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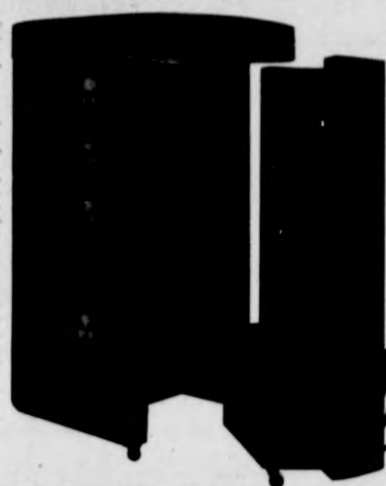
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Thanking veterans for their service



Student veteran: GVSU student Gwen Higby served five months in Iraq in 2003 and is now taking on the duty of school.

Two stories from two veterans: one student and President Haas' take on serving

By Alicia Wireman
GVL Copy Editor

We see them on the streets and do not recognize who they are. The people they have met and the places they have seen are hidden. All we see is a person surviving in a civilized life. Veterans are all over campus. One may be the person at the front of the classroom or sitting next to you.

Veterans Day is intended to thank these people for their service. It acknowledges that their contributions to the United States' national security are appreciated and underscores the fact that all those who served — not only those who died — have sacrificed and done their duty. Veterans Day is Sunday.

These are the stories of two veterans who walk the halls of GVSU, but unlike the people around them, these veterans hold memories from a past that will never be forgotten.

Gwendolyn Higby, GVSU student
Born and raised in Michigan, senior Gwendolyn Higby, did the only thing she could after high school — she joined the Army.

"My parents said they weren't paying for my college," she said. "So, I had to find my own way of making something out of myself."

Higby left Michigan for her basic training only two weeks after high school graduation, and was sent to Iraq shortly thereafter.

"In a sense, it was definitely a scary experience," she said. "Someone would just decide one day that they wanted to start shooting at us...we had to expect the worst."

During the five months Higby was stationed in Iraq, she spent most of her time in Tukrit and Balad working as a network systems operator maintainer. Higby said her unit served as a combat support unit, assisting all other units with communication through telephone and Internet in the military network.

"We would spend some time rebuilding libraries and schools as well," she said. "Even though these things seemed small, it makes you feel like you're making a difference and helping people get back on their feet."

Returning to America may seem easy, but Higby said it was one of the hardest transitions she has ever encountered. Sensitivity to noises and high-stress levels were among the symptoms she faced upon returning, she added.

"Coming home was just very
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TRiO Upward Bound program denied renewal grant

Math, science program directors in process of requesting proposal re-read to reverse decision

By Michelle Hamilton
GVL News Editor

A successful math and science program in local high schools has had its funding cut because it set goals that were too high.

This is the first time one of the TRiO Upward Bound programs through Grand Valley State University has been denied money for a renewal grant, said John Miko, senior director for TRiO Upward Bound's Advising Resources and Special Programs unit.

"We've looked at reader's comments

and feel that they've made some mistakes," he said.

Right now, GVSU TRiO program directors are in the process of requesting a re-read of their proposal. The re-read could reverse the decision that cut off funding for the TRiO Upward Bound Math and Science Program.

The problem with the re-read is that the process will take months, Miko said. Letters have been mailed to Michigan legislators to request their support in pushing for a re-read, he added.

TRiO received a low score for a UBMS grant proposal that had objectives that were "over-ambitious and unattainable," said Arnie Smith-Alexander, director for TRiO Upward Bound. Seven points were taken off for program objectives.

"We've never lost points for (objectives) before," Smith-Alexander said. "They hacked me up pretty bad."

In the UBMS grant proposal that

was chided for unreachable goals, the objectives listed were lower than the program's previous success rates, Smith-Alexander said. But the readers who evaluate and score the grant proposals do not give points for past experience.

Former TRiO professionals read grant proposals in the past, but this year it was apparent from readers' comments many of them were not familiar with TRiO, Smith-Alexander said.

"You can't just arbitrarily take away grant money from a 15-year successful program based on a reader's comments," Smith-Alexander said.

GVSU's TRiO programs have traditionally scored 100 points on their grant proposals, she added.

A similar situation where a re-read was considered unfair happened to a TRiO program at Michigan State

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Proposal denied: In July, student tutor counselors participated in a summer weekend.

Rare presidential books acquired

About 450 books written by presidents coming to Hauenstein Center at GVSU

By Catherine Dugan
GVL Staff Writer

A collection of rare and historical books will enhance Grand Valley State University's nationwide recognition.

About 450 books written by the 43 U.S. presidents were acquired by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies last week. The rare collection features many first editions and signed limited edition books.

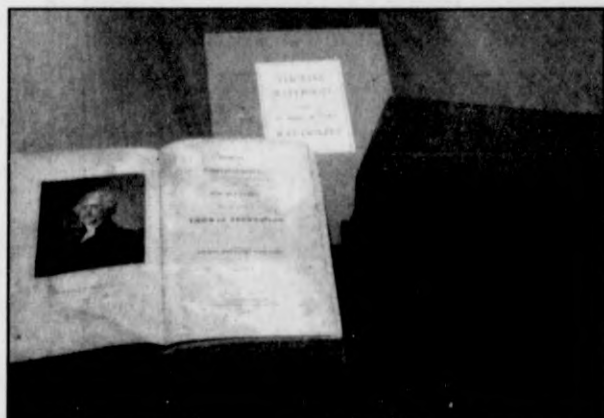
"No place else has such a collection," said Gleaves Whitney, director of GVSU's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. "We will be sought out by scholars interested in the American presidency. The Library of Congress recognizes us."

Whitney said since the addition of this collection, GVSU has become a major institution in presidential research because of the books' national importance.

Students who want to study the presidency have resources at GVSU they can find nowhere else, Whitney said.

Located in the Seidman House, the books are now available to be viewed by the public.

Before the books could be put into the library, the climate conditions and the security of the books had to be ensured, Whitney said.



Old books: GVSU's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies recently received a donation of several hundred books by or about many of America's past presidents, include some rare items by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. The books can be found in the rare books collection at the Seidman House on the Allendale Campus.

The books are on permanent loan from J. Randall Bergers, a former superintendent of Ottawa County Intermediate School District.

"The value of the collection is that they're all in one place," Bergers said.

The collection was acquired from all across the United States as well as Australia, Europe and Canada. Bergers began collecting the books in the early '90s after a colleague in Washington D.C. took him to an antiquarian bookstore. Since then, he's been searching for books every time he travels.

The rarest book in the collection is a book by Eisenhower.

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Memos around campus on assault thought to be fake turn out to be real

By Michelle Hamilton
GVL News Editor

Memos posted on buildings of Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus regarding an on-campus assault last week were thought to be a joke by some students.

But the memos were no joke, and neither was the assault.

On the night of Nov. 1, a female GVSU student was touched inappropriately while walking from Lake Ontario Hall to the Ravine Apartments. The three suspects were described as black males wearing dark clothing, according to a report from the Department of Public Safety.

All of this information regarding the sexual assault, along with contact information for DPS and Silent Observer was posted on academic buildings Friday, the day after the assault, said Capt. Brandon DeHaan, assistant director of DPS.

The memo was also made available to students in residence halls and to faculty and staff on an online university

notice board.

This was the first time in more than two years that DPS has done a posting of this nature on campus, DeHaan said. They used the same format for this posting that they used in the past, he added.

The memos posted on buildings were printed on plain white paper, without a GVSU logo or letterhead. University guidelines require campus postings in certain situations, but there

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Creepy crawler: Assaults on campus can happen anywhere, including at GVSU.

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emotional," she said. "We're so used to the military lifestyle that it just became difficult to adapt to the civilian life."

Her life as a civilian has become increasingly better, but her day really seems to shine when she sees support from other Americans.

"The best thing anyone can do is just say, 'Thank you,'" she said. "When a soldier knows that his or her country is 100 percent behind him or her, it makes the job so much easier."

Although Higby's active duty contract has expired, she intends to go back to Iraq when her National Guard unit is deployed in the near future, she said.

"Personally, I don't want to return, but I want to go back for the people in my unit," Higby said. "We build strengths and bonds between (ourselves) that couldn't be created in any other environment. I'm not ready to let go of that yet."

Thomas J. Haas, GVSU President

Following in his father's footsteps, President Thomas J. Haas decided to serve his country in 1969.

"I really envisioned myself being in the Navy and getting an appointment into the Naval Academy," he said.

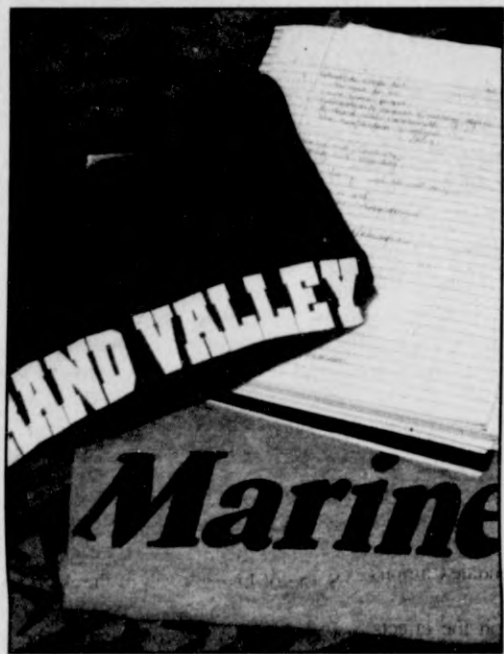
Despite his ambitions, Haas did not get a congressional appointment, a necessity to be accepted into the Naval Academy, he added.

So, after some advice from a high school mentor, Haas joined the U.S. Coast Guard.

"I was driven by the fact that by going (to the Academy), I didn't put a burden on my family financially," he said. "I had this opportunity not to be a burden on them, and I took it."

Haas spent four years getting his degree in addition to receiving military training. In 1970, he spent time on the Mackinac in the Great Lakes as well as the Ocatia in Michigan. The Coast Guard then sent him to Washington D.C. where he worked in the hazardous materials and environmental protection arena.

"Our responsibility was to ensure that the shipment



GVL Photo Illustration / Brian Sevald

LOCAL VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS

Grand Rapids Veterans' Day Parade Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

The parade begins at North Division Avenue and Michigan Street and ends at Veteran's Memorial Park in Grand Rapids

Interviews with Veterans Sunday at 2 p.m.

People will have a chance to ask veterans about their experiences in the military. The event is free and open to the public.

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200 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven
For more information call (616) 842-0700 or visit <http://www.tri-citiesmuseum.org>.

A Tribute to Veterans Sunday at 3 p.m.

The tribute is a musical concert featuring Northview High School Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and the Varsity Voices. The concert is free and open to the public.

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of chemical cargos in and out of U.S. ports were as safe and secure as they could be," he said. "The work I did 20 years ago is still being used today for the evaluation of cargos, and I think that was a nice legacy to have within the Coast Guard."

Although Haas encountered numerous assignments in the Coast Guard, he decided to change his career path. He went back to the Coast Guard Academy to teach where he focused on training officers until he retired in 1996.

"The bonds I formed with students were strongly important to me," he said. "However, the relationships that you have with your peers are absolutely remarkable. Those bonds are tight, important and life long."

Haas said serving his country was the best thing he could do. Now that all three of his children are active military officers, he is proud to call them heroes, he said.

"Veterans understand the nature of service and of the commitment to the nation," Haas said. "People need to support these veterans for providing a way of life that we have come to cherish."

Even though there may be disagreement about foreign policies that are currently being constructed, the veterans need the support of the American people, Haas said. We can disagree with policy makers, but we cannot afford to disrespect or not fully respect service men and women who put themselves in life-threatening situations, he added.

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University a few years ago, Miko said.

MSU also requested a re-read and the original decision to deny the grant money was reversed when the re-read results concluded the first read was unfair, Miko said.

The low score resulted in a denial to renew the program's grant when funding runs out on

Dec. 31 and Smith-Alexander approached GVSU to step in and support TRIO through the end of the high school academic year, said Nancy Giardnia, associate vice president for Academic Affairs. With no funds coming into the program after December, classes would have to be dropped mid-year.

"It is surprising to me that a program that has been so successful in the past consistently was not re-funded," Giardnia

said. To compensate for the lost grant money, GVSU will be funding the UBMS program through the end of the school year in June, Giardnia said.

"I think it's commendable that the university is going to finish out this grant," Giardnia said. It is a good example of GVSU's commitment to support the community, she added.

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Bergers said. There were 85 copies of the book privately printed and Eisenhower distributed them mainly to his friends. Bergers found his copy in Gettysburg, Penn.

Other books include Thomas Jefferson's memoirs published in 1829 and George Washington's expense account.

Bergers has received offers to sell the collection, but that was not something he wanted to do, he said. However, donating the books to GVSU felt like a good fit, he added.

"My dad suggested that I get

together with Ralph to share that I had the collection," Bergers said.

His father and Ralph Hauenstein were both newspaper men and fought together in World War II. Later, they lived in the same retirement community.

Bergers said he began talking about bringing the collection to GVSU in 2002.

"After having had discussions with Gleaves and Ralph, it seemed that their vision for the presidential studies center and the value the collection could add to their efforts," he said.

The contract was signed on Oct. 24 and the collection was brought to GVSU.

Hauenstein said he is pleased to have the collection at GVSU.

"It's a source of resources beyond the ordinary," he said.

Because GVSU has one of only a few presidential study centers, it is the right place to house the collection, Hauenstein said.

There are about 150 more books that Bergers plans on finding and adding to the collection to round the total out to 600 books. Bergers will try to find the books by searching online and visiting bookstores across the country, he said.

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Assault

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are no guidelines for how the posting should look or if it should include university markings, DeHaan said.

Student concerns about the validity of the memo were brought up at a meeting for the campus organization Eyes Wide Open Monday night, said President Tim Elrod. Some students were not sure if the notice posted on Friday was a joke or if it was serious.

"If our community says they're concerned about (the memos), it's something we can reevaluate," DeHaan said.

Elrod did not see the memos on campus and could not comment on their format, but it is good that DPS responded right away, he said. A lot of times sexual assaults do not get very much attention, he added.

It is also a good thing the female student reported the incident so that other students could be made aware, Elrod said.

"The perception is that we are out in the middle of the cornfields and it's safe, but the sad reality is that nobody is exempt," Elrod said.

It needs to be made clear that this type of behavior will not be tolerated, he added.

One important factor to understand is that in the majority of assaults in college the assailant is someone the victim knows, said Women's Center Director Marlene Kowalski-Braun. Generally, GVSU can boast about having a very safe campus, she added.

"I appreciate being a part of a university that does public postings," Kowalski-Braun said.

She was especially thankful for a posting in this particular incident because there is a potential the suspects are a part of the campus community, she said.

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EDITORIAL

Honoring veterans

Veterans Day should commemorate the soldiers who have given their lives and continue to fight for the freedoms of this country, regardless of political agendas, attitudes or affiliations toward war.

For far too long, students have worried about getting days off from school because of holidays. Veterans Day is no exception, as many attending classes use the excuse as a crutch to not have class, forgetting the true reason why this is a national holiday.

It is too bad the world has come to this.

Veterans Day is set up in part to honor our heroes — both fallen and alive — because of the sacrifices they gave and continue to give to keep this country both safe and free. Our freedom does not come easy, nor does it come without the hardships of those willing to accept the call of duty asked by their country.

Regardless of political agendas and affiliations, the soldiers protecting this country and veterans should be acknowledge with a day of honor and remembrance at all costs.

We as a society owe that much to them.

Nov. 11 stands as the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that officially brought a close to World War I, formally ending at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 with the signing of the Germans.

While parades, luncheons and family celebrations are all good ideas to help commemorate the contributions of our soldiers, a simple thank you or small conversation may go a long way in showing the respect these men and women have earned.

It should come as no surprise that at any event, a soldier being honored for whatever reason is often greeted with a standing ovation for their efforts in making our lives just that much easier to go to bed with at night.

If you know a veteran or cross paths with one, thank them for the safety and ability to live freely that many of us take for granted, not just on Veterans Day, but any day.

They took up the call and made the decision many of us would never dream of making. They are the real heroes in life, and their character and integrity should be recognized accordingly.

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"It's a definite power struggle. The Arabs are the minority in Sudan, but they hold the most power. Ultimately the Arabs want the Africans to be gone."

Charlton Breen
Michigan Save Darfur Coalition member

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YOUR INSIGHTS

How should veterans be honored?



"A parade would be nice or even a dinner or luncheon for veterans."

Danica Sardin
Sophomore
Public Relations



"Veterans should go into schools to teach us so we can understand why we celebrate Veteran's Day."

Jake Teuscher
Junior
Education



"We should have a festival in downtown Grand Rapids. We should also have the day off of school."

Sarah Warlick
Sophomore
Biomedical Science



"We should give them a parade here in Allendale."

Tupua Ioane
Sophomore
Criminal Justice



"I think it's important to honor veterans even if it's by a parade or luncheon. As long as we remember what they have done for us."

Lindsay Minix
Junior
Professional Writing

GVL STUDENT OPINION

Mom wins NYC marathon

By Dana Blinder
GVL Copy Editor

This weekend was the annual New York City Marathon.

You know, just a 26.2 mile stroll through the city with about 90,000 of your closest friends.

Now, I'd say I'm in fairly good shape. I think I could run four miles all together, maybe five or six if a murderer was chasing after me in a long, black trench coat and roaring chain saw (give me a break — it was just Halloween). For being a college student, I eat decently (Mac and cheese), and get as much sleep and exercise as I can (more sleep than exercise).

I don't pay too much attention to national marathons because it's sort of depressing to be sitting on my couch in sweats and watch these older stick-like figures do something with

their Sundays.

Generally speaking, I'm halfheartedly attempting to do large amounts of homework, snacking a bit too much and not even contemplating leaving the house for the day. I'm a college student.

And then I check my preferred news site for the heck of it.

"Two moms take silver and gold in the NY Marathon."
What the heck? Given my mom is an incredible woman, I just feel there's a certain unspoken standard of what yo baby's mama should and shouldn't be doing on her weekends. Running 26 miles with about a 12 pack just slightly crosses the motherly stereotype.

I'm not saying Paula Radcliffe, an English woman who had given birth nine months ago doesn't deserve to school thousands of others. I'm just saying wow.

One picture in particular capped off my feeling of extreme laziness.

It was a shot of her holding her child — so young it was gnawing on the handle of the red pom-poms most likely given to the families of the runners.

The woman who gave birth to you just ran for two hours in a runners' two piece. Show some respect, kid.

Honestly though, Radcliffe sucked. She was about eight minutes off her previously set world record. This was her first marathon in two years and she's had a nasty history of runner's injuries, strains and fractures.

Heck, today I only had one piece of pizza and denied the stale cupcake in the



Blinder

kitchen. I showed her up.

As college students we sometimes get overly ambitious, ready for the real world. We try to cram all we can into our time at school — extra academics, athletics, activities and clubs to try to prepare ourselves to kick butt when it's time. We have these goals for a year, five and 10 down the road.

Then you see the Radcliffes of the world — the people who have long-graduated and are off doing those great things we're still dreaming of and more. It's hard sometimes to accept that you can't run a marathon tomorrow.

While being president of the Harry Potter club in Allendale doesn't sound as glorious as post-pregnancy marathon winning, accepting you can't do it all is a good step to staying sane in your trek to getting there.

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Making that diploma mean something

By Josh Hilbrand
Student Senate
Vice President of Internal Communications
GVL Guest Columnist

In the academic world, "accreditation" is a buzzword at colleges and universities across the country, and once mentioned, it can produce reactions of frenzied excitement and anticipation.

So what is accreditation, anyway? And why should students care? If you're planning on getting a degree from Grand Valley State University, this thing we call accreditation means a lot to you.

Every 10 years, the bespectacled gurus of higher education gurus on our campus to validate this university with hair splitting accuracy, and we're due for a checkup in less than a year. Sort of like a downsized FBI of higher education, this team of witty Ph.Ds investigates

the university to find out how we define success in our students. Does GVSU meet hard core national requirements for a degree-granting institution? Ten years ago the answer read something like, "Yep, GVSU's education is high quality."

But still, how does that apply to us, the students? Let's move on to the scene of your graduation day, where you can expect to walk across the stage to continue the long tradition of a hand shake and receive your hard-earned diploma. So what is that thing we call a diploma? On your resume, it makes you valuable to potential employers. On your



Hilbrand

application, it opens doors to grad school.

Then again, maybe not. After four or more years of all-nighters, Ramen noodles and 12-hour work days, wouldn't you want to know if your degree program was a gamble or a good investment? North Central Accreditation, the "bespectacled gurus" from before, has the final say for those diplomas.

You might be worried at this point as you contemplate the proportions of accreditation issues. Not to worry — GVSU is on top of it. The university plays a major role in accreditation by writing the Self Study Report, sort of like a 300-page paper assignment, except GVSU hasn't waited until the night before to start it.

A large number of well-equipped administrators, faculty and students have been working for almost two

years. The report includes huge amounts of information that proves GVSU meets five criteria, such as whether we follow the ever-present mission, the effectiveness of teaching and the quality of service to all community members.

So what can you do to make the gurus' decision easy? The responsibility of students is to know what is happening in the university with the accreditation process.

You can ask me, Josh Hilbrand, the student representative for the Self Study. Or just get to know your university, your student organizations and the mission of GVSU. Give back to the community that has given you the chance to be here — take 10 minutes to explore <http://www.gvsu.edu/ncaselfstudy>. You have the opportunity of attending GVSU during this exciting time. Take advantage of it.



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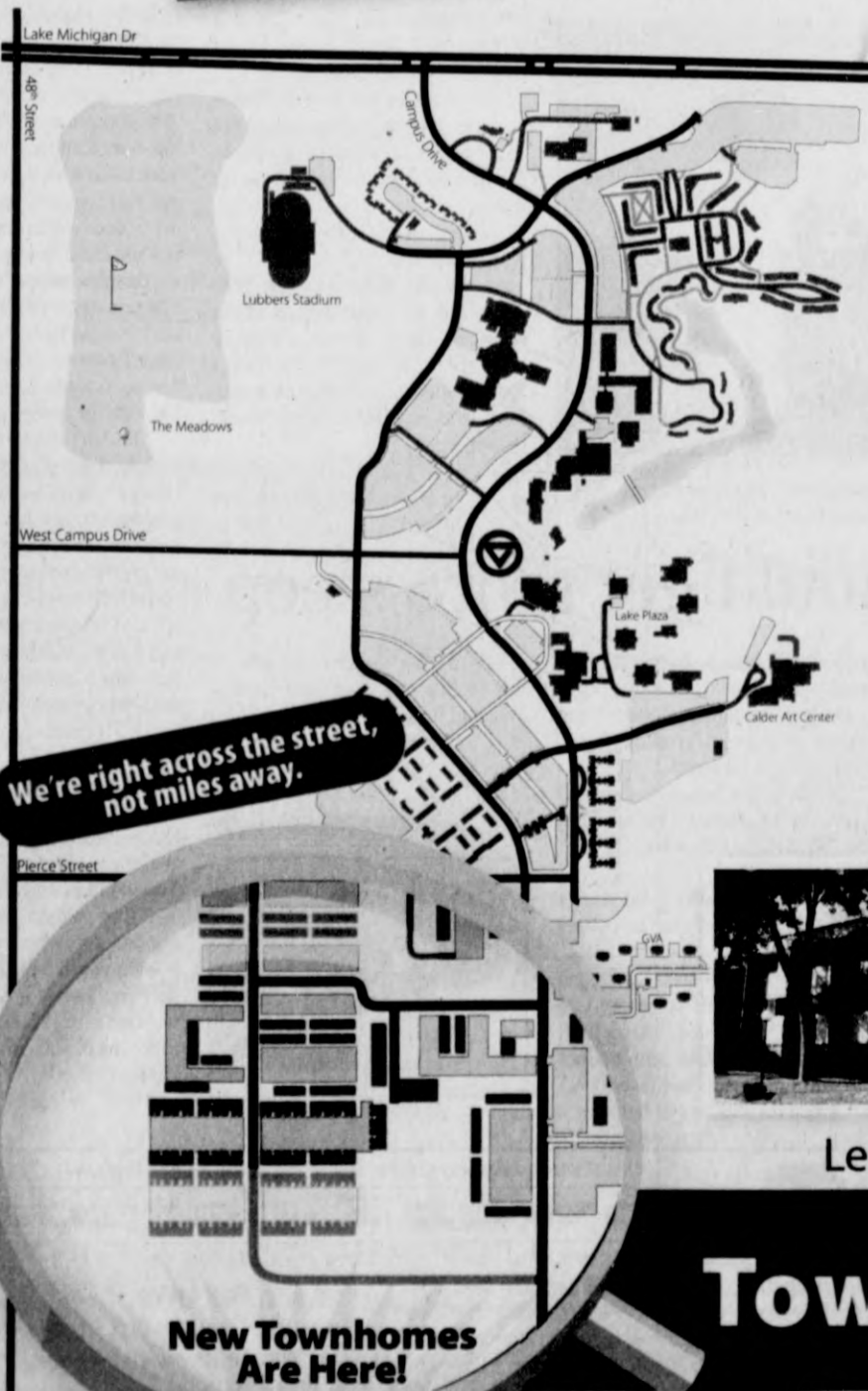
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Freshman James Berezik now ranks first in the football program's history for rushing yards (758) by a true freshman.

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FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team | GLIAC | Overall

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

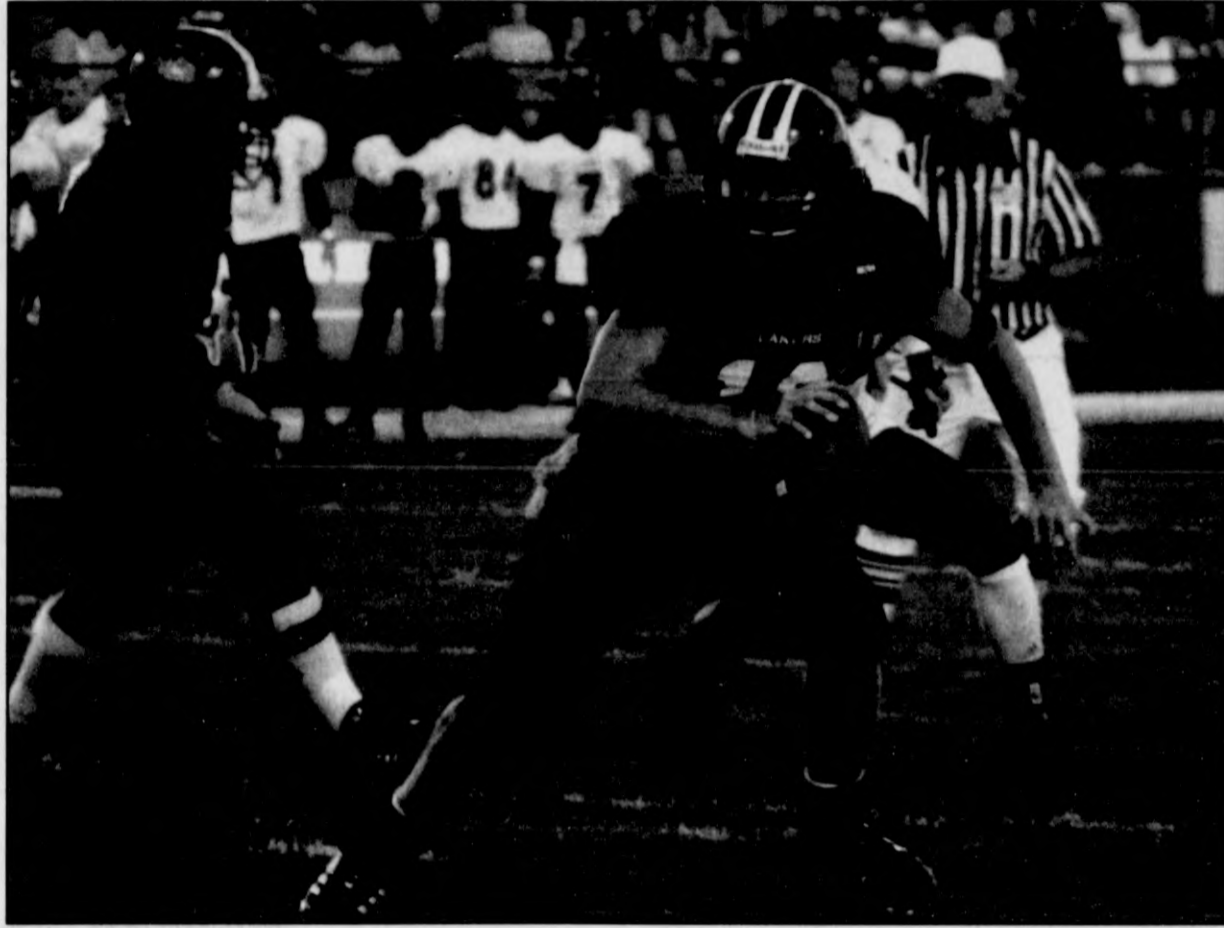
VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Team | GLIAC | Overall

#7 Grand Valley	17-1	27-3
Northern Michigan	13-5	19-11
Ferris State	12-6	20-9
Saginaw Valley	9-9	20-11
Michigan Tech	7-11	9-16
Northwood	6-12	10-22
Findlay	5-13	10-23
Mercyhurst	4-14	11-24

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Friends to face-off Saturday



Neighborly nemesis: Sophomore quarterback Brad Iciek will match up against high school teammate Buddy Rivera Saturday in a battle against Northern Michigan University.

Saturday's game features quarterback battle between high school teammates

By Marc Koorstra
GVL Sports Editor

Few people outside of the Grand Valley State University football program had an idea of what to expect from sophomore quarterback Brad Iciek entering this season.

But there was one opponent who knew exactly what he was capable of doing — Northern Michigan University senior quarterback Buddy Rivera.

This is because the two signal callers battled for playing time at Grandville High School and even lived in the same neighborhood.

"I had to tell people when Cullen

(Finnerty) left that their backup is a good player too," Rivera said. "He's more of a passer. He's got a good arm and he's a smart kid."

Rivera started under center in 2002 and 2003. Iciek backed him up in 2003, his junior year, and took over the starting job in 2004.

Both players earned all-state honors. Irv Sigler was the coach fortunate enough to have the two talented quarterbacks at his disposal.

"Brad was a year younger and he was able to push Buddy a lot in practice," Sigler said. "They were great complements to each other, they got along great and on top of that, they are great people."

Sigler, who now lives in Georgia, said he tries to follow how his former players are doing, but it is not always easy.

Grandville's excess of riches came in handy in 2003 when Rivera missed some time due to an injury.

"I went down for three games and

Brad came in and kept us in playoff contention," Rivera said.

Rivera returned for the postseason and led the team to the state semifinals.

Iciek said he had no problem being a backup his junior season.

"We both knew where we stood in the program," Iciek said. "Coach Sigler did a good job of saying who's who. He made the right decision and we were successful."

After taking over the starting spot over his senior year, Iciek passed for 1,973 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Both players have carried that success into their collegiate careers. Iciek has thrown for 2,023 yards and 22 touchdowns and ranks first in Division II in passing efficiency. NMU has struggled at times this year, but Rivera has still thrown for 2,038 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Thanks in part to Rivera's efforts, the Wildcats have won four of their last five games. Most of their struggles have

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come because of their defense, which is giving up 31.7 points per game.

Iciek said the two still joke around and talk football in the offseason. They agreed it is a special situation to play against each other, but once they get on the field it will be all business.

"It is a big game for us to be playing the No. 1 team in the nation," Rivera said. "Playing against Brad just makes it a little bit more of a rivalry."

Iciek will be more focused on improving after a poor outing against Saginaw Valley State University.

"It definitely was an eye-opener to see where I was for that week," he said. "I can't let that happen again because we're going to face better teams down the road."

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Chattanooga churn: The Grand Valley State University men's Lightweight-4 competes at the Head of Hooch Regatta.

'Laker Navy' invades Chattanooga

By Emanuel Johnson
GVL Staff Writer

More than 100 Grand Valley State University rowers traveled to Tennessee last weekend to participate in the Head of Hooch Regatta.

Head rowing coach John Bancheri said the team needed a lot of help to cover the cost for such a large group to travel.

"We couldn't have made it without the Student Senate," Bancheri said. "It gets crazy when you've got that many people. I kind of felt like Barnum & Bailey. But the Student Senate really helped us out. They're the ones that really funded us for this. There's no way we would be able to bring that many athletes if it weren't for them."

The team placed entries into 44 out of 80 events held at the regatta. Of those entries, 20 came out with a medal, enough to give the Lakers the award for overall team points.

"It was a two-day regatta, and by Saturday afternoon we had already won the whole thing," Bancheri said. "It was amazing."

Twelve of the medals that the Lakers earned were gold. The men's-8 boat and the men's Lightweight-4 boat, each of which had participated in the Head of the Charles last month, came away with first place finishes.

The men's Championship-8 dominated its race, finishing ahead of the second place team by more than 20 seconds.

"It's a big regatta, and for us to do as well as we did is amazing," said Bancheri. "Back at Boston I said it was the girls who had done extremely well and the guys hadn't rowed their potential. This time the guys rowed their hearts out, and it showed in the results. It was pretty fantastic to see."

Three other men's teams, two women's teams and two mixed teams also claimed first place finishes.

Bancheri even joined in on the action this past weekend. He participated in the men's Master C-D one man race. He said it was the first time he has raced in 22 years.

"My players were like my biggest cheerleaders," he said. "And even though I finished dead last, at least I didn't finish dead. Usually I'm the one out there cheering for my players, but it was cool listening to them cheer me on. I wasn't racing to compete, I was racing to complete. That was one of the hardest things I've ever done."

The Lakers will have one last regatta in Spring Lake, Mich. this weekend before ending the fall portion of the rowing season. Then they will resume practice again in January and begin their spring campaign in a regatta hosted by Florida Technical University in March.

"This is early," said Bancheri. "The fall season is like what cross country is to track. This is where we get our distance in and get our mileage races in. But now we're going into winter training on a high. They smell blood."

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Wait, the Lions are still winning?

By TJ Taylor
GVL Staff Writer

The fact that the NFL regular season is already more than halfway over is bewildering. But even more staggering is how the Detroit Lions have turned from all-time pretenders to legitimate contenders.

The Lions aren't supposed to be 6-2 right now. Maybe a 2-6 record, if it was a good year.

Lions faithful are supposed to be discussing what draft picks the team will get come next April. That along with the next chapter to the "fire Matt Millen" campaign.

Instead, things have taken an unexpected joyride this season. Everyone has optimism prior to a season, thinking each year could be the one their team makes a run to remember. For Lions fans this is true, but they also know not to make the standards this high.

Realistically, who would have thought the Detroit Lions would have six wins their first eight games — something that hasn't been done since last century. Even if all their games were against winless teams, they're still supposed to lose the majority of them.

Point being, what the Lions have accomplished so far this year seems simply miraculous, especially with their losing prestige they have owned this entire millennium.

Nevertheless, this group of Lions is still fighting an uphill battle despite their stupefying early triumphs. Even at 6-2, they still find themselves chasing the division-leading Green Bay Packers, who stand at 7-1. It's looking like that Thanksgiving day game with the cheeseheads is going to finally have some meaningful implications to it.

The criticism surrounding Detroit states that they are improved, but not as good as the record indicates and it is keeping these Lions untamed and hungry. For those who say Detroit hasn't played anyone worthy, well they are relatively accurate. Out of the eight games played, only two of these teams have winning records right now.

But it doesn't matter. Just ask the Detroit Lions how hard it's been winning the games you are supposed to win over the past decade. Now they are finally taking care of business. A win is a win, regardless of records. So, for those who think this Lions team is still the same old Lions that choke time



Taylor

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Courtesy Photo / Michelle DeArment

Inaugural image: The 2007 Grand Valley State University women's club hockey team is in its first season.

Women's hockey debuts

By Josh Kowalczyk
GVL Staff Writer

For Grand Valley State University junior Molly Mahoney and 15 other students, watching hockey just was not enough.

Mahoney and her classmates are a part of the first ever GVSU women's club hockey team. For the past two years, Mahoney has been the statistician and manager for the Lakers' two men's teams. She was approached by men's head coach Denny McLean about starting a women's team.

"I started doing the research and scouting people and trying to see how much interest we had on campus," said Mahoney, who is also the team's captain and club president.

In April, Mahoney attended the American Collegiate Hockey Association's annual conference in Florida to look into what it would take to start a team. The Lady Lakers have to come up with the money for equipment, jerseys and ice time. The price for each student to play is about \$900.

Mahoney used Facebook to get

the word out about the team.

"Facebook was a huge help," Mahoney said. "I did a search for anyone who had hockey in their interests that was a female. I sent them a note asking if they would be interested in playing."

The Facebook search worked and the team now has 16 players, four of which are goalies. Two of the goalies also play defense so the team has 14 skaters during a game instead of 12.

"We're still trying to get the word out about the team," said sophomore center Stephanie Murray. "It's fun — we've been improving every game."

The team plays their home games at Georgetown Ice Center and belongs to the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association. In its inaugural season, the team is currently 0-6, but the Lakers are not about to panic.

"Our league is one of the best leagues in the ACHA Division 1," said head coach Cory Whitaker. "Four of the seven teams in our league are ranked in the top 10 in the nation. As long as we continue to control what we can control, learn every day and work hard no

matter what, the winning will take care of itself."

Whitaker and assistant coach Darrell Gregorio played hockey together at GVSU. Whitaker has six years of experience coaching junior and high school boy's hockey.

For Whitaker, the highlight of the season so far was the team's first goal.

"The first goal scored by Halley Buchan versus Ohio State in our second game ever will always be a special moment," Whitaker said. "We saved the puck and are still trying to decide how to celebrate it."

The Lakers' still face many challenges this season with inexperience being the biggest obstacle.

"We actually have two girls who this is their first time ever picking up a stick and getting on the ice," Mahoney said. "It's been quite a learning experience."

The Lakers will be at home this weekend, facing off with league rival Ohio State University Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m.

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College pigskin pick 'em

Each Thursday, Sports Editor Marc Koorstra and Managing Editor Brandon Watson will be bringing you their predictions on this weekend's biggest college football games including your Grand Valley Lakers.



Last week: 4-1
Overall: 31-9



Last week: 5-0
Overall: 30-10

	Marc Koorstra	Brandon Watson
Northern Michigan @ No. 1 GVSU 1 p.m. Saturday	GVSU 49, NMU 14: The Wildcats have won four of their last five games to move out of the conference cellar. Their offense has kept them close in many games, but playing the Lakers is an entirely different task.	GVSU 55, NMU 10: The Wildcats give up more than 438 yards per game defensively. Ouch. After a subpar offensive performance against Saginaw Valley, NMU's defense could be in for a long day in Allendale. Iciek trows for 5 TDs.
No. 12 Michigan @ Wisconsin, Noon Saturday, ESPN	Michigan 24, Wisconsin 17: This is part one of a two-part series called "Games That Are Not That Interesting Anymore Thanks to the Crazyness of College Football." The Badgers have a lot of injuries and Michigan is going to get a boost from the come-from-behind victory over MSU.	Michigan 23, Wisconsin 10: The Badgers are bad at two key offensive statistics — turnovers and giving up sacks. Michigan has been phenomenal with not turning over the football this season, and getting to the quarterback is something man beast Shawn Crable does best. Jump around Badger fan.
No. 17 USC @ California 8 p.m. Saturday, FSN	USC 28, California 21: Part two. Cal has fallen off the map after three straight losses and doesn't have much to play for besides taking the Trojans down with them. That won't be enough to stop Booty and his boys.	Cal 21, USC 14: I freaking love DeSean Jackson. USC is really good defensively, and they will keep this game close, but I think Cal is too strong at home, even though they have struggled this season.
No. 18 Auburn @ No. 10 Georgia 3:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS	Georgia 34, Auburn 24: The Bulldogs' game with Troy was probably a little too close for comfort for head coach Mark Richt. He'll have his team ready to go and running back Knowshon Moreno will continue to knock some chew up yards.	Auburn 13, Georgia 10: Gonna be another SEC slugfest and I can't freaking wait. The Tigers have been up and down this season, while Georgia has been playing well lately. Moreno hits his first road block in college with this Auburn defense. WAR EAGLE!
PILLOW FIGHT OF THE WEEK Kent State (3-6) @ Northern Illinois (1-8) 4 p.m. Saturday	Kent State 31, N. Illinois 17: The Huskies gave 70 points to Toledo. Not a BCS school, but TOLEDO. The Golden Flashes take this one behind running back Eugene Jarvis.	Kent State 60, N. Illinois 46: I have a friend at Kent State. He says they suck, and I value his opinion. But in truth, N. Illinois does suck. A lot. Hopefully we'll see record points here.

Good bye Tommy, hello Johnny

By Kyle Meinke
GVL Staff Writer

Before each of the past six seasons, Michigan fans could bank on Tommy Amaker extolling his team with talks of Big Ten championships and NCAA tournament births.

But Amaker's squads made exactly zero NCAA tournaments in that time and finished with a 43-53 record in Big Ten play.

Not that it bothered him too much. After missing the NCAA tournament yet again last season, Amaker called it an "honor" to be one of the "fortunate few" to play in the NIT.

One of the fortunate few?

That's exactly what was wrong with Amaker — he was always content being the best average team in the country.

But at a storied program like Michigan, mediocrity is unacceptable. Winning is expected, and Amaker failed.

Thus, after six long years of going nowhere, Amaker is gone and former West Virginia coach John Beilein is in.

For the past five seasons,



Meinke

Beilein has built a reputation for taking teams with little talent and doing big things. He guided an unheralded WVU team to back-to-back tournament runs, including the 2005 Elite Eight.

And now he has brought a winning attitude to Ann Arbor, where his influence is already making a difference.

Before players can practice, they must complete a list of 15 goals that challenge fundamentals like ball handling and shooting. Players have already marveled at Beilein's knack for player development, something they say was rarely addressed under Amaker.

There is no doubt Michigan

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MSU poised for big season

By Kyle Paffhausen
GVL Staff Writer

One year after advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Michigan State University returns all five of their starters on the men's basketball team.

Even after the loss to Grand Valley State University in an exhibition game, the season looks very bright for MSU.

What most people do not realize about that exhibition

game was the depth that the Spartans put on display.

During the regular season, there is not a chance Durrell Summers, Kalin Lucas and Chris Allen will all see over 20 minutes, not even close.

Drew Neitzel will see almost



Paffhausen

every minute of every game, and Travis Walton is going to be the best secondary option in the conference.

Boasting only two seniors on the squad, MSU must perfect a balance of youth and maturation in order to take it to the level of the 2000 National Championship team.

The Big Ten has never been an easy road, and with Tom Izzo scheduling one of the harder schedules in the country,

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has the right guy at the helm, but it is going to take some time for this young team to come together.

Beilein's offense is designed to get the most out of his players, but it is also one of the most complicated offenses in the country. It will take time for the players to adjust to the new system.

And considering the teams they face this year, that could be a tough task.

Michigan will face a brutal non-conference schedule this season, including four games against the AP top 10 and a fifth against No. 13 Duke University.

And it won't help that the Wolverines have little talent returning and lost top-30 recruit Alex Legion to Kentucky. If Michigan wants

to go dancing in March, it will need Ron Coleman and DeShawn Sims to step up their games, and either Jerret Smith or Kelvin Grady to take command at point guard.

The catalyst could be highly-touted freshman Manny Harris. If he can play like, well, not a freshman, Michigan could compete in a weak Big 10 this year.

After scoring a team-high 15 points in Michigan's exhibition dismantling of Ferris State, he is off to a solid start.

Beilein did his part, too. Just minutes into the exhibition, he had his sport coat off, sleeves rolled up and was pacing up and down the sideline like it was already March.

After six long years, it is refreshing to finally see a sign of life on the Michigan bench.

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nothing shy of a star turn by Neitzel will be acceptable.

He played in every game last season, starting 34 of 35, averaging almost 36 minutes per contest. He averaged 18.1 points per game, more than 6.5 points higher than Raymar Morgan.

All that work got him was a 23-12 regular season record and a second round exit, something that has a good chance to change this year.

Also back are juniors Marquise Gray, Goran Suton and Walton. The other starter is second year varsity player Morgan, only a sophomore.

This kind of balance ensures a strong Spartan presence at or near the top of their conference for not only this year, but a few more to come. The media has already picked these Spartans to finish at the top of the Big Ten this season.

With early non-conference games against 21st ranked North Carolina State and 15th ranked University of Texas, head coach Tom Izzo has his share of

challenges early on.

A weak year in the Big Ten creates a large opportunity for the Spartans, with only the Indiana Hoosiers also ranked inside the top 25. The Ohio State Buckeyes are forced to deal with the loss of their stars to the NBA draft.

There is absolutely no reason this team should not command their own fate well into the months of March and April, especially with the recruiting class this year.

The three entering freshmen were all four-star prospects coming out of high school. Allen and Summers should look to provide an immediate spark off the bench, while Lucas should wait his turn this year behind Neitzel.

This team is strong, deep and prepared for a Big Ten championship, but that will not do. As always, expectations in East Lansing, Mich. are for one championship and one only, the one that comes in the middle of April.

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Urban universities helping to revitalize neighborhoods

By Corey Williams
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — When people around here talk about "Midtown," the discussion generally concerns new condos, small businesses and lifestyle.

Not long ago, the neighborhood separating Wayne State University's campus from downtown mostly contained ramshackle buildings and rat-infested alleys and was notorious for its drug houses and prostitutes.

"We use the euphemism today and call it Midtown, but it was the Cass Corridor and everyone knew what the Cass Corridor was," Wayne State President Irvin Reid said.

When Reid arrived in 1997, he set about transforming the reputation of the faded community bordering the 200-acre urban campus, with Cass Avenue as its main thoroughfare.

As developers added upscale condos and townhouses costing up to \$600,000 per unit, the university also went to work.

Wayne State has spent more than \$1 billion in the past decade

for on- and off-campus housing and building projects.

"More people are realizing the action is in Midtown Detroit," Reid said. "As we fulfill our strategic mission to revitalize Detroit, we have become part of the growing rhythm of this diverse neighborhood."

Anchored by the university and a cultural district that includes the Detroit Institute of Arts, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and Orchestra Hall — home of the Detroit Symphony — Midtown has become a destination for tourists and residents alike.

More than 20 housing developments have been built. A \$36 million apartment development is going up on university-owned land.

"Universities can't just pick up and move like corporations," said Roland Anglin, executive director for the Initiative for Regional and Community Transformation at New Jersey's Rutgers University. "They really do have a stock investment in buildings and history in those communities."

Many urban schools are doing more outside the classroom to

revitalize their neighborhoods and improve students' experiences on and off campus.

An early effort was in 1950s Chicago. Federal funds, private investment and \$29 million from the University of Chicago were used to demolish old buildings and clear tracts of land to transform Hyde Park into a vibrant college community.

The University of Cincinnati is a partner in various redevelopment programs expected to lead to \$500 million in new construction near the campus.

And Rutgers donated parking lots to the city of Camden to help create market-rate row houses in one neighborhood. Each of the 18 townhouses being built has been sold, university spokesman Mike Sepanic said.

Rutgers also is seeking proposals from developers to convert a former law school building on its Newark campus into student housing or a hotel. It's part of the university's plan to create an "academic village," a phrase more schools are using to describe their relationships with the community.

Schools have to be proactive

in removing blight and making sure the area around campus is attractive and safe, Reid said.

"You have to have the foresight to know there is an opportunity for acquiring the land," he said. "You can't just grab land ... for no purpose at all."

General Motors Corp. donated a building just north of campus to Wayne State for a technology center.

Wayne State is promoting new housing in the area to more than 8,200 faculty and staff and nearly 31,000 students. In return, the companies are offering incentives ranging from a year without mortgage payments to thousands of dollars in upgrades to free parking spaces.

Add small, affordable eateries, a coffeehouse, bookstore and hair salon, and the campus becomes more of an attraction for people living in and visiting Midtown.

"It's critically important to have new retail and new restaurants," said Susan Mosey, president of the University Cultural Center Association. "It's another reason for students to want to live in the dorm or in apartments."

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Senior student artwork featured



Senior showcase: (Top and right) The Calder art gallery is currently showcasing the work of GVSU senior Josh Deiters.

Exhibition pieces provide GVSU seniors with professional experience in art

By Brandy Arnold
GVL A & E Editor

Throughout November and December, work from Grand Valley State University senior arts students can be found at various locations across campus. As part of the final preparation before graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, these students have been working on exhibition pieces for a six credit class during the fall semester. However, these projects often begin months before September. The basic reason for senior shows is so students go through the experience of a professional, which is one of total concentration, said art department faculty member Dellas Henke.

"Most really throw themselves at it," he said. "By and large the shows have been really good. Each year, students keep raising

the bar for the next group and the art department is growing as well. In general, it's getting more sophisticated."

Henke said the students have stepped up to the challenge, investing their heart, soul, mind and time. However it can be a fairly high-pressure situation, he said, especially when they must present their work to a faculty panel in order to graduate with the BFA.

"It's also about the quality of the presentation, even the framing of the pieces, labels and how they are hung," Henke said. "They must look professional and appropriate to the setting and the artist must be able to explain what they're trying to accomplish. We don't want students entering the professional world who are not ready."

As part of the panel and a professor who works with the senior students, Henke said he

has seen certain trends appear in work over the years. This year a fair amount of students are submitting work dealing with how technology can sometimes get in society's way.

Similar subject matter among students does not deter from the quality of the work, Henke said.

"It's good that they are paying attention to the world around them," he said. "You will still see an array of work that is vastly different."

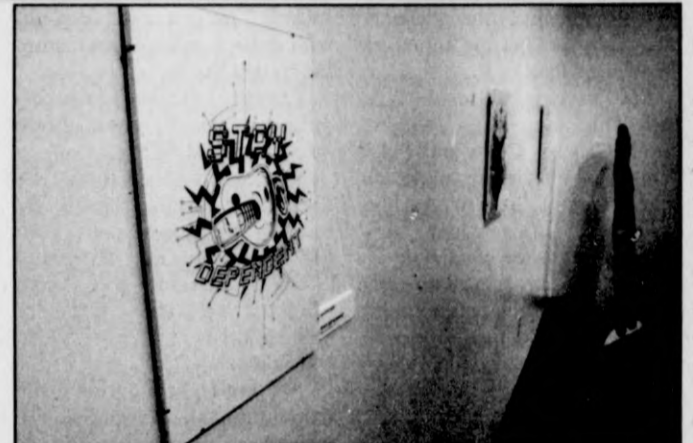
"It's free so why not go and have a thoughtful aesthetic experience? It's more fun than watching TV."

DELLAS HENKE
ART DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Henke used the three students he is working with as an example of the differences in projects. The work of Scott Travis features disturbing imagery that will rattle the viewer, he said.

Josh Deiters work deals with the common theme with a critical, but comical look at technology such as Myspace, Henke added.

Deiter said his work consists of "propaganda posters" that advocate the negative aspects of modern communication



and Myspace trading cards that are "intended to be a commentary on the falsehoods and shallowness that surround Internet friendships."

Influences for this particular project range from sociologist Zygmunt Bauman to Andy Warhol and art novuea, he said. Deiters work is located in the Padnos Gallery in Calder Art Center and ends today. He said he is excited for the exhibit.

"I feel like what I have to say is important and I want other people to be able to see it," Deiters said.

He added people should come out to see all the shows, if only for a few minutes, because they are all going to be good.

Henke shared these sentiments.

"It's free so why not go and have a thoughtful aesthetic experience?" Henke asked. "It's not always easy to get people away from Myspace, but they can just walk over to the next building and take a look. It's more fun than watching TV."

From Monday to Thursday exhibits by Travis and Clare Flore will be in the Padnos Gallery and exhibits by Kendra Scarlavi and Alyssa Blakeslee will be featured in the Performing Arts Center Gallery.

For a full lists of exhibits visit, <http://www.gvsu.edu/art>.

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'Turtle Island Blues' play to satirize American history

Play shows history through Native American eyes, part of Cultural Diversity in Theatre program by GVSU

By Jessica Pawlowski
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"Turtle Island Blues," a play satirizing United States history from Christopher Columbus to present day as seen through Native Americans' eyes, begins Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Louis Armstrong Theatre in the Performing Arts Center.

The play is by William Borden, a Minnesota author and recent Writer-in-Residence in Grand Valley State University's theater program.

"Turtle Island Blues" is part of the Cultural Diversity in Theatre program that GVSU has run for the past 15 years, said Roger Ellis, director and professor of theater.

"The show is this season's choice because it gets at the racism and hypocrisy of the United States that we see played out so shamefully today on the world stage — for real," he said. "It also tries to make us aware of the cultural diversity of the U.S. that too often we forget about, in this case, the importance of tribal societies and cultures that have made the U.S. what

it is today."

Ellis said many cast members play six to seven roles throughout the show. GVSU students will enjoy the raunchy portrayal of Queen Isabella and Christopher Columbus, toilet paper flying through the audience and the Nerf bullets and rubber tomahawks, he added.

"I like (the play) because it takes a lot of history and brings it up to date," said Eric Fey, who plays Leonard Peltier, a Native American who was convicted of killing two FBI agents. The Native Americans and Spanish trade T-shirts, tennis balls and instant mashed potatoes, he added.

While the play has a lot of comedy, Fey said, it hits home on many important matters of oppression and injustice. "The stage is also very immersive," Fey said. "The audience will be seated on the stage in risers and also in the auditorium like normal. Action will take place on the stage, but there are also platforms scattered throughout the auditorium. The audience will receive a truly 360-degree experience."

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Evin Anderson, whose main role is Father Vickery, believes the play is eye-opening, being such a contrast to what is learned through early education.

"Many of the truths that we were taught in elementary school and high school are exposed for what they might have actually been," said Kyle Walker, who plays the role of Escobedo.

Fey said Lee Sprague, a recognized ambassador by the United Nations and an activist for Native American rights, took a large participatory role in the production of "Turtle Island Blues."

"(Sprague) helped us with

introducing real Native American signs, dancing and singing into the play," said Maria Tejada, whose main character is Pocahontas. "I think that it can only add to the show and give us an opportunity to show the rich culture of the Native American people."

The play runs for less than two hours, including intermission. Performances are also scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Following the performances on Sunday and Nov. 15, community panels will discuss cultural issues and historical points. Tickets can be purchased at the Louis Armstrong Theatre box office or through StarTickets Plus. Tickets cost \$12 for general admission, \$10 for seniors, alumni, faculty and staff and \$6 for students with proper identification. The show contains some adult situations of violence and is not recommended for younger audiences.

"I know it would be beneficial for all U.S. citizens, not just GVSU students, to see this play," Moes said. "Plus, Thanksgiving is coming up — what better way to kick off that holiday?"

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WGVU documentary honored with Accolade Award

Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival documentary featured moments from each day, including interviews

By Sarah Stonestreet
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WGVU recently received an Accolade Award for its production documentary on the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival.

The annual festival lasted through July and August of this year, and the program "Coast Guard Highlights 2007" featured moments from each day as well as interviews and history of the Coast Guard.

"This is just one of the many awards WGVU has won for different projects," said Jim Vander Mass, director of the documentary and a producer for WGVU.

The Coast Guard production garnered an Honorable Mention for Television in the

Documentary category of the competition.

The Accolade Competition is an international award competition entering its fifth year, and is considered top tier among television contests, said Emily Maurin, marketing coordinator for WGVU.

"It recognizes professionals, large and small, who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity," she said.

The competition has awarded unique filmmakers for five years, giving a special award of excellence to a filmmaker who makes a significant contribution to social change or a humanitarian effort, according to the organization's official Web site.

WGVU has covered the Coast Guard festival for many years as a part of their commitment to covering West Michigan events, Vander Mass

said. "Although many people think of the fun and entertainment portion of the Coast Guard, it is the memorial service that recognized those who have passed that is the center event," he said. "This year was special due to the passing of the last survivor of the Escanaba, Ray O'Malley."

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During World War II, the Escanaba ship sank while fighting enemy ships off the coast of Greenland on June 13, 1943. Of the 103 men in the crew, two lives were spared, O'Malley and Melvin Baldwin.

The documentary itself, Vander Mass said, took eight days to shoot although the editing process took about three weeks. He added Grand Valley State University students as well as recent graduates did much of the camera work. David Moore, a morning host

for WGVU, narrated the project.

"The awards go to those professionals who produce fresh, standout entertainment and compelling documentaries," Maurin said.

There was no ceremony to present the award. In fact, Vander Mass discovered his production had won the award through Maurin.

Other productions that have won awards in this competition include "Hope College Christmas Vespers," which received an Award for Excellence for Television in the Arts/Cultural/Performance/Plays category. For a full list of both television and radio awards received by WGVU in multiple competitions, visit <http://www.wgvu.org> and click on the WGVU awards link.

The Accolade awards are currently accepting submissions. More information about the competition and an entry form can be found on their Web site, <http://www.accoladecompetition.org>.

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mtvU award show brings breaking artists to forefront

Network broadcast to 750 colleges nationwide to host annual 'mtvU Woodie Awards'

By Brandy Arnold
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For college students, "it's about wood." Or so says the mantra of the "mtvU Woodie Awards," MTV's 24-hour college network's show in which popular college-radio artists receive national music awards. Because winners are chosen by college students, the students essentially predict the future of the music scene.

Past success stories include Fall Out Boy, The Killers, Death Cab for Cutie and Plain White T's, all virtual unknowns at the time of their win on the "Woodies," after which they blew up across the country.

mtvU is broadcast to 750 colleges across the country with a combined enrollment of nearly 7.5 million. Twenty-four hours a day music videos can be seen in dining areas, lounges, fitness centers and dorm rooms. mtvU also hits up campuses every year with "MTV's Campus Invasion."

On Oct. 30 Travis McCoy from Gym Class Heroes, Brad Delson from Linkin Park, Max Bemis from Say Anything and



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Linkin Park

Meg Frampton from sibling group Meg & Dia, all nominees for the 2007 "mtvU Woodie Awards," sat in a conference call with college media from across the United States.

Fittingly, MTV and Myspace's influence was a major theme throughout the call.

McCoy gave plans for GCH's upcoming album, saying he recently finished a song with Miami producers Marcello "Cool" Valenzano and Andre "Dre" Lyon after talks of collaborations at MTV's "Video Music Awards."

A highlight during the recording session for McCoy was when Lyon played the song for Busta Rhymes over the speaker phone.

"Busta was like — he flipped out," McCoy said. "He was like, 'Yo if you don't save me (15 bars) on that song I'm going to fly down to Miami and beat you

both up,' and I'm like, 'All right, cool.'"

McCoy also talked about their recent win at the VMAs for Best New Artist.

"We were up against some stiff competition," he said. "When we won, the whole suite that we were in just collapsed. I mean we put in a lot of hard work and it wasn't just a victory for us, it was a victory for everybody in that room and a victory for all of our fans and everybody at home that was watching."

Similarly, Bemis talked about the effects MTV has had for Say Anything's popularity in the last year. Although the band had toured for years without being on MTV, the video for "Wow, I Can Get Sexual Too" really helped the band's career take off.

"I mean it's weird, now you go to a Say Anything show and so many kids know that song in particular," he said. "So I guess



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Gym Class Heroes

it did a lot more than I bargained for."

Indie group Meg & Dia are up for "Viral Woodie," an award for artists who took the Internet by storm. Frampton said because the group started out on Myspace, the Web site has functioned as a very effective outlet for their music in a way that touring and MTV has not always achieved. However, she was quick not to disregard MTV completely.

"I still think that there are many viewers of MTV even though maybe some people think that it's going down," Frampton said. "It's definitely a great outlet for people to hear new music."

Almost 50 artists are nominated for the fourth annual "mtvU Woodie Awards," including Amy Winehouse, Arcade Fire, Lil' Wayne, Bright Eyes, Common, Spoon, Thom Yorke and Paramore. The Shins take the most nominations with three, followed by Gym Class Heroes, Lily Allen, Justice, Linkin Park and The Academy Is... with two each.

The show will air next Thursday on mtvU, with an encore on MTV2 on Nov. 18. The show will also air next Thursday at mtvU's Web site, <http://www.mtvU.com>.

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Real rock: HellYeah played at the Orbit Room on Friday night.

HellYeah came to party

By Dan Gibson
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The line at the Orbit Room for Friday's sold out show featuring HellYeah, OTEP and Bloodsimple stretched far across several parking lots.

HellYeah and Bloodsimple played to another sold out crowd at the Orbit Room in the spring and many fans came back for more. This time they brought OTEP along with them to add to the party and mayhem for which they are known.

Bloodsimple opened the mosh pit with heavy breakdowns and angry lyrics. It was difficult to tell the songs that each began with a piercing scream from lead singer Tim Williams apart, and they were a bit repetitive. An exception came with the song "Straight Hate."

Bass player Kyle Sanders stood tall with his long dreadlocks swinging and guitar held high in the air as he pounded out the build up to a massive breakdown. The brutal song was a crowd favorite and possibly a way of life for some. When early fights broke out amidst the mosh pit, Williams was quick to remind everyone to save their energy for HellYeah.

OTEP, forever loyal to the recent holiday, had their box of masks handy on stage. Each song brought a new mask but, unfortunately, a similar sound. The attempt at poetic lyrics came off as a cheesy mixture of gothic rap/metal/emo. There was a serious lack of creativity and originality and a use of too many past trends. However, lead singer Otep Shamaya's dark screams were brutal enough to stand up to any

metal band and the crowd was into the on-stage antics between songs. Shamaya brought a post with the head of George Bush and prompted the crowd to chant obscenities. The audience responded with more fist pumps and devil horns than any concert should have.

As drummer Vinnie Paul of Pantera and Damageplan fame stood on his drum set, the crowd went completely crazy. Every hand threw up devil horns and shouted for the respected drummer. In true rock star fashion lead singer Chad Gray, who is also the singer of Mudvayne, only put his drink down when he had to hold the microphone with both hands.

HellYeah played their entire album and only slowed down for the song "Alcoholin' Ass," their version of a balled. Each song had the same generic metal structure, but still kept the audience entertained.

Witty audience members shouted, "Hell yeah!" several times in between each song and ironically, no one ever seemed to get tired of it. Gray was sure to warn the crowd something fast and heavy was coming, commanding everyone to move if they were not too drunk. The partying crowd answered the request by getting the mosh pit going and singing along, while others started fighting or simply passed out. Those that survived cheered for one last song, and were rewarded.

Even though the crowd stumbled on their last legs, "One Thing," Hell Yeah's knock out punch for the night, got them pumped to tear up the town.

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Max Bemis



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Meg & Dia

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after time, you are wrong. This team is for real.

One of the key elements this year is they are playing smart football. No more foolish turnovers or mental errors that would plague the field with yellow laundry.

In addition, they are protecting home turf, having a 4-0 record at home, which is tops among the NFC.

And really, there isn't just one single thing that contributes to why Detroit has been so successful. It's been numerous

things.

Head coach Rod Marinelli and his coaching staff are getting his players to buy into their system. Quarterback Jon Kitna is being a leader and mentor. That along with the defense, the rest of the offense and even special teams play are all playing at elite levels.

To put it straightforward, all the little and simple things are being completed. And it's being accomplished while having fun. You can see the energy, passion and enthusiasm each player wearing that Lions jersey brings to the field every week.

But lets not get ahead of ourselves here. The fact of the

matter is there is still plenty of the season left. And Detroit will have to endure a grueling schedule the rest of the way. Such contests include the New York Giants, the powerhouse Dallas Cowboys squad and two games with division foe Green Bay.

For now, Detroit looks to continue its three game winning streak as they travel to Arizona this weekend.

They will look to keep pace with Green Bay and come one step closer to clinching a playoff spot for the first time since 1999.

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Question: How much should a guy spend on an engagement ring?

It's hard to say how much a guy should spend on an engagement ring when it makes the girl who sets a standard for her diamond look greedy.

According to the National Association of Wedding Ministers, the average engagement rings costs \$2,000. Now, this all depends on the size and quality of the ring, but spending large amounts of money on a ring just crosses the line.

Expecting a large diamond at our age is ridiculous. Getting a large — not to mention quality —

diamond is putting way too much pressure on men who have to save up the money. When my fiance was saving up for a ring, I told him I wanted quality over size, and that's exactly what he bought me.

Guys need to take the time to save the money and shop for the ring, because it is a life-long investment. The whole meaning behind the ring is for men to show their significant other that they are capable of taking care of them financially, and that point doesn't really come across when a guy buys the cheapest thing he can find.

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Battling Film Reviews — Is 'Bee Movie' great family fun, or simply not funny?

By Dani Willcutt GVL Staff Writer

By Ryan Copping GVL Staff Writer

☆☆☆ out of ☆☆☆☆

Early moments in "Bee Movie" feel daunting and uninteresting, as the only setting introduced is the beehive. Seeing a depiction of the bee's homes and workplace (the honey factory Honex) is entertaining, but the characters become boring.

The film really takes off when Benson leaves the hive for the first time in his life. His first flight in the fresh New York City air is exciting as he flies through kites, buzzes around a bed of roses and gets bounced back and forth on a tennis ball.

When Benson first learns of the injustices being done to his bee brethren, it seems the movie is about to take on a theme of equality. Slightly later the film shifts and gives the message that everyone has his or her own specific role in life.

Although many plot directions seem to be lost and forgotten, further details are not missed. So much of the film is outlandish the audience will maintain a steady chuckle throughout.

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For a few minuets at the beginning, "Bee Movie" looks like it could be a lot of fun. The image of a bee that looks like Jerry Seinfeld is indeed funny.

In the animated film, Benson (voice of Seinfeld) has just graduated from college and rebels against the normal career choice of making honey.

Watching this film, I realized that everything that could possibly be said on the subject of animated insects was done nine years ago with "Antz" and "A Bug's Life." This picture begins with the usual series of slight gags and goes into very bizarre directions.

Although the children in the audience seemed to enjoy the movie, the material directed towards adults falls flat. There is none of the witty satire found in the Pixar films. Instead, an endless series of bee-related puns and pointless celebrity cameos thread through the film.

The screenplay (by Seinfeld, Spike Feresten, Barry Marder and Andy Robin) is far too long. It has too many red herrings and underdeveloped plotlines, indicating the film was rushed into production before anyone had a clear idea of what was going on.

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Strange, but true

MASCOUTAH, Ill. (AP) — Two hugs equals two days of detention for 13-year-old Megan Coulter.

The eighth-grader was punished for violating a school policy banning public displays of affection when she hugged two friends Friday.

"I feel it is crazy," said Megan, who was to serve her second detention Tuesday after classes at Mascoutah Middle School.

"I was just giving them a hug goodbye for the weekend," she said.

Megan's mother, Melissa Coulter, said the embraces weren't even real hugs — just an arm around the shoulder and slight squeeze.

"It's hilarious to the point of ridicule," Coulter said. "I'm still dumbfounded that she's having to do this."

District Superintendent Sam McGowan said that he thinks the penalty is fair and that administrators in the school east of St. Louis were following policy in the student handbook.

It states: "Displays of affection should not occur on the school campus at any time. It is in poor taste, reflects poor judgment, and brings discredit to the school and to the persons involved."

Coulter said she and her husband told their daughter to go ahead and serve her detentions because the only other option was a day of suspension for each skipped detention.

"We don't agree with it, but I certainly don't want her to get in more trouble," Coulter said.

The couple plan to attend the next school board meeting to ask board members to consider rewording the policy or be more specific in what is considered a display of affection.

"I'm just hoping the school board will open their eyes and just realize that maybe they shouldn't be punishing us for hugs," Megan said.

WINONA, Minn. (AP) — A pet pig whose weight tripled while it was in the care of a sitter has been placed on a diet — and an animal cruelty charge has been filed against the caretaker.

The 5-year-old animal, Alaina Templeton, part potbellied pig, has lost 10 percent of her 150 pounds and is recovering well from surgery to remove a collar that had become embedded in her overly fat neck, owner Michelle Schmitz said.

Alaina made headlines last week after Schmitz complained that the pet sitter had allowed Alaina to go from her normal 50 pounds to 150 pounds in just nine months. Schmitz had left Alaina with the sitter, a co-worker, while she was on medical leave to recover from ankle surgery.

Alaina apparently had been foraging for cat food and chicken feed outdoors at the co-worker's farm.

Schmitz said now that her pet is back home, the excess pounds will "melt off" with a healthy diet and exercise. She said she and Alaina's veterinarian consider 50 pounds a more suitable weight for the mixed-breed pig.

Amisdemeanor charge of animal cruelty has been filed against Mary Beesecker, 52, of Houston, Minn., Winona County Sheriff David Brand said.

"I want her to be held responsible for what she did and what she didn't do," Schmitz said.

Beesecker did not immediately respond to a call from The Associated Press seeking comment Tuesday, and she has refused requests from The Winona Daily News for an interview.

MANSON, Wash. (AP) — Charles and Linda Everson were driving back to their hotel when their minivan was struck by a falling object — a 600-pound cow.

The Eversons were unhurt but the cow, which had fallen off a cliff, had to be euthanized.

The year-old cow fell about 200 feet from the cliff and landed on the hood of the couple's minivan, causing heavy damage.

A Chelan County fire chief, Arnold Baker, said the couple missed being killed by a matter of inches in the accident Sunday on a highway near Manson.

The Eversons, visiting the area from their home in Westland, Mich., to celebrate their first wedding anniversary, were checked at Lake Chelan Community Hospital as a precaution.

Everson, 49, said he didn't see the cow falling and didn't know what happened until afterward.

He said he kept repeating: "I don't believe this. I don't believe this."

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