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Thanking veterans for their service



Left: GVL Photo / Hollyn Johnson Right: Courtesy Photos / Gwendolyn High

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

Veterans Day is intended to thank these people for their service. It acknowledges that their contributions to the United States' national security are appreciated 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



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"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 reread 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.

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

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



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.

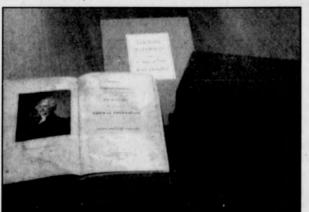
'No place else has such a collection," said Gleaves Whitney, director of GVSU's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. "We will be sought out by scholars interested in the American presidency. The Library of Congress recognizes us."

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 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,

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 oncampus 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

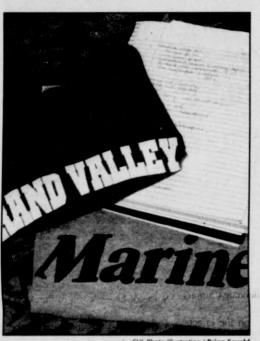
getting an appointment into the Naval Academy," he Despite his ambitions, Haas did not get a

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



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.

Tri-Cities Historical Museum, Akeley Building 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.

Northview High School Performing Arts Center 4451 Hunsberger Avenue NE, Grand Rapids

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

"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 reread 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.

father and Ralph His 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.

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

female student reported the

It is also a good thing the

much attention, he added.

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

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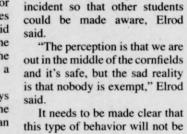
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are no guidelines for how the posting should look or if it should include university markings, DeHaan said.

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.



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

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Voters decide to bring alcohol sales to Hudsonville

Results from a vote on Tuesday determined that a ban on alcohol sales in Hudsonville will be lifted, according to a report from the Associated Press. The unofficial final count of the vote was 928-735 in favor of lifting the ban.

Before Tuesday, Hudsonville was the only city in Michigan where alcohol sales were illegal, but there are six Michigan townships where alcohol sales are still barred. Five of the dry townships are located in Allegan and Ottawa

Students honor two GVSU staff for disability support

University Vice Presidents Patricia Oldt and Tim Thimmesch were honored yesterday for their involvement with disability support on campus. Oldt and Thimmesch were recognized for their full support and inclusion with people with disabilities in academic and social settings.

This was the first annual recognition ceremony for disability support on-campus hosted by the Organization for the Advancement of Students with Disabilities.

Hillary Clinton launches student-focused initiative

campaign presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton launched Students for Hillary on Nov. 1, according to a press release from Clinton's campaign press office. The national student-focused effort has organized in 37 states. For more information visit the campaign's Web site, http:// www.hillblazers.com.

Police hand out 44 MIPs for local Halloween revelers

The Friday before Halloween, 22 parties were shut down by the Ottawa County law enforcement and GVSU's Department of Public Safety. There were 44 citations issued that night, according to a report from the Grand Rapids Press.

Sex Olympics to return to **Allendale Campus Friday**

Voices for Healthy Choices is bringing informative games Debunking Sex Myths to Laker Late Night on the Allendale Campus this weekend. The Sex Olympics will last from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center. The event is co-sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Latino Student Organization. For more information send an e-mail to stayhere@gvsu.edu.

Ray Romano film producerdirector to host film, Q&A

Tom Caltabiano, producer/ director of the film "95 Miles to Go" will host a question and answer session after the film is shown on campus Friday.

The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium in the Pew Campus DeVos Center. This event is free of charge. For more information, e-mail boringr@ gvsu.edu.

'I am Grand Valley' nomination process open

A campaign that recognizes student leaders is now open for nominations. Up to 1,000 students will be recognized in Jan. 2008 and awarded with an I am Grand Valley T-shirt.

Nominations take a few minutes to complete online at http://www.gvsu.edu/iamgv. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 26.

Free spay and neuter clinic downtown by Pre-Vet club

The veterinary branch of a national organization will be spaying and neutering pets for free this Saturday in Grand Rapids. The clinic will be hosted by Remote Area Medical at 446 Grandville Ave. and is targeted toward low income families.

The clinic opens at 7:30 a.m. and approximately 120 cats and dogs will be spayed or neutered before the clinic closes at about

Student parents cope with stress

NEWS

On top of classes, work, raising children can be overwhelming to students

> By Carrie Palmer GVL Staff Writer

Blue, green and red crayons tumble to the linoleum floor as someone new catches Lily's eye. A stranger is in the Children's Center.

She curiously peers around the door, smiling and waiting. Standing in the doorway with her 3-year-old belly sticking out through her pink princess T-shirt, she stares and frowns. Then, in the blink of an eye, her pale blue eyes light up and Kool-Aid -tained lips turn into a grin as someone says, "Lily, your mom's

The little girl bolts for the door, crashes into her mom's legs and wraps her tiny fingers around her mom's knees.

Mommy's class is over - it is time to go home from day care.

The Children's Center is an on-campus day care center that provides an affordable childcare option for parents, with more than half of them attending classes at GVSU. Parenthood can be difficult to manage after graduation, but before walking across that stage and receiving

a degree, it may be the most difficult job a student can have.

Senior AJ Walker finished a busy day of classes and strolled into the Children's Center, eager to spend time with her daughter, 5-year-old Daysha. As a single mom finishing a bachelor's degree in biology, Walker has to find new ways to manage her

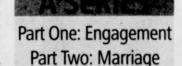
"I spent six years in the Army, so I've learned to use my spare time wisely," she said.

Looking across the room at Daysha, who picks up her toys from the day and smiles brightly, Walker smiles back.

"We have a saying in the military," she said. "They didn't issue you a child.' (Daysha) didn't ask for this, so I try to do my best."

Traditional students often have trouble finding time to study and work, while students with children have to additionally balance spending time with their children.

"Working (at the Children's Center) gives me an appreciation for my own schoolwork," said GVSU junior Anna Ivie. "It puts everything in perspective



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for me, like life could be more complicated."

One of the most stressful aspects of being a parent in college is a child's financial needs, said Sharalle Arnold, interim director of the Children's Center.

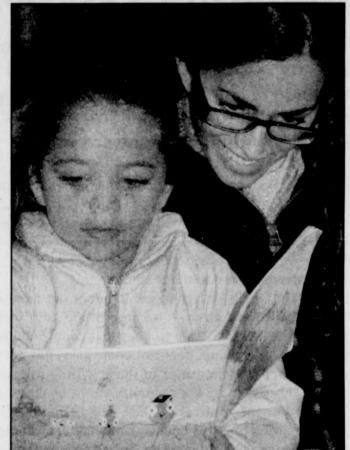
There is an overwhelming cost to take care of a child, and often students have to work in order to pay for it," Arnold said.

Being a full-time student is a stressful time for anyone, but as a student parent, the missing piece to the puzzle is finding ways to manage stress.

The Student Parent Support Group is a campus organization aimed toward parents dealing with everyday issues that come with raising a child. The group presents new ways to help ease some of the tension student parents feel with their schoolwork.

"There are a lot more student parents on campus than people might think," said Shannon Baker, president of the Student Parent Support Group. Baker is parent and a student as well. She and her family live in family housing on GVSU's Allendale Campus.

"The (parent support) group helps to show the importance of doing the things you have to do, not necessarily what you want to do," Baker said. "It also helps students to meet people in the same situations that they're experiencing - to know that they're not alone.



Child care: GVSU student, AJ Walker reads with her daughter, Daysha Walker, at GVSU Children's Center where Daysha stays while AJ attends class

Along with day care and student support, GVSU offers resources for student parents looking for help or advice regarding coping with the challenges of parenthood. For

more information on ways parents can get involved, please visit the Children's Center Web site at http://www.gvsu.edu/child.

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Hollister to lecture on global warming

By Michelle Hamilton and Alicia Wireman

GVL Staff

Talk of global warming has increased on the Allendale Campus of Grand Valley State University.

A lecture series on the effects of the changing climate kicked off this fall and a group of students from the Student Environmental Coalition recently attended a national conference in Washington,

This year is an International Polar Year, meaning research activity is heightened in Antarctica and the Arctic, said GVSU biology professor Robert Hollister.

Hollister received a grant of almost \$70,000 from the National Science Foundation to study the effects of climate change on vegetation in the Alaskan tundra. He has been conducting research in Alaska since 1995 and there are some unusual things that have been happening in the environment there lately, he said.

Hollister had heard that lightening only strikes about once every decade in Alaska, but he has seen it a lot during his trips, he said. Also, there has been in increase in the mosquito population there. On a bad day, Hollister would be talking to another researcher while a cloud of thousands of mosquitoes buzzed between them, he said.

'You would be hard pressed to find someone in Alaska Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal - who did not believe in climate change," Hollister said.

However, the atypical occurrences in Alaska might not all be directly caused by climate change, Hollister added. Climate change most likely enhances many of these environmental oddities, but it would be hard to say what the exact cause of each one is, he said.

At 7 p.m. today Hollister will give a presentation that relates the changing climate to Michigan. The lecture, Global Linkages: The Significance of a Changing Tundra, is part of the International Polar

Year Lecture Series on campus. It will take place in Loutit Lecture

Hollister will discuss observed and expected changes from an ecological perspective, he said. Some of his research in the Arctic will be presented, but that will be a smaller portion of the talk, he

Hollister's research is important because it gives students a unique

opportunity to study in exotic environment, said Biology Department Chair Shaily Menon Four GVSU students conducted

research Alaska with Hollister last year.

"It allows our students to plug into a network on a topic of global concern," Menon said.

GVSU senior David Faling, said he thinks it is great when professors incorporate research they have done into their classroom discussions. Faling is a student of Hollister's and thinks the research the biology professor is doing is a key indicator of global warming, he said.

'Global warming is not the biggest hoax given to the American people of all time and (Hollister's) results show that it is happening at a faster rate and that it's here and not going anywhere," Faling said.

Global warming is not far off and it is headed south, Faling added.

Faling recently attended an international student summit in Washington, D.C. entitled Power Shift 2007. Eleven GVSU students attended the Power Shift and collaborated with other students on ways to fight the changing climate. The GVSU students watched about 30 different panel presentations and got a lot of ideas they are planning to implement to fight global warming at the campus level, Faling said.

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Alaskan voyage: GVSU biology professor Robert Hollister researched tundra vegetation in Barrow, Alaska with students Michael Lothschutz, Amanda Snyder, Robert Slider and Jeremy May.

Machine to give students virtual look at diversity

Diverse gadget: Students try out the machine that promotes diversity awareness.

By Dana Blinder

GVL Copy Editor

A machine that promotes diversity awareness will come to Grand Valley State University next week.

The machine will be a part of GVSU's Intercultural Festival from Monday through Friday.

The Human Race Machine uses a camera to alter the appearance of participants. With four different visual morphing programs, the machine allows students to see how they would look with the facial characteristics of a different race, age or gender.

Minority students make up 17 percent of undergraduates currently enrolled at GVSU, according to 2007 fall enrollment records.

Student Senate President Frank Foster said although minority figures at GVSU are not as high as other schools, the university continues to educate students on cultural differences.

"We go above and beyond to provide those experiences regardless," Foster said. "We have a full week dedicated to (cultural diversity) and we continue to have various student groups that provide anything from entertainment to education

on a day-to-day basis. The Human Race Machine

will help positively increasing awareness regarding diversity on and off campus, Foster added.

"I think for some students it will be surprising to see what they will look like in another race," he said.

For students who may have been stereotyped, it will be good for them to see other students beginning to realize what it would be like to look

differently, Foster said. The first Human Race Machine was built in 1999 for the London Millennium celebration and there are currently six machines that can be sent to college campuses, said Wolfman Productions agent John O'Mara.

Wolfman Productions has shipped Human Race Machines to more than 100 college campuses during the past six years, O'Mara said.

The original machine, which started as an art project for the London Millennium celebration, now builds bridges to cultural understanding, he added.

"The goal is to allow you to think about what it would be like to be someone else," O'Mara said. "To not see that as so alien but to see that as another experience may be a path you could have walked."

Several groups on GVSU's campus have worked together to bring the Human Race Machine for the Intercultural Festival.

Courtesy Photo / John O'Marra

Aid from Student Senate allowed student organization CLOUD NINE to bring the machine to campus for 11 days. CLOUD NINE is a cultural organization that promotes diversity and encourages racial

Darnell Head, co-founder of CLOUD NINE, said bringing the machine to campus was something his group was interested in to broaden the community's view of race. The Human Race tagline is, "There's one race, the human race.

"We were approached by the Multiracial Student Association to sponsor this event with them," Head said.

The Human Race Machine is one of the many events during the Intercultural Festival next week. The machine will be available to students all day in the Kirkhof Center lobby Monday through Friday.

"Our hope is to get students to see we're all on this campus as one, we're all together," Head said. "Not to see each other as different colors and races, but to show we all are Grand Valley."

For more information about the Intercultural Festival, visit their Web site at http://www. gvsu.edu/if.

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OPINION

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

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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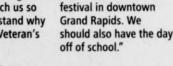


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GVL STUDENT OPINION

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 ch 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

of her

holding her child - so young it was gnawing on the handle of the red pompoms 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

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 hen it's time. We have t goals for a year, five and 10

down the road. Then you see the Radcliffes of the world the people who have longgraduated 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

Every 10 years, the bespectacled gurus of higher education descend 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

university to find out hov we define success in our students. Does **GVSU**

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?

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



Let's move on to the

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 300page paper assignment, except GVSU hasn't waited until the night before to start

A large number of wellequipped 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.

Darfur genocide comes to GVSU

Refugees speak on campus of murder. rape used as weapons of war

> By Rachael Williams GVL Laker Life Editor

While Grand Valley State University students go throughout their day in Allendale, Mich., the lives of Darfurian civilians in the Western region of Sudan, the largest country in Africa, are being attacked through the ultimate human rights violation genocide.

Since the beginning of the conflict in Darfur, Sudan in 2003. more than 400,000 Darfurians have been killed - murdered, said Charlton Breen, a member of the Michigan Save Darfur Coalition, Tuesday night in GVSU's Manitou Hall. He added more than 2.5 million Darfurians have been displaced, meaning they no longer reside in their village, but are still confined within the Darfur region in Sudan, living in displacedpersons camps.

As part of the student organization, Amnesty International Human Rights Watch Week, the event in Manitou Hall attracted a classroom full of about 50 students. Breen, along with two Sudanese refugees, talked about the situation in Darfur.

Breen showed short video, along with a PowerPoint presentation to better inform students about the situation in Darfur and how it is one of the largest genocides in the world that continues to occur, even after recognition from the United States government and United Nations.

"The situation in Darfur is all about control and power," Breen said. "The Janjaweed, mostly Arabs, are attacking the Africans in Darfur. It's a power struggle between race - the Arabs are trying to control the Africans."

The Janjaweed, a militia backed by the Arab government, are mostly Arabs from Northern Sudan, however, Breen said there are some members who are from

"It's not a battle between religions - the current situation Darfur is almost everyone is Muslim," Breen said. "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

In Breen's presentation a day in the life of a Darfurian was expressed in the short video he provided. It not only stated that rape is used as a method of war in Darfur, but it also showed how the women and children have been



LAKER LIFE

Sudanese story: Grand Valley State University sophomore and Lost Boy Bol Arem, speaks to fellow students about his past experiences and how to help those suffering in Darfur, Sudan

affected - one woman said she had been raped five times.

Also, according to the film, the men in the villages are killed first, often violently. A recently released film called "The Devil Came on Horseback" refers to the Janjaweed militia storming Darfurian villages on horseback, shooting and slaying their prey - wiping out villages of 20,000 people at one time is not uncommon.

Because the conflict has begun to spread across borders, even refugee and displaced-persons camps are not safe, even if they are regulated and protected by the United Nations.

"Evil attacks these camps," Breen said. "And evil doesn't care if you're a peacekeeper, Darfurian or an aid worker."

Breen's presentation expressed

the voices of a few Darfurian survivors. One story recalled how a married couple who made it to a displaced-persons camp argued over who was to go out of the camp's borders to get drinking

The woman's rationale for going was, "If he goes (Janjaweed) will kill him. If I go I'll just get raped." She never made it back to the camp - her body was found later, brutally attacked.

While it may be hard to believe that a murder like that is possible, it may be even harder to believe that hundreds, if not thousands of murders such as that occur everyday in Darfur.

The United States has had a varying degree of influence in Sudan, refusing to buy Sudanese oil. However, the backlash from the

United States in terms of economy is barely felt by the Sudanese government because the Chinese government is open to Sudan and its resources, Breen said.

The problem is, and it's happened in the past, if someone doesn't stop it, it will continue to spread - even across borders," Breen said.

To learn more about the genocide that is occurring in Darfur, Sudan or to help stop the violence, visit The Save Darfur Coalition Web site at http://www. savedarfur.org or contact Sen. Ron Jelinek at SenRJelinek@senate. michigan.gov and ask him to support the Save Darfur Coalition by supporting Michigan Bill No.

a day, if not once every few days.

time throwing out food and eating

Arem said. "I think twice about

throwing food out and I eat about

speak to his mother, father and

brother in Sudan last year. It had

been 13 years since he had last

Arem said. "I call them my family,

but I felt like I was just talking to

somebody. I call my foster parents

in Sudan between the north and

south officially ended with a

peace agreement, but the fighting

One day Arem hopes to go

He added he has heard a rumor

that the war may break out again

and he would want to go back.

Arem added he is not afraid of

part of my life," Arem said. "I've

seen people drop and get shot

at. I look at yesterday to better

today. As far as Darfur, I identify

with them. I think if the peace

agreement that was established in

2005 was in effect Darfur would

"I feel like it's (dying) just a

In January of 2005 the conflict

"I don't know them anymore,"

on an American schedule.

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still continues

back to his homeland.

Now, in America, he has a hard

"I don't eat breakfast,"

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Notes from abroad



By David Calkins GVL Study Abroad Writer

I've heard it said that the Japanese language is hard to learn, especially for a native English speaker. St. Francis Xavier, a multi-lingual Jesuit missionary, is supposed to have called it "The Devil's Tongue." I wouldn't go quite that far, but I will say this: Yep, it's hard. Very hard. And as time goes by and my intensive classes refuse to let me take it easy, I'm growing more and more inclined to agree with the guy.

At first, I could deal pretty well with sentence structure being completely reversed. Actually, it was kind of fun to say in perfectly correct Japanese what would literally be translated "As for me, friends with store to shall we go? even if it made my head spin.

Comprehension is hard enough, but translating this stuff on the fly makes me feel like I'm giving my brain the Heimlich maneuver. Forget what you thought you knew about grammar, there's no such thing as a "subject" in Japanese - you can't pluralize nouns, and sometimes just for fun, the adjectives pretend to be verbs. Don't forget the complex hierarchical rule-structure of honorifics and politeness, without which even a "thank you" could be offensive. And finally, add to all of this three completely different alphabets alongside a complicated logographic system of Kanji characters (of which there are thousands), which change voicing and meaning depending on their context.

Needless to say, Japanese is by far the hardest language that I've ever tried to learn. And of course, it's only now, after two straight Arem said he was able to months of attending Japanese class for three hours every day and studying on average four hours a night for multiple tests I have every week that I finally realize ... I never wanted to come to Japan to study Japanese.

I wanted to come to Japan because I was interested in Japanese culture, history, philosophy and religion. I wanted something exotic, something different, something challenging. When I first looked at the program for JCMU (my university here in Japan), I was attracted by an elective course offered here called "Manifestations of Religion in Japanese Culture." It was exactly what I was looking for in a course, and was probably the pivotal factor in my decision to come to JCMU. But for some reason, I just didn't see that this course was an elective. The primary focus here at JCMU isn't to experience Japan. It's to learn Japanese in Japan. In short, I came to Japan for good reasons, but with the wrong program.

This isn't to say that I'm not making the best of things here. Being in Japan and doing this intensive course has already taught me many new things about myself, my country, my own language and what I want out of life. Plus, it's also nice to know that I'll have taken three months of instruction here which would have taken me three whole semesters to complete at GVSU (start to finish, Genki I in three months).

I'll repeat here what I've been saying ever since I got here: Study abroad if you're interested. But interest just isn't enough. You won't be traveling abroad. You'll be studying abroad. Just as important as where you are going is what you'll be studying. Any way you look at it, you'll have a wonderful experience. Still, don't make the mistake that I did and confuse the two.

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Sudanese refugee tells story, hopes to return to Africa

By Rachael Williams

GVL Laker Life Editor

Almost seven years after fleeing war-torn Southern Sudan, Bol Arem, a GVSU sophomore, is working on obtaining his degree in International Relations with hopes of one day returning to Africa to help his friends and family that he left there.

"I want to one day go back there," Arem said. "I want to work and bring something to Southern Sudan. It's what inspired me to go into International Relations."

Since 1987, the 21-year-long civil war in Sudan that Arem and v other Sudanese fled from. has killed about two million civilians, and has displaced over four million Southern Sudanese, mostly into neighboring countries like Kenya and Ethiopia.

"I left Sudan in 1992," Arem said. "I was four or five years old. I didn't completely leave the country, but I left my village. I left when the Nuer were coming in; they were shooting at us and some of the people that were with us got killed.

The conflict began to affect Arem's life when the Nuer tribe began to attack the Dinka tribe, which Arem belonged to.

"These attacks were influenced the Northern Sudanese government," Arem said. "There was a disagreement in leadership and the Nuer took the side of

Northerm Sudan. They took guns and attacked; I just ran."

After he fled from his village, Arem said he had the chance to return to his village with family leave permanently. Many other

Southern

Sudanese who fled decided to not return to their village in fear it was not safe.

Arem chose to leave as well, fleeing Sudan with his Aunt, leaving his mother, father and brother in Sudan.

In 1992, displaced African boys from Cairo, Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan, traveled to Kenya to become known as the Lost Boys.

There, a United Nations refugee camp, protected by the Rival Group the Sudanese People of Liberation Army, which consisted of Southern Sudanese, housed Sudanese refugees and gave them an opportunity for education.

"Kenya that's where everybody was heading to,' Arem said. "It seemed safe. We had a greater chance of getting to the U.S. if we were outside of Sudan. Everyone was saying the only solution to our problem is education -- a lot of people had the motivation to go to school." In 1994 Arem arrived in

Kenya. He said his ticket to the United States was out of sheer

"When I went to Kenya I decided to go with my cousins,"

Arem said. "At that time everyone" who was in the refugee camp in 1992 was eligible to go to the U.S. as long as they had their ration card (an identification card). One of the guys who was in the group with my cousins left to go back to Sudan, so I used his ration card to get food and to use the clinic and I was lucky to use his name to get to come to the U.S."

Arem added he had to go through a serious interview in order to be eligible to come to the

He said often times people would say anything in those interviews "just to get to a better

"The biggest challenge for me has been working and knowing how to budget," Arem said. "It is hard knowing that there are people in Africa that need help. The language was also hard. When I was in the refugee camp I made it my home. I established relationships-- I miss those

Arem said he, along with his foster parents occasionally send money to his friends and family back in Sudan.

He said he misses mud fights and playing soccer.

When Arem was in Sudan he said he was only able to eat once



Lost boy: Senior Eric Strickler speaks with Grand Valley State University student

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and Lost Boy Bol Arem about how to help those suffering in Darfur.

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be helped."

on too little sleep, Barr said. The world functions 24 hours, Barr full night's rest, Barr said. Take a explained, meaning students can quiz and find out more information

"I talk to my friends online and I talk on the phone a lot at night, too," said Rachel Powers, a GVSU freshman.

access the Internet, go shopping or

even study at all hours

For students who need to get more sleep Barr advised to budget

"Allow time to wind down, get comfortable and relax before you fall asleep," Barr said. "Also, limit your caffeine intake and do not take stimulants unless prescribed."

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Nurse warns college students should get more sleep

By Susie Skowronek GVL Staff Writer

For many college students the hope for more sleep is almost always the first thought in the early morning as the alarm clock buzzes and daylight peaks through the window. Grand Valley State University students are no different.

Mary Barr, an MSN board certified nurse practitioner, works in Sleep Medicine for the MMPC/ Spectrum Health Sleep Disorder Center. She said college students ages 18 to 22 should get seven to 10 hours of sleep per night. However, in reality, they only sleep five to six hours, she said.

The ideal atmosphere for sleep would be quiet, Barr added, but that is nearly impossible to find on a college campus. However, the sleep must be comfortable, peaceful and at a suitable temperature.

Excessive amounts of caffeine contribute to wakefulness at night, Barr explained. The more caffeine a student drinks, the higher the dosage the student needs to stay

"The amount of Mountain Dew you kids drink astounds me," Barr The student also needs to relax

to fall asleep, Barr continued. The tense college environment does not promote sleep because of stressors such as classes and papers. Students should stay calm, focused and organized, and above all, make sleep a priority. different

Everyone has preferences, but nighttime is the best time for sleep, Barr said. Between the hours of 9 and 10 at night, students should go to sleep, then wake up in the morning between six and eight.

"Once sleep is lost, it is gone forever - you cannot gain it back," Barr said.

Waking up at the same time every day sets an inner sleep rhythm through a naturally occurring sleep hormone. This happens because the human body functions on a 24hour clock, Barr added. Students should never vary wake time more than one hour more or less, no matter when they fall asleep.

The biggest issue that a lack of

sleep causes is daytime drowsiness, Barr warned. Sleepiness can cause an increase in car accidents, a decrease in attention span and a slowness of mental processes. Students with daytime drowsiness find it more difficult to stay on task, she said.

"It makes it harder to concentrate in class," said Laura Phillips, a GVSU freshman majoring in mathematics with an elementary education minor. Napping during the day can

sometimes be helpful for students, Barr said, but rules do apply. Naps should only happen occasionally and only for 20 to 30 minutes at a time. These naps are called "power naps" and should not happen any closer than six to seven hours before a student goes to sleep, she

Making up sleep on the weekends is not healthy, Barr continued. She said trying to replace lost sleep on later dates creates poor sleep patterns. Students who constantly put off sleep sometimes develop sleep disorders later in life.

Society in general tries to get by



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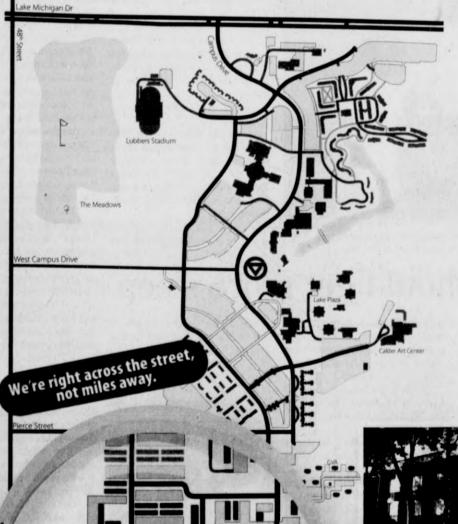
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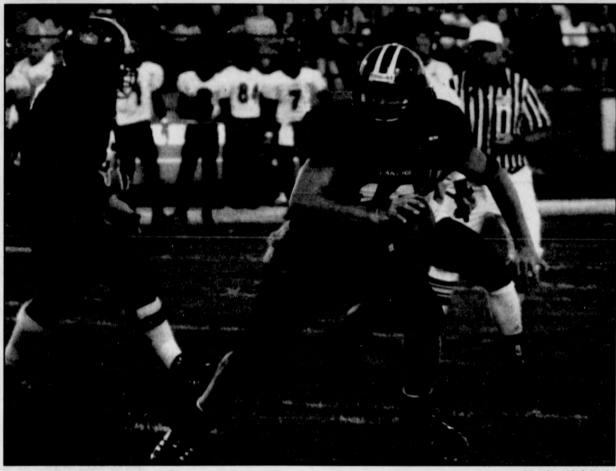
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| Ashland . | 7-1 | 7-1 |
| #25 Hillsdale | 7-2 | 8-2 |
| Saginaw Valley | 6-3 | 6-3 |
| Indianapolis | 5-4 | 6-4 |
| Michigan Tech | 5-4 | 5-5 |
| Ferris State | 4-5 | 5-5 |
| Northern Michigan | 4-5 | 4-5 |
| Northwood | 4-5 | 4-5 |
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| Northern Michigan | 13-5 | 19-11 | |
| Ferris State | 12-6 | 20-9 | |
| Saginaw Valley | 9-9 | 20-11 | |
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Friends to face-off Saturday



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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

"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

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 Northern Michigan Wildcats @ GVSU Lakers





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

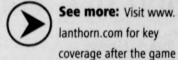
Iciek said the two still joke around and talk football in the offseason. They agreed it is a special situation to play against each other, but once they get on the field it will be all business.

"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

"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

"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

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

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

See Taylor, B6



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

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

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 to 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

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.



31-9

Overall:



Overall: 30-10

Marc Koorstra

Northern Michigan @ No. 1 GVSU 1 p.m. Saturday

GVSU 49, NMU 14: The Wildcats have won four of the their last five game 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.

Brandon Watson

No. 12 Michigan @ Wisconsin. Noon Saturday, ESPN

This is part one of a two-part series called "Games That Are Not That Interesting Anymore Thanks to the Craziness of College Football." The Badgers have a lot of injuries and Michigan is going to get a boost from the come-from-behind

Michigan 24, Wisconsin 17:

Michigan 23, Wisconsin 10:

Iciek trows for 5 TDs.

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

USC 28, California 21:

victory over MSU.

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.

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

No. 18 Auburn @ No. 10 Georgia 3:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS

8 p.m. Saturday, FSN

Kent State (3-6) @ Northern Illinois (1-8) 4 p.m. Saturday

PILLOW FIGHT OF THE WEEK

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.

Toledo. Not a BCS school, but

TOLEDO. The Golden Flashes

take this one behind running

back Eugene Jarvis.

defense. WAR EAGLE! Kent State 60, N. Illinois 46: Kent State 31, N. Illinois 17 The Huskies gave 70 points to

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

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

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

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

what was wrong with Amaker - he was always content being the best average team in the country.

But at a storied

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 and shooting. Players have already marveled at Beilein's knack for player development, something they say was rarely

By Kyle Meinke That's exactly

GVL Staff Writer

NCAA tournament births.

Not that it bothered him

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.

Valley State University in an exhibition game, the season looks very bright for MSU.

realize about that exhibition

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program like Michigan, mediocrity is unacceptable. fundamentals like ball handling Winning is expected, and Amaker failed Thus, after six long years of going nowhere, Amaker is gone and former West Virginia coach addressed under Amaker. There is no doubt Michigan John Beilein is in. For the past five seasons, See Meinke, B4 One of the fortunate few? MSU poised for big season By Kyle Paffhausen game was the every minute of every game, depth that the and Travis Walton is going to be GVL Staff Writer Spartans put the best secondary option in the on display. conference. During Boasting only two seniors on the squad, MSU must the regular season, perfect a balance of youth and \$4 Pitchers maturation in order to take it to there is not the level of the 2000 National of PBR a chance Championship team. Durrell Even after the loss to Grand The Big Ten has never been Summers. Kalin Lucas and Chris Allen an easy road, and with Tom ARE BACK Izzo scheduling one of the will all see over 20 minutes, not even close. harder schedules in the country, What most people do not Drew Neitzel will see almost See Paffhausen, B4 Ensings Auto Service, Inc. Specializing in All Major & Minor Automotive Repairs Exhaust In Business Since 1964 Computer Diagnostics Computer Tire Balancing Transmission Service · Tune-ups Come watch Monday Night Football Batteries Tire Sales & Repair Fuel Systems **FREE** transportation Lube - Oil - Filter to and from shop if needed Coolant System Flush (616) 895-6163



Internet conglomerate unveils new program to target advertisements based on behavior of users, friends

> By Anick Jesdanun AP Internet Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The online hangout Facebook said Tuesday it plans to help companies target their advertisements on the site based on what its users and their friends buy and do on the Internet.

As Web companies look to boost advertising revenue by offering to target ads to their users' hobbies, interests and behavior, Facebook's move could change the tone of the site and revive privacy complaints it faced last year.

Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, who founded the company three years ago, said marketers must respond to the changing nature of communication, driven in part by social-networking

"Pushing your message out to people is no longer good enough," Zuckerberg told about 200 advertisingindustry executives. "You have to get your message out to the conversations.

Facebook will now allow companies to build profile pages similar to the ones millions of users around the world now maintain.

Companies also can now embed coding that Facebook calls Beacon on outside sites such as eBay Inc., enabling a Facebook user who lists an item for auction, for example, to generate alert messages for their Facebook friends, who may then check out the item next time they log on.

Users can now send alerts to friends about their reviews of restaurants, what band they enjoyed and what books or DVDs they bought online. And advertisers can have their pitches appear next to those

"People influence people," said. "Nothing influences a person more than a recommendation from a trusted friend."

The new program also enables advertisers to finetune their audiences - having their pitches appear only to women under 30 who attended New York University and work at Goldman Sachs, for instance.

Self-service tools let advertisers immediately see how many users they will reach as they change their

Social-networking sites like Facebook and News Corp.'s MySpace have been trying to find the best way to profit from the trove of personal data their users put on profile pages. On Monday, MySpace announced an expansion of its targeting program to include more categories and more advertisers.

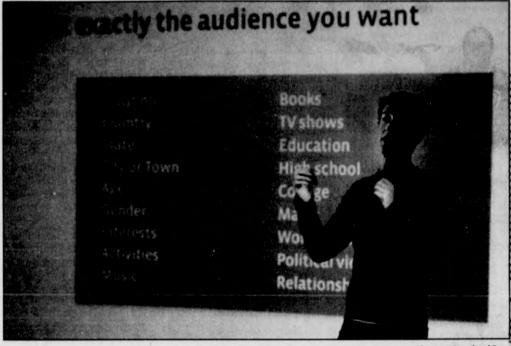
Privacy advocates say the key to user acceptance will be how Facebook notifies its users and what controls it offers them.

Zuckerberg offered few details in the speech, other than to say no personally identifiable information would be shared with advertisers.

Facebook has long prided itself on privacy, but the walls have gradually lowered as the site relaxed eligibility requirements and recently started letting nonusers search for members' personal profile pages at Facebook and through search engines like Google.

A feature allowing users to more easily track changes their friends make to profiles backfired when many users denounced it as stalking and threatened protests and boycotts. Facebook had to quickly apologize and agree to let users turn off the feature so that others can't easily see what they do.

Facebook's usage has grown rapidly since last year, when the site opened membership to all Internet users,



Facebook frenzy: Facebook CEO and founder Mark Zuckerberg speaks to press and advertising partners at a Facebook

rather than just members of selected communities such as college and high school campuses. According to comScore Media Metrix, it had 30.6 million U.S. users in September, more than double the 13.3 million a year earlier.

By contrast, social-networking leader MySpace grew only 23 percent, to 68.4 million.

Facebook's announcement follows by two weeks Facebook Inc.'s deal to sell a 1.6 percent stake to Microsoft Corp. for \$240 million, spurning a

competing offer from online search leader Google Inc. and valuing the Palo Alto, Calif.-based Facebook at \$15 billion.

At the time, Microsoft also broadened a marketing relationship that began last year, getting rights to sell Internet ads for Facebook as the site expands outside the United States.

Zuckerberg made no mention of either in his speech Tuesday.

Television writers' strike continues

By Gary Gentile AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Production of the hit show "Desperate Housewives" and at least six sitcoms filmed before live audiences will be halted as a result of the writers strike - developments that raised the stakes Tuesday in the walkout targeting movie studios and TV networks.

Producer Alexandra Cunningham said "Desperate Housewives" will stop production on Wednesday after running out of scripts. Shows that have already been completed won't last until Christmas, she said.

'It's unfortunate. We want to get back to work," Cunningham said.

Sitcoms that will stop the cameras include "Back to You," starring Kelsey Grammer and Patricia Heaton, which will not return from a planned hiatus, said Chris Alexander, a spokesman for 20th Century

Star Julia Louis-Dreyfus said production also stopped on her CBS show, "The New Adventures of Old Christine.

In addition, "Til Death," which airs on Fox, and "Rules of Engagement," "Two and a Half Men" and "The Big Bang Theory," all on CBS, will also end filming, according to people familiar with production of the shows who were not authorized to be quoted

Network officials referred calls to the individual companies producing each show.

It was not immediately clear how many of the programs might already be finished. The sitcoms are typically written the same week

they are filmed, with jokes being sharpened by writers even on the day of production.

The disclosures came during the second day of the strike by the Writers Guild of America against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers. Pickets returned to studios in Los Angeles and New

In Toluca Lake, near Warner Bros. studio, writers converged on a house serving as a location shoot for

"Desperate Housewives." "We write the story-a, Eva Longoria," about 30 strikers chanted, referring to a star of the hit ABC

"It is a very serious business," said Larry Wilmore, a writer on "The Daily Show," explaining that protesters were marching "so we can get back to being

Shooting continued Tuesday inside the house despite the protests, said Chandler Hayes, a spokesman

Marc Cherry, executive producer and creator of the show, said the writers had his blessing to picket as long as they were respectful to the actors.

Actress Louis-Dreyfus joined the protesters.

said, explaining she belongs to the Screen Actors Guild

and her husband is a member of the writers guild. "If we prevent them from working today, that's a small victory," she said.

Longoria left the house and handed out pizza to

strikers. "We are done, and we'll be on the lines supporting

you," she told them. "I have a whole crew that will have a terrible

holiday season because there's no resolution," she said. "I care about people losing their homes, I care about my hair and makeup artists who can't make ends meet.

In New York, strikers picketed outside Silver Cup Studios in Queens, the site of shooting for "30 Rock" and "Gossip Girl."

The strike began Monday after last-minute negotiations failed to produce a deal on how much writers are paid when shows are offered on the

No new negotiations were scheduled.

Nick Counter, chief negotiator for the producers union, has said he expected a long standoff. Writers said the next move was up to the studios.

The walkout immediately sent late-night comedy shows into reruns.

It was not expected to have an immediate impact on production of movies or most prime-time TV programs. Most studios have stockpiled dozens of

Pesky picketers: Picketers temporarily block cars from leaving a parking garage outside Twentieth Century-Fox studios in Los Angeles.

completed shows in hand to last until early next year. While scripted shows suffer from the strike, reality. shows could flourish because they don't use union. writers, despite an aggressive attempt by the writers guild to organize the staffers on the programs.

Viewers could also check out more entertainment on the Internet, ranging from user-generated fare on YouTube to professionally produced shows such as

Writers have not gone on strike since 1988, when the walkout lasted 22 weeks and cost the industry

Michigan asks for photo identification for first time on Election Day

other states.

NAACP says there were 'complaints all over the city' while state claims process was easy

> **By Corey Williams** Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Despite complaints from the NAACP, state officials are reporting that Michigan's first effort at requiring photo identification to vote was "smooth and orderly."

Detroit NAACP chapter general counsel Melvin "Butch" Hollowell said early Tuesday afternoon that the organization had received "complaints from all over the city."

'Voters are angry and confused about the voter ID process," said Hollowell, adding that NAACP monitors observed problems at some polling places.

Kelly spokeswoman for the Michigan secretary of state's office, said state elections officials had not verified those complaints.

It wasn't an issue for about 50 people who voted before noon at New St. Paul Tabernacle in Detroit. Several voters casting ballots, like 68-year-old Melvin McCurry, walked in the church gym with driver's license in-

"You got to have your ID to get a vote. If you don't have an ID, you can't vote. It's as simple as that," McCurry said.

It took Audrey Washington

several seconds to dig her driver's license from purse, and she wasn't pleased. Washington didn't know she had to show identification until told so by elections workers. "Why should I have to show

my ID? I've been coming up here to vote all of this time, now I have to go through all of this," said the 60-year-old Detroit resident.

Hollowell complained Tuesday that the secretary of state's office failed to educate the public about the photo ID requirement.

"This is probably the biggest change in voting since the 1950s," he said. "There have been no public hearings, virtually no public education and that is absolutely unacceptable.

Michigan has had a photo ID requirement on the books since 1996, but the law was ignored because Democrat Frank Kelley, then the state attorney general,

staff operate and test machines, on Tuesday.

ruled that it violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, which guarantees citizens the right to vote.

That changed this summer, when the five Republicans on the seven-member Michigan Supreme Court ruled the law is constitutional.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan also has argued against the move. Anyone without photo identification is asked to sign an affidavit listing their name and address and swearing they are who they say they are.

About 340,000 of Michigan's 7.18 million registered voters don't have a driver's license or state ID card, according to state officials.

But Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said other forms of photo ID also were acceptable. Those included a U.S. passport, military photo ID, student photo ID from a high school or an



Courtesy / Associated Press Identification process: Election staff, from left, Leisha Hemphill, Cliffie Martin, Willie Jean Walker and Detroit City Clerk Janice M. Winfrey, standing, watches he

accredited college, tribal photo ID, photo IDs issued by the Hudsonville, about 12 miles southwest of Grand Rapids. federal or state governments and drivers' licenses or personal That person signed the identification cards issued by

affidavit, and most voters appeared to be aware of the law, Only had one person out of 248 elections workers there said. voters through mid-afternoon

"I think it's a very, very good idea, at least you can keep

Heritage Reformed Church in people's faces and their names together," voter Robert Evink, 78, said.

Carol Brandt, a Hudsonville said: elections inspector "They'll make a comment that; You know me.' And I tell them, 'It's the law."



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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

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

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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.

long ago, 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 Community Regional and 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 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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- 6. "Paralyzer" -Finger Eleven
- 7."How Far We've Come" - Matchbox
- Twenty 8. "Cyclone" - Baby Bash feat. T-Pain
- 9. "Hate That I Love You" - Rihanna feat. Ne-Yo
- 10. "Stonger" Kanye West

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- Sandler, Kevin James and Jessica Biel (PG-3. "Deck the Halls"
- Starring Matthew Broderick, Danny Devito and Kristin Chenoweth (PG)
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Senior student artwork featured

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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 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 the about quality of the presentation, the even framing pieces, the labels and how they are Henke hung," "They said.

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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

look

professional world who are not ready.' As part of the panel and a professor who works with the

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

> 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 senior students, Henke said he of

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

Henke shared 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

GVL Staff Writer

"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 Writerin-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

show. GVSU students will enjoy the take place on

raunchy portrayal of Queen Isabella and Christopher Columbus, toilet flying paper through the audience and the Nerf bullets and rubber tomahawks, 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 Tshirts, 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,"

"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."

ROGER ELLIS DIRECTOR, THEATRE PROFESSOR

the stage, but there platforms also are scattered throughout

> audience will receive a truly 360-degree experience." Evin Anderson, whose main role Vickery, Father believes the play is

the auditorium. The

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

Fey said. "The audience will be seated introducing real Native American Ellis said many cast members play on the stage in risers and also in the signs, dancing and singing into the six to seven roles throughout the auditorium like normal. Action will 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

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MARKETING COORDINATOR,

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

> By Sarah Stonestreet GVL Staff Writer

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

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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.

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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

"It recognizes professionals,

large and small,

demonstrate

official Web site. WGVU has covered the Coast Guard festival weeks. He added Grand Valley State University for many years as a part of their commitment to students as well as recent graduates did much of covering West Michigan events, Vander Mass

"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.' 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

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

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.

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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 GVL A & E Editor

For college students, "it's about wood." Or so says the mantra of the "mtvU Woodie MTV's 24-hour Awards," 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



Linkin Park both up,' and I'm like, 'All right, Meg Frampton from sibling

the United States.

throughout the call.

Miami

"Cool"

Music Awards.'

Fittingly, MTV and Myspace's

McCoy gave plans for GCH's

producers Marcello

Valenzano and Andre

influence was a major theme

upcoming album, saying he

recently finished a song with

"Dre" Lyon after talks of collaborations at MTV's "Video

recording session for McCoy was

when Lyon played the song for

Busta Rhymes over the speaker

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

"Busta was like - he flipped

A highlight during the

group Meg & Dia, all nominees for the 2007 "mtvU Woodie McCoy also talked about their recent win at the VMAs for Best Awards," sat in a conference call with college media from across 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



Gym Class Heroes

it did a lot more than I bargained

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," Winehouse, including Amy 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 GVL Staff Writer

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

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 homs 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 "Alchohaulin' 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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continued from page B1 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

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

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 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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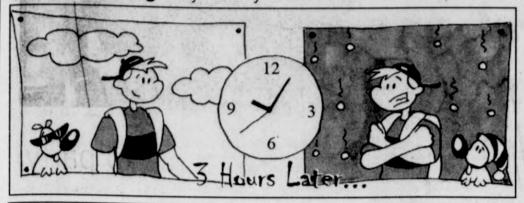




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Ouestion: How much should a guy spend on an engagement

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. How big of a diamond can we expect? How big should we expect?

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. My diamond is one of the top-quality diamonds a person can buy, but it's not weighing my hand down. However, I get more compliments on how much my diamond sparkles than if it were larger and not so clear. The "two months salary" rule was simply constructed by the jewelry industry to get men to spend more on engagement rings, and it's worked. Men get so stressed out about saving up enough money that the whole purpose and symbolism of the engagement ring

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. Save up ahead of time, and make the effort to shop for something that you know she deserves.

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Strange, but true

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

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

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 McGowen 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

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-worke's

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 mixedbreed 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

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

By Dani Willcutt GVL Staff Writer

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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. All who live in the beehive are bees yes, but still they look like homogeneous beings clad in yellow. More features setting them apart from the others would have lessened the uniformity. The homogeneity of the beehive does, however, work well to set forth main character Benson's independence and refusal to

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. The images are impressive, but fall short of reaching the "wow" factor that rival company Pixar never misses. This is the continuous curse of Dreamworks, whose animated films always have something missing (think 2004's "Shark Tale")

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. The film hints terrible things will happen if those expectations are overstepped. This is probably not the best message to send to America's youth, but this minor problem is saved with the always popular message of teamwork and fixing wrongdoings. However, realistically, children to whom this film is aimed - will enjoy the bright colors and cute critters much more than they will devour the theme.

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. For example, Benson takes on the lofty goal of suing a honey-bottling company with the help of Bloome. This is a farreaching development as, well, he is a bee. But overall "Bee Movie" is a fun film that's a great family movie for this time of year.

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By Ryan Copping GVL Staff Writer

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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. That insect is named Barry B. Benson and his antics (such as brushing his teeth with honey) are initially interesting, but soon they, like the movie, grow

In the animated film, Benson (voice of Seinfeld) has just graduated from college and rebels against the normal career choice of making honey. Fleeing the hive, he makes his way to New York City, where he meets florist Vanessa Bloome (voice of Renee Zellweger). From there she opens his eyes to the

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. For example, one of the films many plotlines revolves around a love affair between Benson and Bloome. This material seems more appropriate to a David Cronenberg film than an animated family

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 beerelated puns and pointless celebrity cameos thread through the film. There are appearances from Sting, Ray Liotta, Larry King and Oprah Winfrey - none of which add anything to the film other than raise strange questions about this ill-conceived bee society. Benson tells us that there is a Bee Jesus in addition to the Bee Larry King. Which brings to mind, what kind of theology would a Bee Jesus preach?

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. "Bee Movie" is an unfocused and unfunny film that pales in comparison to the great Pixar animated achievements.

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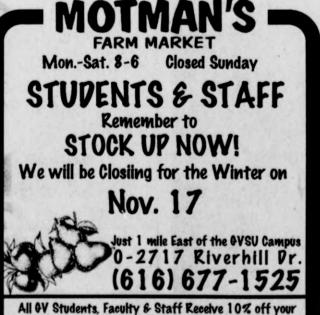


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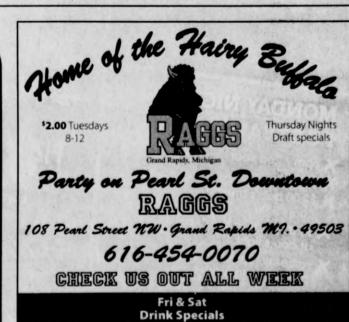
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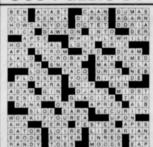
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