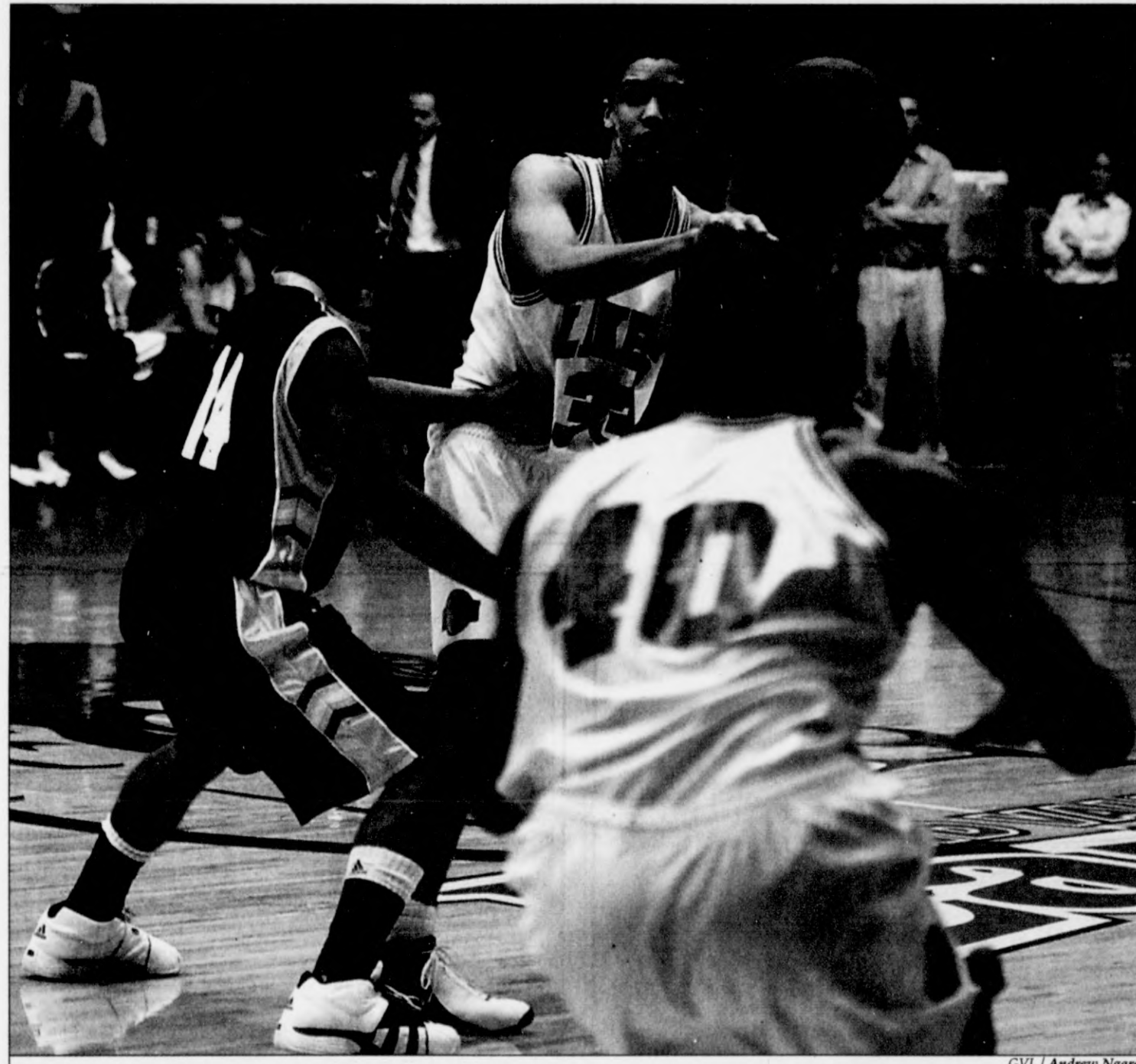
Up three going into the second half, GVSU went on a 13-4 run to build a 39-27 lead behind a 55.6 second half shooting percentage.

"It's always good to be ahead," said Laker head coach Ric Wesley. "Hitting a three at the buzzer was a good shot in the arm and gave us momentum going into the second half."

The Lakers hit 5 of 8 from 3-point land as they continued to lead the remainder of the game. Their biggest lead came at the 4:54 mark when freshman Jason Jamerson hit a jump shot putting GVSU up 21 points. Jamerson was 0-5 from the floor in the first half before turning in 18 second half points including 12 from behind the arch.

The Laker defense held the Eagles to just four second half baskets as they shot just 16.7 percent in the half and 23.6 percent for the game.

"Our whole team defends. We have to give a lot of credit to our guards, Brian Arnold, Courtney James, Jason Jamerson and Jerry Wallace,"



Passin' the rock: Freshman guard Jason Jamerson (33) passes to sophomore Mike Hall (40) for a shot against Ashland.

Wesley said. "They love to play in transition and we didn't let them run. That was a real key."

Redshirt freshman center Callistus Eziukwu continued to

be both an offensive and defensive force for the Lakers. Eziukwu posted 18 points, grabbed seven rebounds and blocked six shots in the GVSU

victory. Sophomore forward Mike Hall added 12 points on the night and Wallace pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds to go along with five points,

four assists and five steals.

Wesley attributes the balance of scoring and the team's high shooting percentages to their eagerness to share the ball.

"Our unselfishness and willingness to play together has allowed us to take good shots," Wesley said. "When you're taking good shots you're going to score a lot of baskets."

The Lakers took the court again on Saturday night and picked up another victory over city rival Aquinas College. GVSU defeated the Saints 72-46 behind another impressive night from the field, shooting 60 percent.

The Lakers built a 36-10 lead at the end of the first half on the back of Eziukwu's 5-5 from the floor.

The game was in GVSU control the rest of the way as the Lakers outscored Aquinas 36-27 in the second half en route to the win.

"We talk every day at practice about having good habits and we are progressing nicely in that way," Wesley said. "Regardless of the score, opposition or venue we have to make it hard for the opposition to score and thus far we have been successful."

Eziukwu finished the game 6-7 with 15 points, eight rebounds and six blocked shots. Wallace added 15 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists on the night while Hall added 10 points and five boards. Sophomore guard Brian Arnold put up nine points and five assists.

The Lakers travel to Saginaw Valley State tonight and to Lake Superior State on Saturday for two key GLIAC match-ups.

"Saginaw has a new head coach and have started off the season playing good defense so this could be a knockout, drag-down affair," Wesley said. "Lake State is going to be a new experience for me to go up there but anytime you are playing a GLIAC game on the road you are going to get a team's best shot at you. We have to give the same effort we have given thus far."

U of M transfer Reams leads Lakers early on

AMANDA WHITE
Grand Valley Lanthorn

To a high school basketball star, the prestige that comes with playing at a Division I school can be appealing. Those schools cannot fulfill everyone, however. Junior transfer Niki Reams from Jenison, Mich. played for two years at the University of Michigan before realizing she didn't have to travel far from home to follow her collegiate dream.

Reams, a 5-foot-10-inch forward, said she made the move to Grand Valley State University this year because it was a better fit for her.

"GVSU is a lot closer to home and my family," Reams said. "I'm grounded in my church here, too. I guess you could say I'm a homebody."

"My parents [John and Jana Reams] and my grandparents never miss a game. My dad has always really helped me and pushed me to

play defense. My family and church are a great support to me."

Reams also said she loved the campus when she visited and the vibes she got from head coach Dawn Plitzuweit were very good. She said GVSU welcomed her with open arms.

Plitzuweit said she knew she would be a great asset to the already fierce squad.

"We wanted her because she is first and foremost a great person," she said. "She is also great for our style of play. Defensively we can hang our hats on her."

Plitzuweit also said the Lakers are better when Reams is on the court.

"She brings so much on the defensive end," Plitzuweit said. "She also stabilizes the team on the offensive end and makes everyone very comfortable. She picks up the intensity for everyone else."

Reams is off to a successful start this season. She has led the Lakers

(4-2, 1-0) in scoring in four of their six games, with a career-high 22 points on two occasions. She leads the team in rebounds (8.2 per game), assists (18), steals (13) and scoring (16 points per game). She is also second on the team in blocked shots with three on the year.

Reams was an integral part of the U of M team prior to transferring to GVSU. She was a force on both offense and defense last year as a sophomore. She put up a season best 15 points as well as career best 12 rebounds, six assists and five steals during the season.

As a freshman, Reams earned the University of Michigan's Top Defensive Player award. She played in 25 of the 27 games and started 18. She led the Wolverines in assists (57) and was second on the team in free throw percentage (.816), which was 11th in the Big Ten. She averaged 7.9 points per game and put up 17 in the Big Ten Tournament first round win

over Illinois on March 6, 2003. She also matched a school free throw record by going 10-10 from the line.

Although the Wolverines compete against bigger schools than GVSU, Reams said that there isn't that much of a difference in style.

"There is similar talent at both schools," she said. "But I really like the chemistry we have here."

Plitzuweit said Reams has a bright future ahead of her at GVSU.

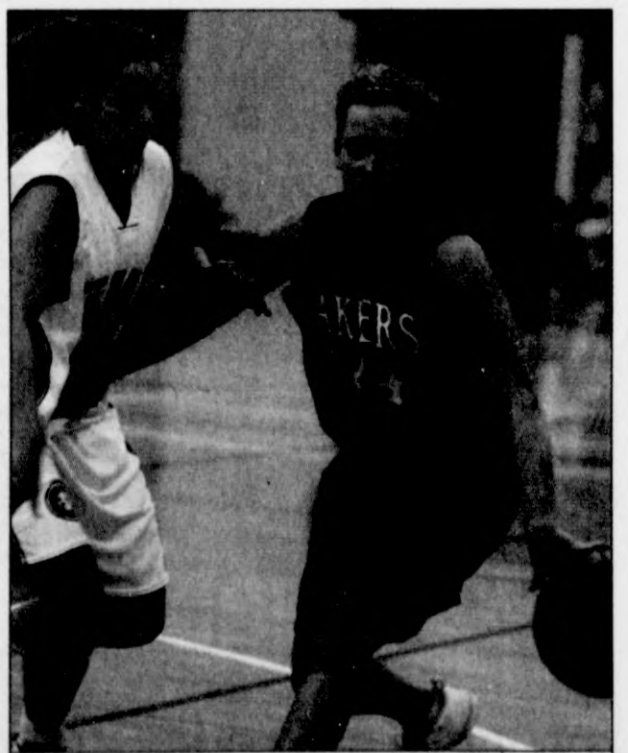
"She is going to continue to be a defensive leader for us," she said. "She is a leader already with her intensity and focus."

Reams is majoring in Therapeutic Recreation and said she has options after her years at GVSU.

"Of course I could go get a job after graduation," she said. "But I also might want to try and play overseas somewhere."

Until then, Reams will give her all in the Laker white and blue.

"I just don't want to lose," she said.



Laker homecoming: Niki Reams, a Jenison native, transferred to GVSU after playing at the University of Michigan.

Other
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Sports

The GVSU swim teams broke several school records in last weekend's Wheaton Invitational. Several Lakers have also already qualified for the NCAA nationals meet.



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Rank	Team	AP Coaches' Poll
1.	Southern California	1
2.	Oklahoma	2
3.	Auburn	3
4.	Texas	6
5.	California	4
6.	Utah	5
7.	Georgia	8
8.	Virginia Tech	9
9.	Boise State	10
10.	Louisville	7
11.	LSU	12
12.	Iowa	11
13.	Michigan	13
14.	Miami (Fla.)	14
15.	Tennessee	15
16.	Florida State	17
17.	Wisconsin	16
18.	Virginia	18
19.	Arizona State	21
20.	Texas A&M	22
21.	Pittsburgh	19
22.	Texas Tech	23
23.	Florida	20
24.	Oklahoma State	32
25.	Ohio State	24

USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25 Men's D-I Basketball Poll

Rank	School (1st votes)	Record
1.	Illinois (18)	6-0
2.	Kansas (10)	4-0
3.	Georgia Tech (2)	5-0
4.	Syracuse	7-0
5.	Oklahoma State (1)	5-0
6.	Connecticut	3-0
7.	Wake Forest	6-1
8.	North Carolina	6-1
9.	Duke	5-0
10.	N.C. State	6-0
11.	Kentucky	4-1
12.	Pittsburgh	5-0
13.	Texas	5-1
14.	Louisville	4-1
15.	Arizona	5-2
16.	Michigan State	4-2
17.	Maryland	4-2
18.	Alabama	6-1
19.	Virginia	6-0
20.	Cincinnati	4-0
21.	Washington	5-1
22.	Wisconsin	4-1
23.	Mississippi State	6-2
24.	Iowa	6-1
25.	George Washington	5-1

Records through Sunday.

Laker aquatics swims through more records

Swimming team splashes back into the lanes after break to smash more records

ADAM PARKS
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Thanksgiving break gives students the chance to go home and see family and friends, eat without a conscience, watch the Detroit Lions get humiliated on national television and, for most, to catch up on homework.

For the athletes on the Grand Valley State University men's and women's aquatics teams, Thanksgiving break was a chance to relax and stay dry for a little while.

Both of the Lakers teams have begun this year on a tear, winning five of six dual meets since their seasons began over Halloween weekend. Times and scores have dropped, records have been broken and several individuals have already qualified to compete in the NCAA Division II National Championships held in March.

The break came at a good time for the Lakers, giving them sufficient time to recuperate and prepare to face the teams' strongest competition thus far this season at last Friday's Wheaton College Invitational. "This is the fastest meet we will be in except for the NCAA National Championships," said head

aquatics coach Dewey Newsome.

In the grand scheme of the invitational, the Lakers women's team (491.5) finished fifth out of nine teams and the men's team (347) placed sixth out of eight. The host, Wheaton College, handed both GVSU teams their only dual meet loss of the season, winning the women's competition with 801.5 points and the men's with 760.5 points.

On an individual basis, the Lakers produced six varsity records, three freshman records, six NCAA "B" cuts, 52 lifetime best performances and 109 season-best performances against some of the toughest Division II and Division III schools in the nation.

"We swam very well," Newsome said.

Junior Kelly VanDyke achieved NCAA "B" qualifying times in two events. The first came in the 100-yard breaststroke with her time of 1:06.63, good enough for third place in the event. The second NCAA time was 2:25.12 in the 200-yard breaststroke — a third-place finish for VanDyke.

VanDyke also broke two GVSU varsity records. The first came from her time of 2:14.88 in the 200-yard individual medley. That time put her at fifth place in the event.

As part of the Lakers' fourth-place finishing 400-yard medley relay team (3:32.51), VanDyke, along with senior Kim Whitsitt, junior Mackenzie Mikulenas and freshman Mary Kuhne set a new GVSU varsity record in the relay event.

In that same event, Kuhne, who put in a stellar day at the pool, set a GVSU freshmen record for the backstroke leg of the relay.

During the preliminaries for the 200-yard backstroke, Kuhne (2:12.79)

smashed both the GVSU freshmen and varsity record. Finishing third in the championship round, Kuhne knocked off nearly two seconds from her preliminary swim and reset the records with her time of 2:10.83.

For the men's team, sophomore Ross Perry earned a NCAA "B" qualification

SEE SWIMMING, B3

Hockey club ends eight game skid

JAYSON BUSSA
Grand Valley Lanthorn

The hockey club of Grand Valley State University can rest easy, going into a three-week break on a high note.

Amidst the lull of an eight-game losing streak, the Lakers traveled to

Northern Illinois

University last weekend to take on the Huskies, who were carrying a record of 11-8. The momentum of the past few weeks changed drastically as GVSU came out on top in both contests, shifting its overall record to 6-12 and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Hockey Association record to 2-3.

"We started off quite strong, but then went in to a mid-semester slump," said club coach Jason Zimmerman. "Even though we haven't been winning games, we have played very well against teams like Michigan and Calvin."

On Friday night, the Lakers played aggressive offense, grabbing a huge lead in the

shots on goal category and eventually claiming a 6-3 victory.

Even with the huge shots advantage of 23-6, GVSU went into the locker room after the second period with the score knotted at 3-3.

"We played very well on Friday night, getting as many shots as we could," Zimmerman said.

"We got a few shots off the crossbar or just off to the side and we couldn't capitalize on our shot advantage until the third period."

In the third period, the Lakers continued the shooting onslaught and managed to net three more goals. Andrew Bellar and Phil Murray broke the silence for the Lakers during the crucial point of the game. Nate Beverwyk added an empty net goal to close the game with a 6-3 GVSU win.

"In the third period we started passing the puck to the defensive side up high, which really opened things up down low," Zimmerman said. "This

gave us room to take more shots and we took full advantage of it."

Determined to turn their slump-breaking victory into a string of wins, the Lakers took on Northern Illinois once again on the following Saturday and posted another win. In Saturday's game, their defense was a spectacle to go along with their continued grueling offense.

"Saturday night we played as well as we can play," Zimmerman said. "It might be the best game that we played all year and it's definitely a great game to end the semester on."

While Mike Kadzban, Jeff Stempin and Murray led the offense by finding the net, the defense dominated, holding the Huskies to a shutout. Mike Marquardt held up the defensive side while contributing with three assists, as well as John Dzikowicz who killed power play opportunities for Northern Illinois.

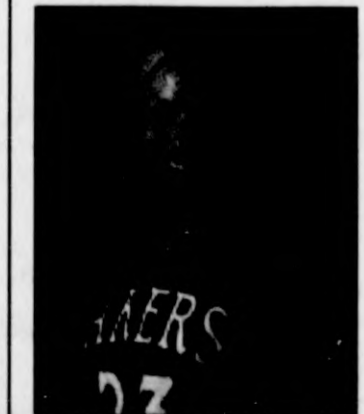
"All our defensive people stepped up," Zimmerman said. "We're a little short-handed on that side after losing a few players, but they really came through for us."

Playing in the goal, credited with the shutout was Troy Vanderweyden. Vanderweyden held strong in the net, fighting

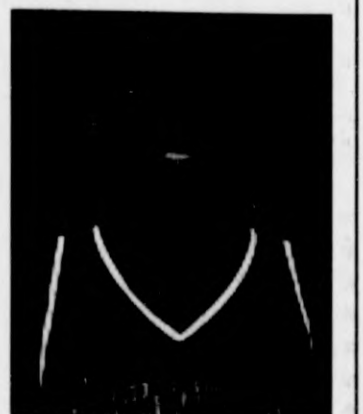
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Laker of the Week



Sophomore guard Erika Ryskamp has been named Laker of the Week for her performance in the Lakers' win over Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference foe Ashland last week. Ryskamp led the team with 22 points, four assists and four rebounds. Ryskamp leads the team in 3-point field goals attempted and made and is second on the team in points scored.



Senior forward Marcus Wallace helped lead the men's basketball team to two victories last week, earning him Laker of the Week honors. Wallace put up five points, 10 rebounds, four assists and five steals in the Lakers' 62-44 win over Ashland. He then added 15 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists in a 72-46 rout over Aquinas.



The Sports Nation

APRIL RAYNOVICH
Grand Valley Lanthorn

'Tis the season for college football bowl games to get under way and it leaves one to ask him or herself if the Bowl Championship Series is ever going to get it right. For the second straight year the system is causing a national uproar regarding who's in and who's out of the major bowl games, including the BCS Championship game. The University of Southern California and Oklahoma are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in both polls.

Both teams are undefeated and are deserving of the opportunity to vie for a national championship. That all seems logical, right? So what's the problem? Well my friends, the problem lies in the fact that there is another team who is undefeated, who had its best season in modern day history and those Auburn Tigers don't even get a chance to have a share of the title. At least in last year's BCS catastrophe, the situation

rectified itself. LSU played Oklahoma for the title and while USC got left out of the championship game, they received the No. 1 ranking in the polls anyway and the country found itself with co-champions who never even got the chance to play one another. This year there will be no reparations. Auburn won't receive a No. 1 ranking and they won't even be considered a factor in deciding who will win the BCS Championship. And they aren't the only ones feeling the aftermath of the BCS disaster. Going into the final week of the regular season the No. 4 California Golden Bears could pretty much lock up a Rose Bowl invite with a win over Southern Mississippi. The Bears pulled out a 26-16 victory and still found themselves on the outside looking in as Texas gained points in both polls and the

computer rankings sending Cal to San Diego to face Texas Tech in some no-name bowl. The Bears can contest that they lost only one game all season to No. 1 USC and only by a six-point deficit. They can argue that they beat 10 teams by an average of 23.9 points per game. And they can claim that they were the only team in the nation's top six in both scoring offense and scoring defense. Tell that to the computers. While the BCS has created probably the most interesting championship match-up it is definitely not the most fair. Sure, USC-Oklahoma is going to be a hell of a game. You can't ask for much more than a game featuring two Heisman candidate quarterbacks - Matt Leinart and Jason White. Throw in two more Heisman hopefuls, Adrian Peterson and Reggie Bush, and you have all the elements to make for an epic Orange Bowl.

The BCS was created to establish a true No. 1 vs. No. 2 game and for the second straight year we don't know if that was accomplished. Auburn got the short end of the stick and year after year someone is going to feel his or her pain until a playoff system is implemented in place of the BCS. There are five undefeated teams in the country (USC, Oklahoma, Auburn, Utah and Boise State) and only one game features two of those teams facing each other.

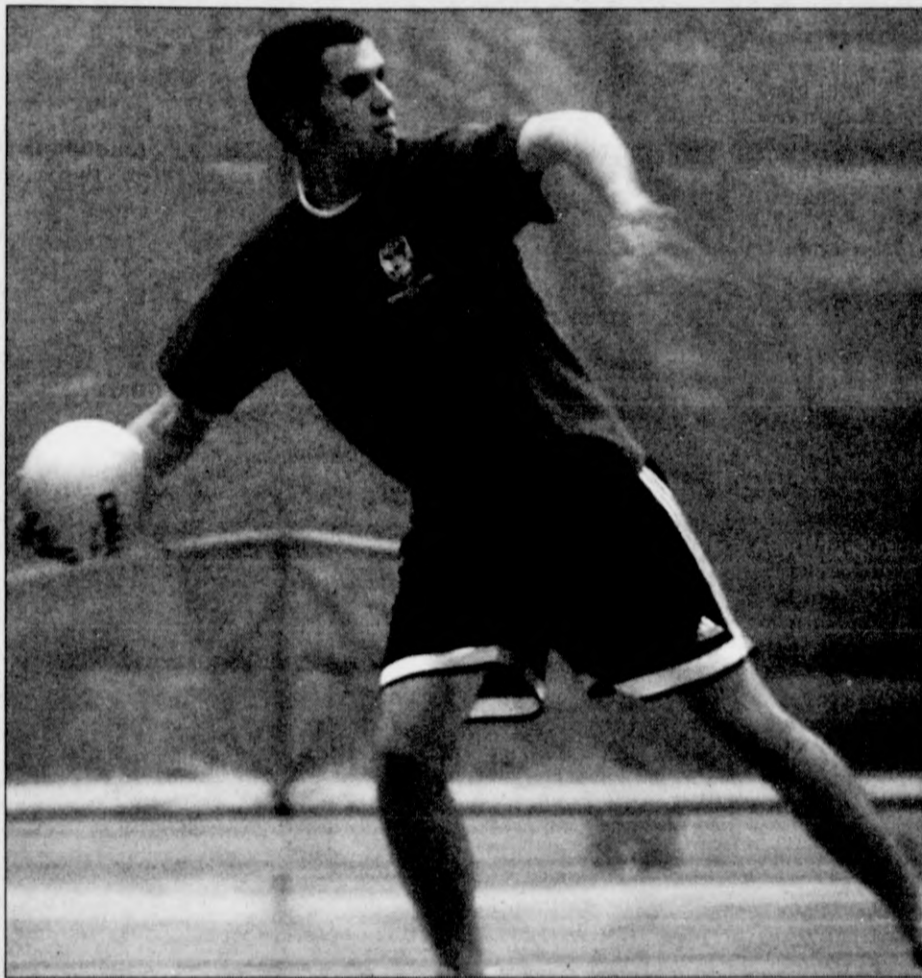
Logically, none of this matches up. You have teams such as the Pittsburgh Panthers who are No. 19 in the country playing in one of the top eight bowl spots. It's not their fault; they didn't create the system. But while they are in Tempe, Ariz. playing Utah in the Fiesta bowl, it's at the expense of more deserving teams like Cal. The system has hit a new low and until playoffs are in and BCS is out we will continue to have the same gripes year in and year out.

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Freshman Bobby Dickensheets attempts to keep his team, Team H. Town, in a recent dodgeball tournament. The event drew 73 teams, was attended by about 500 people and ended up raising nearly \$1,800 for Habitat for Humanity. Nick Rodammer, an organizer of the event said it was part of a class project but also involved many hours of effort from his fraternity brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

SWIMMING Team readies for Hope College

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with his 16:49.87 time in the 1650-yard freestyle. That time was good enough to put Perry in fifth place in the distance event. Sophomore swimmer Justin Vasquez also earned a NCAA "B" qualifying time (51.73) as he finished third in the 100-yard butterfly. Fellow teammate, sophomore Kyle Barrons (53.53) placed eighth in the championship round. Another sophomore Ryan Whitsitt broke the GVSU varsity record and took third place in the preliminaries of the 100-yard backstroke with his time of 53.73. Whitsitt finished fifth in the final round, but was unable to top his preliminary time and reset the record. Whitsitt and Vasquez, along with junior Corey Thomas and sophomore Dan Kimble, were able to break the GVSU varsity record in the 400-yard medley relay race. The relay-mates

combined to time in at 3:32.51, good enough for fourth in the final round of the event. Up next for both the men's and women's Lakers teams is a strong team from Hope College on Friday. Last season, Hope beat GVSU's men and women, and at Friday's Wheaton College Invitational, Hope finished a spot behind GVSU in women's competition and a spot just ahead of the Laker men. Newsome said he looks forward to the meet against

Hope. "Our meets with Hope always been very exiting and competitive," Newsome said. "This last weekend gave both of us a good look at each other and some idea of what to expect." Newsome also said he is excited at the prospect of his teams performing in front of a home crowd for the second time this season. "We hope that we have as great a turnout with spectators at the Hope meet as we did when we beat Albion two weekends ago," Newsome said.

"We hope that we have a great turnout with spectators at the Hope meet."

DEWEY NEWSOME
Aquatics Head Coach

HOCKEY Team goes into break with wins

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off a mid-game 3-on-5 power play. "They were getting shots, but our defense didn't allow a ton of quality shots," Zimmerman said. "The quality shots that Troy did face, he made the big saves. The defense didn't allow many rebounded shots, which are the toughest to defend. Defenseman Joe Bozek added yet another goal to cap off a convincing 7-0 victory. The hockey club will now go

into a three week break without practice. When they return in the first week of January, they will be joined by a few new faces. "We're adding two or three more guys to the team after the semester break," Zimmerman said. "There's

going to be a lot of competition to find a starting spot on the team, but I think that will drive a lot of the players to work harder." The Lakers take on Oakland University on Jan. 8, 2005 and Western Michigan University on Jan. 9.

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DAVID KNAPP
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County. Or is it? How real life do you think eight tan, buff and perfectly beautiful teenage Californians living the perfect life can get? Laguna Beach, one of the wealthiest beach communities in the world, provides MTV a super-duper inside look on the lives of rich, tight-knit teens, making the rest of the viewing public look like trash.

No doubt that most of the teenage population of the world, along with me, would love to wake up every morning to fine silk sheets and a few hours at the beach before school, but reality has given all but eight of us a real kick in the ass.

I guess I don't really understand how money and power and a television show can make you happy...

Oh wait! Reality kicked in. I would pretty much do anything to be on a television show at this point in my life. With all the fame, power, glory, beauty and success dripping at your fingertips, who wouldn't want that? It just seems a tad sketchy that we have to watch the lives of "the great" kids in order to have our share of empowerment.

Don't get me wrong. I am a little bit addicted.

My friends and I tend to watch it weekly and I know for a fact that one of my friends, who will rename nameless of course, almost had a heart attack when she realized she had missed the last episode. Seriously, I thought I was going to have to give mouth-to-mouth right on my dorm floor. My aunt, on the other hand, resorts to watching it in the secret of her own home when everyone else is asleep.

Sneaky, sneaky, sneaky she is.

Needless to say, my friend is okay. She is breathing fine and got ahold of a tape of the last episode.

Oh, what we wouldn't do without VCRs.

Ugh. What I would give to have a brand new car waiting for me on the day of my graduation. The new car smell, the smooth drive... mmmm...

Oh. Oh my. Lost my train of thought.

Still, the thought of the perfect life is truly amazing. I know Laguna Beach isn't exactly the "perfect" life according to most and probably the theory accepted by all, but it's a life that I would be willing to live to some extent.

I must confess that I would literally move across the country if I had a chance for fame. Along with most people, fame isn't everything for me but with it I feel that life might be a little bit easier.

Being a hardcore addict of "The O.C." myself, I find watching "Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County" a little less than painful. It's a show that truly mirrors the life of Orange County children and there's not a doubt in my mind that it's all true. Where else in the world can eight teenagers have a tan all year long, wake up early and walk on the beach, get computers and cars for graduation or even have wild beach parties in the middle of summer.

That's right. Almost everywhere.

Even though "Laguna Beach" is a reality television show, it's reality plays a part in our everyday lives as well. We are subject to things exactly like these Laguna Beach beauties.

We may not think so, but there are people who wake up each morning in silk sheets and parents handing them piles and piles of cash; it's not uncommon, even in Michigan.

"The Real Orange County" might be not seem as real as it really stands out to be, but reality is at its core. Be it Laguna Beach or Grand Valley, people are determined to get tan, have nice cars and party 'til the sun comes up.

Bankshot revamps local scene

■ **Campus shuttle bus driver RiChard Jackson is the face behind the local rap artist Banksbot**

DUSTIN P. WALSH
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Grand Valley State employs a number of people from the Grand Rapids area. Not many are as talented as GVSU's Rapid shuttle bus driver RiChard Jackson. He is the face behind the local rap artist Banksbot. Jackson's struggle is to transform his job as a driver into full-time artist.

Driving a bus on the campuses of GVSU pays the

bills for Jackson but does not satisfy his artistic needs.

"I spend as much, if not more, time on the road performing and producing other artists as I do my 9 to 5," Jackson said.

The inspirations that put soul into the workings of Banksbot are broad. Jackson said, "My influences range; social issues, world issues, family values, ghettos both dwelling and mentality, basically you name it I spit it."

What sets Jackson apart from other local acts is the idea of live instrumentation on the album. Most rap artists utilize MIDI technology to create beats and music.

Jackson said, "The hip hop scene here in West Michigan is not making many waves

which is why you're probably more apt to catch one of my performances in another city or state. It has potential, but no fire."

Local record stores have been increasingly seeing the Banksbot single leave the shelves. With grassroots marketing and help from local DJs and records stores, Jackson is attempting to give it that fire.

The single "4 A Day" is a positive upbeat rap about

local life and asking the listener to live his life just for a day. There is no sub-category to clarify the song. It is simply a well-balanced rap with layers of music. The single features Kelvin Dukes providing back-up vocals for the soothing chorus line.

Between Jackson and Dukes the single has all of the necessary qualities to easily become a local classic to give Banksbot a footing in

the national scene. If attending a show in Detroit will not fit in the college schedule, Banksbot's single "4 A Day" is available at Schuler Books, Vertigo music and Beatniks. The full length album, "Positive Or Negative," is currently in the finishing stages and will be available in the previously noted stores in mid-January. Jackson is far from rap stardom at the national level but is taking small steps within the regional scene. Constructing a rap career from checks the Rapid writes is a place few have tried, if any. Banksbot is the musical to the man, RiChard Jackson, and will become the forefront for other local acts.

"My influences... basically you name it I spit it."

RICHARD JACKSON
Rap Artist/GVSU bus driver

GVSU ensembles end the year with a bang

■ **GVSU band and orchestra groups end the first semester season**

DAVID KNAPP
Grand Valley Lanthorn

This past weekend the Grand Valley State University instrumental ensembles gave their last performances of the semester. The university's Concert Band, Symphonic Winds Ensemble and the GVSU Symphony Orchestra performed on separate days over the weekend. All three performed put-together musical programs.

Professor of Music Kevin Tutt directed GVSU's Concert Band, Dr. Hyunsai Lee directed the GVSU Symphony Orchestra and associate Professor of Music Barry Martin directed the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

All three directors thought the weekends concerts went nicely.

"It all went very well," Martin said. "I thought they played well, it's very difficult literature. I think the students were all very pleased; they enjoyed performing the literature."

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed a total of six musical pieces with a guest performance by Professor Arthur Campbell. Campbell is the clarinet professor at GVSU. He performed a solo with the group in the piece "Escapades."

The piece "Escapades" was actually previously commissioned by the GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble with Martin and Campbell, soloist. "Escapades" gets its inspiration

from the title which implies an adventurous piece. The entire work builds into a free improvisational sectional by Campbell and ends in a final presto segment of the composition.

Martin said the audience turnout was good, but not a full house. He says that "it's also nice to play for a full house" and recognized the audience was, overall, a "good turnout."

The weekend's concerts marked the end of the term for the university musical ensembles. The Concert Band and GVSU Symphony Orchestra call an end to their semester concert season. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, however, will still continue to play.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble will play at the upcoming GVSU graduation and will also prepare for the 60th

Michigan Music Education Inservice Conference.

The conference will be held in Ann Arbor on Jan. 21, 2005 and will feature only one university band in Mich. — GVSU. GVSU has only performed at this event once before, in 2001.

"Having done it in 2001 it's a huge honor," Martin said. "It's no small event."

The conference will play host to several state-wide high school bands that have made it past the state level performance. Judges will have to recommend the high school bands and very few will actually be picked. Only one college ensemble plays each year.

All three GVSU ensembles were successful this past semester, according to their directors. The university instrumental groups graduated, this semester, with "honors."

"The students were all very pleased; they enjoyed performing the literature."

BARRY MARTIN
Professor of Music



Let's talk about sax: GVSU musical ensemble members perform at last weekends final performance for the semester. The three groups that performed, Concert Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and GVSU Symphony Orchestra, concluded their first semester season with these three final concerts.

'Great' proves to be epic failure

JENNA NOSEDA
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Galloping in on the coattails of this summer's "Troy" comes "Alexander," an epic that attempts to address issues of power and humanity. Mostly, though, the film manages to lose the audience throughout its more than three hour duration, some of which are not usual in an action film.

Alexander the Great is a name most people have at least heard in their lifetimes. Alexander, who became the King of Macedonia only a few years after his 18th birthday, was a man who led vast armies to conquer almost all of the known world in the time of the ancient Greeks, all before he turned 30.

Director Oliver Stone attempts to establish that Alexander, a man only in his mid-20's, greatly influenced the world, and that although thousands were killed in the time of his conquests, his unification of Macedonia, Persia, Babylon and other lands was meant to prove that the Greeks were no better than those they called "savages" in other lands and to enforce the idea of equality for all.

Just as "Troy" featured some all-star figures (Brad Pitt, Orlando Bloom and Eric Bana), "Alexander" one-ups its predecessor by including film veterans such as Val Kilmer,

Anthony Hopkins, Angelina Jolie and Colin Farrell (who stars as the great Alexander himself).

We follow Farrell and his close-knit band of friends (closest perhaps being Hephaestion, played by Jared Leto, the only person that Alexander feels he is able to trust as well as truly love) in their journey throughout the ancient lands, battling the natives, taking over their nations and moving on to the next territory. Alexander seems to defend the "savages" and express that they are no less humans than any of the commanders themselves are, although many disagree.

The battle scenes are bloody, the love scenes are not what would be expected (since Alexander, seemingly very confused with his sexuality, moves between his friend Hephaestion, his wife Roxane (Rosario Dawson) and a mysterious man from another land) and occasionally very violent, and the flashbacks hinder the viewer's thought processes. Unlike "Troy," "Alexander," although intriguing in the first hour or so, drags on and on. Just when it seems like the film will wrap up, another land is being sought for the kingdom of the Greeks.

It's hard to not wonder if "Alexander" was partially meant to boost Farrell (donning a blond quaff for this role) in

Hollywood's list of must-have actors, or if it was just an attempt to provide the audience with a three-hour dose of eye-candy, hoping and pleading that they would hold on just one battle scene more.

Beyond that, Alexander's intentions on a number of issues are confusing. Is he really trying to unite the known world for the sake of bettering humanity, or does he really just want to earn that little extra "Great" for his name? Which of the three people he is constantly ogling does he love? Could Jolie be any more aggravating with all that talk of greatness and Alexander being the son of Zeus?

"Alexander" is an uncomfortable movie. While the photography tends toward the stunning, the fact that the movie is a three hour stretch of watching one man fight his ego, passions, sexuality, as well as his manipulative mother is just too much to handle.

No matter how cushy the theater seat which you have chosen is, it's hard to be dragged through about a decade of battles laced with moments of human weakness and strength without getting a little lost for lack of ability to just hold on to the plot.

Grade: D

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Upcoming Events

12/9
Student directed plays "North of Providence" and "Am I Blue" premiere at Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Both plays will run Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

12/10
After School Special presents: "The Secret Concert." The group will provide an evening of great music and "gut busting laughter." Tickets are available in advance from group members. CD's will be sold at the concert. A.S.S. will perform at Evergreen Ministries, 48th Ave and Chicago Dr.

12/11
Classes end.

1/25
Arts at Noon Series. Musical ensemble Antares will perform "colorful" repertoire for piano, violin and cello. They will perform in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

Professors hand directing chair over to students for two plays

DAVID KNAPP
Grand Valley Lanthorn

Lights. Camera. Action. Senior student directors Scott Lange and Candice Rowland are set to feature their talents as well as the talents of fellow student actors this coming weekend. The young directors will showcase two contemporary

American plays, "North of Providence" and "Am I Blue." At the beginning of the year a group of theater professors got together and decided they wanted to have two students direct the student series plays. Students had to fill out an application and pick from a list which play they were interested in directing. Through careful consideration, Lange and Rowland were chosen.

Lange, who directs the drama "North of Providence," said it is a great play for modern people. "The play [Providence] is very powerful," Lange said. "I think it speaks to so many people because everyone can relate to the family issues that are happening... the way they connect is very powerful." The play features a two-character cast in which a sister and brother discuss the last day

of their fathers life. The two characters go deeply into undiscovered feelings and uncover old wounds. Lange has acted previously on stage in such plays as "Measure for Measure" as Angelo and other school-run works. "I haven't done much directing yet," Lange said "so I'm not sure which one I like better."

Lange said he is excited about the play and revealed that both he and the cast hold certain emotional value of "North of Providence." "The first time I read the script I cried," Lange said. "The cast is very attached to the show. They've found ways to bring real life into the play." Just opposite of Lange's "North of Providence" is Rowland's directing debut play, "Am I Blue."

"Am I Blue" is a romantic comedy that also features two characters, a fraternity boy and a young girl. In Blue, the boy and girl enter each others fantasy lives in order to end the gap of loneliness that they both live. The 10 character play has two lead actors followed by eight minor roles. Rowland chose to direct this play for various reasons. "It was a really cute play," Rowland said. "I think it has some underlying themes that are more important that people can relate to. Overall, it's a light, romantic comedy." The comedy director feels students can relate to "Am I Blue" because it deals with aspects of life they deal with today, like peer pressure. It's a "growing up story."

'Kranks' badly misses the point

BRENT MATA
Grand Valley Lanthorn

"Christmas with the Kranks" is the prime example of what's wrong with movie trailers today. It's a bland comedy that is disguised as a holiday film for the entire family but turns out to be horribly unappealing. This is by far one of the stupidest movies both within and outside of its genre, and I say this without any prior ill contempt for its stars Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis and Dan Akroyd. Even more surprising, this stinker comes from the minds of law-writer master John Grisham, and holiday-movie veteran Chris Columbus.

The movie follows the treacherous incidents that ensue when Luther and Nora Krank decide to skip all the decorations, eggnog and commercialism they've taken part of in previous years and compensate it with a trip to the Caribbean. It doesn't sound like a bad idea, especially for the Kranks who, for some strange reason, spend over \$6,000 every Christmas. It will also help them escape the first winter holiday without their 23-year-old daughter who works overseas with the Peace Corps.

From this point on, the movie makes absolutely no sense. Luther Krank develops a grinchy grudge towards everybody before they begin to shun him. Not too long after this, people on their street, disgusted with the Kranks' selfish decision to be free-thinkers, form a coalition bent on reverting the Kranks to their former cookie-cutter selves.

Curtis overacts her role in such a manner that it's hard to believe she did smart holiday movies like "Trading Places," which also starred buddy Dan Akroyd. Akroyd plays Vic Frohmeyer, the mob-leading Christmas glorifier who everybody seems to owe a

favor. The jokes are corny slaps in the face about the characters' ages, including tanning salon blunders, an embarrassing scene depicting Curtis in a bikini and Botox-bashing in which Allen's face is frozen in an orange-tan glaze while his eyebrows are scarier than Michael Jackson's. The film also features people slipping on ice, frozen cats and decoration light electrocutions. Simply put, they are jokes better left to the "National Lampoon" films.

The problem with this movie is its holy mess of hypocrisy. The backlash from their community, friends and co-workers says one of two things to me: Either the Kranks were the center of attraction when it came to Christmas and the epitome of holiday cheer, or this movie tries poorly to say that everyone's so nutty around the holidays they

couldn't possibly live on the same block with a couple who doesn't indulge. It's a bloody task to figure out whose side this movie is on.

When they finally show some power toward the Kranks' choice, pointless jokes depicting karmic disasters are thrown their way as if Murphy's Law had it out for the Kranks. They constantly push the idiocy of people during the chaotic holiday, but in the end have the Kranks give in to it all. Worse yet, they actually feel better that they did.

The moral isn't Christmas brings us together, it's don't try and run away from the money spending, stereotypical Christmas fashion we've created. Kranks avoids or misses completely the spirit of Christmas, and without that this is just another project that needs to be returned to its sender like a bad Christmas present. Grade: F

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IN THEATRES DECEMBER 17TH

Jay Van Andel, Amway co-founder dies at 80



Van Andel

JAMES PRICHARD
Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Jay Van Andel, a co-founder of Amway Corp. who helped parlay neighborhood soap sales into a billion-dollar business and later became a leading philanthropist for conservative causes, has died. He was 80.

He died Tuesday at his home in Ada, just east of Grand Rapids, according to Amway's parent company, Alticor Inc. The cause of death was not disclosed but Van Andel had Parkinson's disease, a disorder of the central nervous system that involves a degeneration of nerve cells in parts

of the brain. His wife, Betty Van Andel, died Jan. 18 at 82 at the family home on Peter Island in the Caribbean. She had Alzheimer's disease and had been in declining health for some time.

Jay Van Andel and Amway co-founder Richard DeVos reshaped their hometown of Grand Rapids over the years with their investments and donations. Many of the buildings and institutions in Michigan's second-largest city bear one of their names.

"Obviously we were very close to him. He's going to be sorely missed," said DeVos' daughter-in-law, state GOP Chairwoman Betsy DeVos.

The Van Andel and DeVos families gave a combined \$95 million between 1990 and 1998 alone.

"We are all saddened by the passing of Jay Van Andel, who was a great family man and a worldwide leader in the business arena," said former President Ford, who grew up in Grand Rapids and was a close friend of Van Andel.

Amway now operates in more than 80 countries and territories around the world, with 13,000 employees and millions of distributors. Privately held by the Van Andel and DeVos families, Alticor Inc. — formed as Amway's parent company in a 2000 reorganization — reported sales of \$4.1 billion the following year.

Alticor had worldwide sales of \$6.2 billion for the year ending Aug. 31, 2004, \$1.3 billion more than in 2003, the largest increase year-to-year in the direct-selling company's history. The company said Asia — and China in particular — continued to be its primary market and the top region for sales growth.

The Federal Trade Commission charged in 1969 that the Ada-based company was an illegal pyramid, but ruled after a six-year investigation that it wasn't.

The company also has been controversial because of its almost evangelical zeal in promoting free enterprise, and gained attention with DeVos' and Van Andel's high-profile participation in Republican politics.

Much of Van Andel's giving went toward Christian causes, including a creation research station in rural Arizona that sought

to prove the world was made in a week.

In 1978, Amway bought the 65-year-old Pantlind Hotel, restored it, added a 29-story tower and reopened it in 1981 as the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. A downtown arena that opened in 1996 was named for Van Andel after his foundation donated \$11.5 million toward its \$75 million cost.

The Van Andel Museum Center was added later. The Van Andel Research Institute, which performs medical research, opened in 2000.

Forbes magazine this year estimated Van Andel's fortune at \$2.3 billion, 231st on its list of the nation's wealthiest people.

The multibillion-dollar enterprise called Amway grew out of Van Andel's early knack for salesmanship. The 15-year-old Van Andel offered

classmate DeVos a daily ride to Grand Rapids Christian High School in his Model A Ford in exchange for 25 cents a week in gas money.

Returning to Grand Rapids after World War II, Van Andel and DeVos tried their hands at several businesses.

The first was a flying school that had one airplane, a Piper Cub fitted with pontoons to use the Grand River for takeoffs and landings while the runways at the airfield they were building were under construction. They later opened Grand Rapids' first drive-in restaurant.

Van Andel and DeVos ventured into person-to-person sales in 1949, forming the Ja-Ri Corp. and selling vitamins and food supplements. They founded Amway in 1959, operating out of the basements of their neighboring homes and selling a single product, a biodegradable household cleaner called L.O.C.

"Jay Van Andel was the great friend of my lifetime. I will miss him dearly," Richard DeVos said in a statement Tuesday. "His

tremendous acumen and vision helped build our business into a great engine of freedom and opportunity for millions around the world. He was a brilliant example of the fulfilled promise of America and free enterprise."

Van Andel and DeVos were preparing to turn over control of Amway to their children when DeVos suffered a heart attack in December 1992.

DeVos resigned as president shortly after undergoing triple bypass surgery and was succeeded by his son, Dick. Van Andel resigned as chairman in 1995 and was succeeded in that post by his son, Steve. The founders' sons shared the newly created office of

autobiography. "As I would reflect on the day's activities, I would present the family with a business problem and start a discussion of the various solutions. ...

"My son Dave told me not long ago that he learned more about business around the dinner table than from any other source — college business classes and personal involvement in the business included."

Van Andel's resume reflected his conservative business and social philosophies. He chaired the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and was a trustee of the Heritage Foundation, Hudson Institute, Hillsdale College and the Advisory Council for American Private Education.

The Family Owned Business Institute, on Grand Valley State University's downtown Grand Rapids campus, was founded in part with \$301,000 raised in a 1999 tribute to Van Andel and DeVos.

A member of MENSA, Van Andel founded the nonprofit Van Andel Institute, comprising two facilities dedicated to

medical research and the educational process. He spent \$60 million to build its headquarters in Grand Rapids, covered its annual budget and planned to pledge most of his taxable estate to it.

He also was chairman of the Amway Environmental Foundation.

Van Andel's honors included selection to the Direct Selling Association Hall of Fame, Junior Achievement National Business Hall of Fame and the Adam Smith Free Enterprise Award from the American Legislative Exchange Council. He received the United Nations Environment Programme Achievement Award, recipient on behalf of Amway in 1989.

Van Andel is survived by four children and 10 grandchildren.

"His tremendous acumen and vision helped build our business into a great engine of freedom and opportunity for millions around the world. He was a brilliant example of the fulfilled promise of America and free enterprise."

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Van Andel passes on: Jay Van Andel, center, the co-founder of Amway Corp. who died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, cuts the ribbon at the dedication for the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich. in this May 10, 2000, file photo. Jay Van Andel, Assisting him are, former president Gerald R. Ford, center right, and Van Andel's son David Van Andel. At left are Casey Wondergem and Gov. John Engler.

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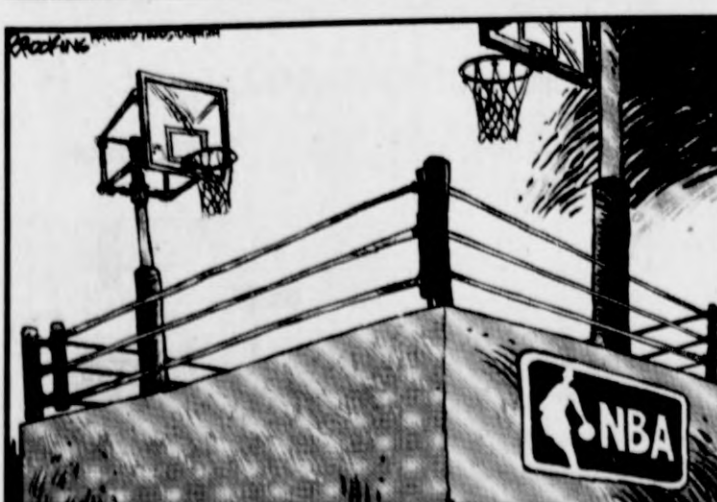
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HALSEY, Ore. — Some workers seem to live at the office, but the principal at Central Linn High School really does.

Michael Bremont, 31, routinely spends 80 hours a week on the job, arriving well before school starts each morning and leaving long after the final bell.

Frustrated by how little he was seeing his family, Bremont approached his district superintendent last year with an unusual request. He wanted to live in an unused building on campus.

District officials loved the idea, and spent \$2,000 renovating the place. Bremont pays \$500 a month in rent, plus his electricity costs, so the district has made back what it spent.

And Bremont is becoming a more involved father. One recent evening, when his after-school duties included supervising the year's first girls and boys home basketball games, Bremont took a break to walk across the parking lot and join his family for a tuna casserole.

Once the game started, Bremont was able to sit with them.

"It's been really wonderful," he said.

EAGLE PASS, Texas (AP) — A life-size fiberglass statue of Jesus that was found in the Rio Grande has ended up in a police department's evidence room, but law officers say it can't stay there much longer.

Border Patrol agents found the statue on a sandbar in the river Aug. 31. When agents first saw it from the air, they thought it was a body and launched a rescue attempt.

Police have kept it for 90 days, waiting for an owner to come forward. They say it now must be disposed of as unclaimed property.

"We see every day a steady flow of people coming in and paying homage to it," Police Chief Juan A. Castaneda said. "We've had them come from different parts of the country."

City Manager Jesus M. Olivares says the city has decided to donate the statue to someone who could share it with the public. He placed the issue on the City Council's agenda for Tuesday.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Officers Matt Turko and Tom Weger are in Pittsburgh's bladder beat.

Since November 2003, Turko and Weger have patrolled the city's South Side,

one of the country's oldest Victorian-era shopping districts in the country by day — but one of the city's best places to drink at night. They bust bladder-heavy revelers looking for relief in alleys, the sides of houses and in dark corners.

"It's a target-rich environment," Weger said. Turko and Weger have handed out more than 220 citations for public indecency. Emptying your bladder in the wrong place can also empty your wallet. Each ticket comes with a \$300 fine.

Pittsburgh police Cmdr. Bill Joyce, whose zone covers the South Side, started the Pub Patrol last year amid complaints by neighborhood residents and business owners tired of people using their bushes, trees and buildings for last-minute latrines.

"How would they feel if someone walked into their neighborhood and began urinating on their own homes?" Joyce said.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Lawyers and federal judges in New Jersey are preparing to argue over new rules that would largely outlaw ...

The rules would apply to

civil cases, where some judges of the U.S. District Court of New Jersey think the verbal exchanges are a waste of time.

If the changes are adopted, judges would not schedule argument days to debate motions, and the word "argument" could even be deleted from the rules. Instead, lawyers would be required to have a hearing request accepted by a judge.

Lawyers say it would set a perilous precedent.

"It is very hard to just understand the issues from written papers," said Joseph Hayden, an officer of the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey.

Hayden's group approved a resolution last week urging judges to regularly schedule oral arguments on serious or complex motions.

Some judges say the rule changes would formalize what is already standard courthouse practice. Many don't grant oral arguments unless there is a question left unanswered in legal filings.

All district judges will vote on the rules changes, with a majority needed for ratification. A vote has not yet been scheduled.

SPORTS QUIZ

CHRIS RICHCREEK

- Who was the oldest manager in All-Star Game history before 73-year-old Jack McKeon led the National League in the 2004 game?
- Who was the last pitcher to toss 300-plus innings for a season?
- Whose record did Indianapolis' Mike Vanderjagt break when he hit his 41st

consecutive field goal in 2003?

4. Four times a Florida school has reached the Final Four in men's Division One basketball. Name them.

5. Who has won more Norris Trophies as top NHL defenseman — Chris Chelios or Brian Leetch?

6. What year did Terry Labonte run his first NASCAR Cup race?

7. Who was the first male tennis

player in the Open era to win his first four Grand Slam finals?

Answers

1. Connie Mack was 70 when he managed the American League All-Stars in 1933.

2. Steve Carlton of the Philadelphia Phillies in 1980.

3. Gary Anderson hit 40 in a row between 1997 and 1998.

4. Jacksonville (1970), Florida

State (1972) and the University of Florida (1994, 2000).

5. Chelios has won three (1989, 1993, 1996) and Leetch two (1992, 1997).

6. It was 1978 at Darlington.

7. Roger Federer (2003-04).

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On the tip of your tongue: Trivia test

FIFI RODRIGUEZ

- GEOGRAPHY:** In what country is the Normandy region located?
- HISTORY:** Which English king broke away from the Catholic Church?
- LAW:** What was the subject of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the basic currency of Iran?
- PSYCHIATRY:** What is the psychiatric term for a condition when a person constantly repeats the same word?
- LANGUAGE:** What is a lucina?
- FILM:** In what year was the movie "M*A*S*H" released?
- PRESIDENTS:** Which presidents' faces are featured on Mount Rushmore?
- ANATOMY:** Which organ in the human body produces bile?
- LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "The Catcher in the Rye"?

Answers

- France
- Henry VIII
- Prohibition
- Dinar
- Cataphasia
- Midwife
- 1970
- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt
- Liver
- J.D. Salinger

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Puzzles

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ACROSS

- Hemingway sobriquet
- Perch
- Black, in verse
- Connotation
- Caligula's nephew
- Vendor
- Dr. Seuss' "If - the Zoo"
- Diving bird
- Bargain
- Improve
- Bacterium
- Lose color
- Chicken of the Sea symbol
- Playground game
- Sweetheart
- The buck stops here
- Deserved
- Skin opening
- Oodles
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- Stephen King's genre
- Church seat
- Chills and fever
- ABC's Vieira
- Diamond or Simon
- Baldness
- Say it isn't so
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- Streetcar driver
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- "David Copperfield" character
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- Chapeau

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On Top: Pop, country and album

TOP OF THE CHARTS

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. Usher & Alicia Keys No. 1 "My Boo" (LaFace)
2. Snoop Dogg feat. Pharrell No. 2 "Drop It Like It's Hot" (Doggystyle)
3. Nelly feat. Tim McGraw No. 3 "Over and Over" (Curb/Derry)
4. Destiny's Child No. 3 "Lose My Breath" (Columbia)
5. Mario No. 9 "Let Me Love You" (3rd Street/J)
6. Ja Rule feat. R. Kelly & Ashanti No. 5 "Wonderful" (The Inc./Def Jam)
7. Trick Daddy feat. Lil Jon & Twista No. 7 "Let's Go" (Slip-N-Slide)
8. Kelly Clarkson No. 8 "Breakaway" (Walt Disney)
9. Ciara feat. Missy Elliott No. 13 "1, 2 Step" (Sho'nuff/LaFace)
10. Ciara feat. Petey Pablo No. 6 "Goodies" (Sho'nuff/LaFace)

Top 10 Albums

1. Eminem No. 1 "Encore" (Shady/Aftermath)
2. Destiny's Child No. 19 "Destiny Fulfilled" (Columbia)
3. Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz No. 31 "Crunk Juice" (BME)
4. Clay Aiken new entry "Merry Christmas With Love" (RCA)
5. Shania Twain No. 2 "Greatest Hits" (Mercury)
6. Snoop Dogg new entry "R&G (Rhythm & Gargsta): The Masterpiece" (Doggystyle/Geffen)
7. Toby Keith No. 3 "Greatest Hits 2" (DreamWorks Nashville)
8. Various Artists No. 5 "Now 17" (EMI/Universal/Sony BMG/Zomba)
9. Usher No. 8 "Confessions" (LaFace)
10. Chingy No. 172 "Powerballin'" (Capitol)

Top 10 Hot Country Singles

1. Gary Allan No. 2 "Nothing on but the Radio" (MCA Nashville)
2. Kenny Chesney No. 4 "The Woman With You" (BNA)
3. Lonestar No. 1 "Mr. Mom" (BNA)
4. Tim McGraw No. 5 "Back When" (Curb)
5. Blake Shelton No. 6 "Some Beach" (Warner Bros.)
6. Brooks & Dunn No. 3 "That's What It's All About" (Arista Nashville)
7. Dierks Bentley No. 8 "How Am I Doin'" (Capitol)
8. Darryl Worley No. 10 "Awful, Beautiful Life" (DreamWorks)
9. Shania Twain w/Billy Currington No. 11 "Party for Two" (Mercury)
10. Phil Vassar No. 7 "In a Real Love" (Arista Nashville)

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What's on tap: Events Calendar

Thursday, December 9

• 1:00 PM — 2nd Do Something! \$1,000 Drawing at student life office

• 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM — Tips for Test Taking at 204 STU

• 4:30 PM to 11:00 PM — Student Senate General Assembly Meeting at Kirkhof RM 204 Pere Marquette

• 5:00 PM — FREE MOVIE: I, Robot at Kirkhof

• 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM — Photography Senior Thesis Exhibition: Conversations of the Eye Reception at PAC 1121

• 10:00 PM — FREE CINEMA: I, Robot at Kirkhof

Friday, December 10

• 5:00 PM — GVSU Swimming & Diving (M/W) vs. Hope College at FH Swimming Pool

• 5:00 PM — FREE FLICK: I, Robot at Kirkhof

• 7:30 PM — North of Providence and Am I Blue at

Louis Armstrong Theatre PAC

• 10:00 PM — FREE MOVIE: I, Robot at Kirkhof

Saturday, December 11

• 10:00 AM — Commencement at Van Andel Arena

• 5:00 PM — FREE FLICK: I, Robot at Kirkhof

• 7:30 PM — "North of Providence" and "Am I Blue" at Louis Armstrong Theatre PAC

• 10:00 PM — FREE MOVIE: I, Robot at Kirkhof

Sunday, December 12

• 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM — Kwanzaa: An Evening of Heritage at Kirkhof RM 250 Grand River Room

Monday, December 13

• 12:00 AM — Exam Week!

• 5:00 PM — FREE CINEMA: Miracle on 34th Street at Kirkhof

• 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM — Lakewood High School FAFSA Night at Lakewood High School

• 10:00 PM — FREE FLICK: Miracle on 34th Street at Kirkhof

Tuesday, December 14

• 12:00 AM — Exam Week!

• 5:00 PM — FREE MOVIE: Miracle on 34th Street at Kirkhof

• 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM — Open Meditation Circle at Kirkhof RM 201

• 10:00 PM — FREE FLICK: Miracle on 34th Street at Kirkhof

Wednesday, December 15

• 12:00 AM — Exam Week!

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Top of the week: Top 10 movies

TOP TEN MOVIES

1. National Treasure (PG) Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger
2. The Incredibles (PG) Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter
3. Christmas With the Kranks (PG) Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis
4. The Polar Express (G) Tom Hanks, Daryl Sabara
5. The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (PG) Tom Kenny, Rodger Bumpass
6. Alexander (R) Colin Farrell, Rosario Dawson
7. Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R) Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth
8. Finding Neverland (PG) Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet
9. Ray (PG-13) Jamie Foxx, Regina King
10. After the Sunset (PG-13) Pierce Brosnan, Salma Hayek

TOP TEN VIDEO RENTALS

1. The Stepford Wives (PG-13) Nicole Kidman (Paramount)
2. Shrek 2 (PG) Eddie Murphy (DreamWorks)
3. White Chicks (R) Shawn Wayans (Columbia TriStar)
4. The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13) Dennis Quaid (FoxVideo)
5. Van Helsing (PG-13) Hugh Jackman (Universal Studios)
6. Around the World in 80 Days (PG) Jackie Chan (Walt Disney)
7. The Clearing (R) Robert Redford (FoxVideo)
8. Garfield: The Movie (PG-13) Breckin Meyer (FoxVideo)
9. Raising Helen (PG-13) Kate Hudson (Touchstone)
10. Dawn of the Dead (R) Sarah Polley (Universal Studios)

TOP TEN DVD SALES

1. Shrek 2 -- Widescreen (PG) (DreamWorks)

2. Shrek 2 -- Pan & Scan (PG) (DreamWorks)
3. Mickey's Twice Upon Christmas (G) (Walt Disney)
4. Friends: The Complete Eighth Season (NR) (Warner)
5. The Stepford Wives -- Pan & Scan (PG-13) (Paramount)
6. The Stepford Wives -- Widescreen (PG-13) (Paramount)
7. Aladdin -- Special Edition (G) (Walt Disney)
8. Mulan -- Special Edition 2-Disc Set (G) (Walt Disney)
9. Garfield: The Movie (PG-13) (FoxVideo)
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• On Dec. 24, 1953, "Dragnet" becomes the first network TV series with a regular sponsor when Fatima cigarettes signs on to back the show.

• On Dec. 20, 1963, the Berlin Wall is opened for the first time in more than two years, as nearly 4,000 West Berliners are allowed to cross into communist East Berlin to visit relatives for one day. Under an agreement reached between East and West Berlin, more than 170,000 passes were eventually issued to West Berlin citizens.

• On Dec. 26, 1966, the first Kwanzaa is celebrated in Los Angeles under the direction of Maulana Karenga, the chair of Black Studies at California State University at Long Beach. The seven-day holiday, which has strong African roots, was designed by Dr. Karenga as a celebration of African-American family, community and culture.

• On Dec. 22, 1973, a federal speed limit of 55 mph is imposed throughout the United States. Although the new limit led to widespread speeding, studies showed it achieved its goals of increasing safety and fuel economy.

• On Dec. 21, 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York explodes in midair 31,000 feet over Lockerbie, Scotland, when a bomb hidden inside an audio cassette player detonates inside the cargo area. All 259 passengers, including 38 Syracuse University students returning home for the holidays, were killed in the explosion.

• On Dec. 25, 1996, singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett departs with his family on a three-week cruise in the Southern Hemisphere that will inspire his book "A Pirate Looks at Fifty" (1998). The book hit No. 1, making Buffett one of only a handful of writers — including Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck and Dr. Seuss — to top both the fiction and nonfiction bestseller lists.

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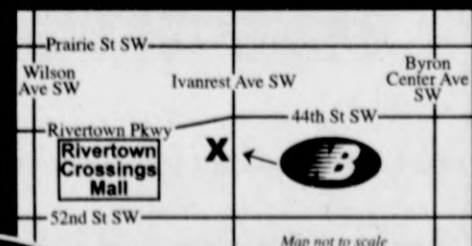


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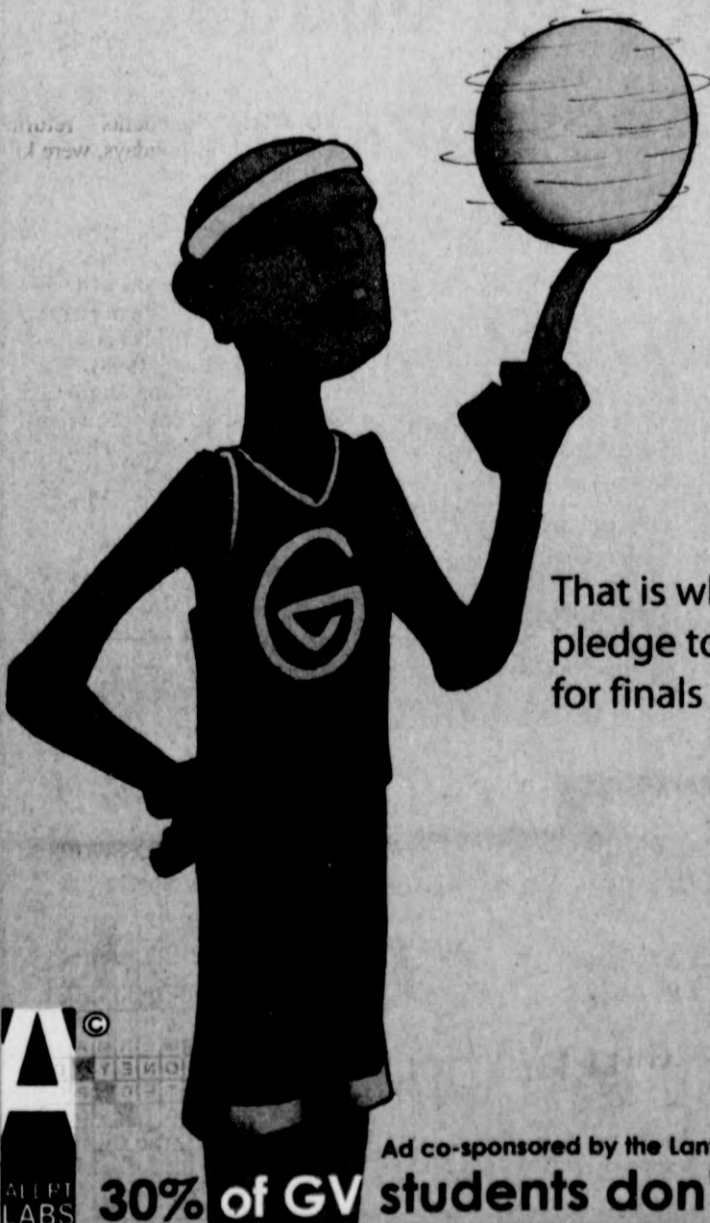


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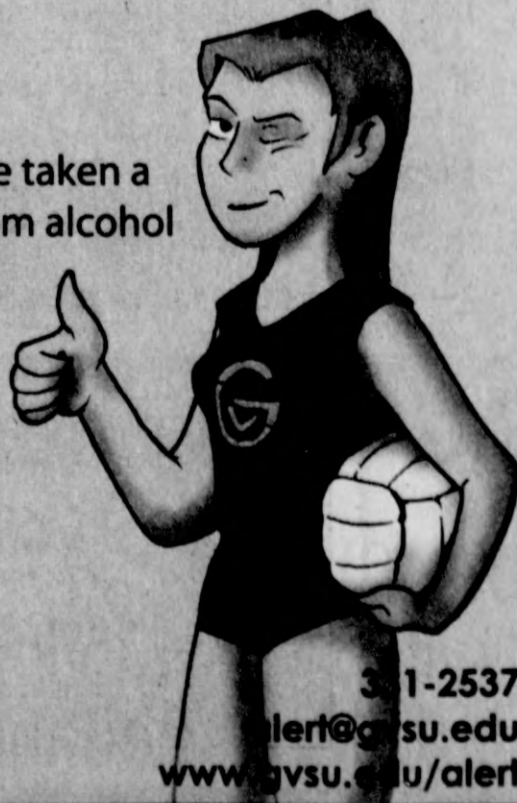
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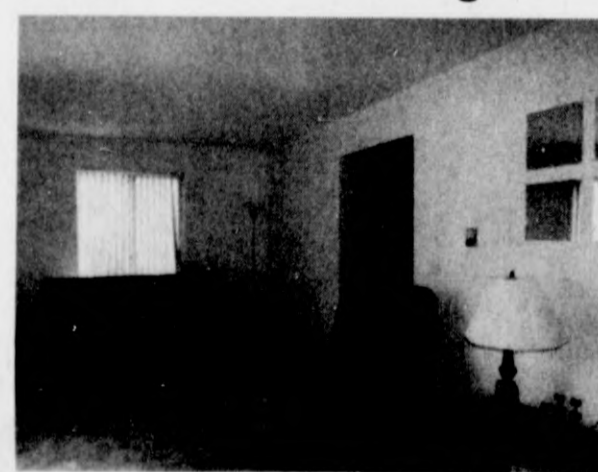
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