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Same-sex denied: Daniel Powell, far right, and Anders Bollingmo, second from right, both of San Francisco, march around the state Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., Sunday. About 2,500 protesters gathered on the steps of the state Capitol to vent their opposition to the same-sex marriage ban passed in Proposition 8.

California same-sex marriage ban felt in Michigan

By Ellen Hensel
GVL Staff Writer

When California banned same-sex marriage on Nov. 4, the effects were felt thousands of miles away.

California, the 19th state to amend their constitution to ban same-sex marriages, follows Michigan four years later with its decision. A decision Milt Ford, director of the LGBT Resource Center on Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus, has found hard to take.

"(It was a) sort of large-scale, strategic disappointment," Ford said, whose center is only in its 12th week of action. "We had hoped it would be a turning point nationally in terms of a more favorable response to same-sex marriage. It is not just another state, California."

Historically, California tends to be a harbinger of a change, deemed

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MILT FORD
 LGBT RESOURCE CENTER DIRECTOR

as a center of progression. However political science professor Kevin den Dulk said the passing of the proposal should come as no surprise.

"It fits within trend in the states during the last few election cycles," den Dulk said. "In 2004,

there were 11 states that banned same-sex marriage and (in) this election, there were three. It is interesting to see the vote went that direction on Proposition 8, but it was overwhelmingly in favor of Obama so that suggests there were a lot of people splitting their interests."

Although the decision was not, historically speaking a surprise, Ford as well as other administrators in the LGBT Resource Center hoped California could be a beacon of change for their community.

"California sets tone for so much cultural reality in the U.S., so everybody looks to it when this decision was made," Ford said. "Everybody is independent and makes their own decision but I think that California plays a special role in setting the tone."

Ford is not the only one who has expressed regret as a result of the west coast decision. Ford said there has been a "unity response" in the local community, too. One example of a response to the proposal is an idea currently being explored in regards to hosting a vigil. Ford said students are hoping a vigil would, "express sorrow at the loss and support for those who are seeking equality."

Although Michigan has already

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Rapid moving into Allendale explored

\$110,000 grant to allow Ottawa County to explore linking all existing public transportation in West Michigan



Expanded busing: An Ottawa County study will examine the need and feasibility of expanding busing into Allendale, and linking existing public transportation throughout West Michigan.

By Jenny Whalen
GVL Managing Editor

Though numerous businesses and housing developments extend beyond 48th Avenue, public transportation does not. But a solution to this discrepancy is in development.

Two years ago, Allendale Township, the Chamber of Commerce and Grand Valley State University partnered together for a one-year experiment in which the Rapid bus route was extended into the business district of Allendale.

At the end of the experiment year, data regarding ridership in relation to expense was compiled, but the project was deemed too costly to continue.

"From what I understand, expenses (of the experiment) exceeded what (the partners) believed was worthwhile in

regards to the number of riders," said Phil Brummel, administrator of the Allendale Department of Planning & Community Development. "They not did believe the expense was warranted."

In 2007, a \$110,000 Service Development and New Technology Grant was awarded to Ottawa County by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The grant will allow the county to complete a needs assessment and feasibility study of public transit services in West Michigan.

"There's a movement afoot to be able to take a number of bus routes that will interconnect in Allendale and then be able to go downtown," Brummel said. "At least that is the attempt."

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PHIL BRUMMEL
 ADMINISTRATOR OF ALLENDALE DPCD

The Ottawa County study will look at the linkages between existing transit systems and consider the need and feasibility of connecting the systems of Muskegon Area Transit, Holland Area Transit, Grand Haven Harper Transit and the Rapid in Grand Rapids.

"(The study) will look at three things, the need and feasibility of

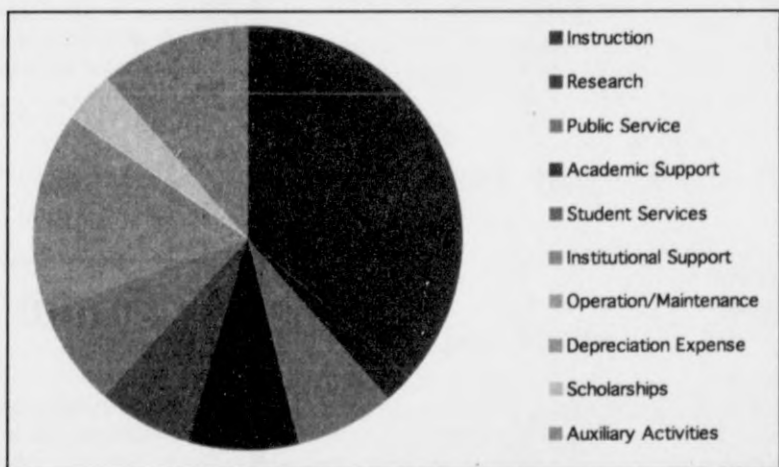
providing some level of transportation to parts of the county without their own transit programs, connecting existing transit providers and providing transportation for people who do not have transportation to work," said Meghann Rauscher, transportation planner for Ottawa County.

Conducted by Nelson and Nygaard Associates, the study will examine whether expanded transportation is needed, how such transportation can be implemented and what the overall costs of such an endeavor would be to the county.

"As this project has gone about, we

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Budgeting: GVSU's Operating Expenses, education and general, for the 2008 academic year.

University General Fund budget refinanced for stability

By Ellen Hensel
GVL Staff Writer

Last year, the Department of Public Safety gave out 17,185 parking violation tickets, generating a total of \$345,920 in fines.

The money generated is funneled into the Grand Valley State University's General Fund, which is then used to run services of the university. The money generated from parking tickets is only a small part of a multi-million dollar budget.

The majority of the revenue for GVSU comes from tuition. Operating revenue increased by 9 percent as a result of increased enrollment combined with higher tuition and housing rates, according to the Annual Financial Report published by the Business and Finance Office.

Last year marked several major capital constructions, including construction of the Laker Turf Building and additions to Kirkhof Center and Mackinac Hall. These additions caused the university to issue \$72.4 million in long-term debt in September 2007.

Because of shaky economic times, the

university refinanced their accounts, affecting \$145.1 million of variable debt. This decision helped ensure GVSU's economic stability this year.

These numbers are all part of what goes into running a business, to which the administration of a university is often equated. When putting together the budget, there are many different aspects and people involved in the yearly process.

"The Board of Trustees has approved the university's mission, vision and values statements and thus it's strategic goals and direction," said Jeff Musser, assistant vice president for University Budgets. "For the most part, this drives budget decisions. With the over arching direction provided by the strategic plan, budget requests are made by departments and funneled up through their respective vice presidents



Musser

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DPS officer honored for sexual assault prevention

By Lauren Fitch
GVL Staff Writer

The Lakeshore Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault awarded officer Gwen DeGraaf the Agency Professional Award on Oct. 21 for her work preventing dating violence and sexual assault.

An officer for the Grand Valley State University Department of Public Safety since 2004, DeGraaf was recognized at the seventh annual "Together We Can" Appreciation Dinner attended by more than 100 people from Ottawa and Allegan counties.

DeGraaf's services include legal counsel for victims of domestic violence, work as a rape aggression defense instructor and leader of other educational efforts preventing domestic violence.

When she heard she won the award, DeGraaf said she was shocked and honored to be nominated for the Agency Professional Award.

Upon receiving the award she said she was thankful to the community for noticing her work and since has become even more motivated to increase prevention.

"People are affected by (domestic violence) but don't understand the complexity of breaking the cycle," DeGraaf said. "They don't know what a 'healthy' relationship is."

The LAASDV, who gives the annual award, is made up of community members trying to coordinate their services to provide the best protection to domestic violence victims and also increase awareness and prevention.

Jo Ann Wassenaar, member of the LAASDV and DeGraaf's nominator, said DeGraaf has the ability to meet students' needs and put them at ease.

Students often request DeGraaf's assistance in dealing with assault cases and obtaining personal protection orders.

Wassenaar, associate director of the Women's Center, said DeGraaf deserved the award. She described DeGraaf as full of energy and good ideas, willing to go above and beyond for the students.

DeGraaf volunteered to lead the RAD classes and went through a week-long training course to become certified.

She's been teaching one RAD

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Officer award: GVSU DPS officer Gwen A. DeGraaf speaks during an "Alcohol, Truth, Lies and Consequences" presentation on Oct. 12. DeGraaf recently won the Agency Professional Award from the Lakeshore Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

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where requests are culled and prioritized."

The budget then goes through the budget committee, which consists of the provost and other vice presidents, University Counsel and the special assistant to the president. This panel works through all the requests and makes

sure revenue will balance with expense. The Board of Trustees approves the final budget.

One example of a university department is Athletics. It is unique in the sense they use general fund appropriations in addition to generating their own revenue.

Athletics generates about 15 percent of its own budget, said Athletic Director Tim Selgo.

Last year it generated at total of

\$953,708 from ticket sales alone. Selgo said this amount is more than most Division II schools.

The rest of the money going into Athletics, 85 percent of it, is coming from the general fund.

Athletics also has a substantial endowment, which according to the 2007-2008 financial statement is \$212,637.

Endowments last year totaled \$2,394,474, said Brenda Lindberg, an

assistant controller within the Business and Finance Office.

"Endowments are established for gifts donors restrict to be held in perpetuity," Lindberg said. "Then the investment income earned from the gift principal is expended towards the endowed purpose, which is termed a 'spending distribution.'"

However, in the case of Athletics, money is not used for general expenses.

Selgo said Athletics uses that money for capital expenses, including any necessary new equipment and other one-time costs.

Budgeting is a constant process for the university, and the Annual Financial Report is published each year at the end of the financial year.

The AFR for the 2008-09 academic year will be published on June 30, 2009.

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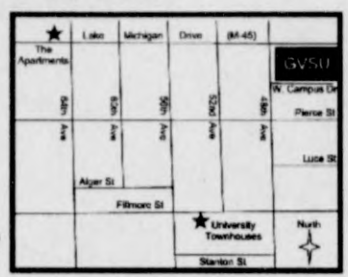

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passed a ban on same-sex marriage, it does not mean there is no more debate or potential change.

Tuesday, Michigan passed two proposals deemed "liberal" and "progressive," allowing stem cell research and medical marijuana.

The passing of these proposals hold hope for Ford, who sees them as a sign that Michigan is slowly becoming more progressive.

There are a plethora of issues related to same-sex couples and although marriage is the biggest, the issues have been part of a national debate for several years.

"Many of these provisions are addressing the specific issue of same-sex marriage but it doesn't settle the matter of other kinds of

civil rights for same sex couples and that includes really contentious things such as gay adoption and other issues along those lines," den Dulk said. "Some states have addressed that, but some states haven't touched those things yet."

Although Michigan has already taken a stand on the issue, students like freshman Elizabeth Hoeksema said she is frustrated states continue to make contradicting decisions.

"It is ridiculous that we are going through (banning same-sex marriage) again, when (other states) have already passed laws allowing gay marriage," Hoeksema said. "It's ridiculous that people have such an issue with something that really doesn't even have an effect on them."

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have been looking at Allendale Township as a potential hub for the system," Rauscher said.

Because the expanded system would cross over county lines, officials of Ottawa County turned to GVSU as a third party to help facilitate meetings between different county representatives. GVSU will assist the county in facilitation and coordination of the study and members of the GVSU community can follow the study's progress via the Web site, <http://www.gvsu.edu/westmitransitstudy/>.

The Student Senate Political Affairs and Campus Affairs committees have also taken the

initiative to expand busing, but have focused their attentions on Allendale.

"Our goal is to have another bus go down Lake Michigan Drive to 52nd Street," said Katie Scott, vice president of the Campus Affairs Committee. "It could take students to Family Fare and some of the off-campus housing, but would probably be its own route. The Political Affairs Committee has really taken the point on this issue."

Though adding another bus route is not feasible this year, Scott added, the Student Senate is hoping to achieve busing into Allendale as early as next year.

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class a semester for the past three years and the classes are full, Wassenaar said.

Through the Women's Center, DeGraaf has also given presentations about protecting against stalkers and devising personal safety plans.

Leslie Coghill, a member for the past five years of the recipient selection committee, said DeGraaf is important because of her prevention work through education and the impact she has had on campus.

The GVPD is also proud of

DeGraaf's recognition.

"Her prevention efforts in domestic violence and sexual assault have been noticed not only by the campus community but by the larger community as well," said Capt. Brandon DeHaan, assistant director in DPS.

DeGraaf plans to continue partnerships with other organizations on campus like the Women's Center and Eyes Wide Open. She also hopes to expand the RAD program and focus more on providing education for men as well as women.

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News in Brief

TransCorp set for opening in Cook-DeVos Center

The West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative and EDF Ventures have agreed to form and finance a new medical device company, TransCorp, Inc.

TransCorp is temporarily located at the West Michigan Science & Technology offices in Grand Valley State University's Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences.

TransCorp will work to develop and commercialize novel surgical instruments and implants. Other participants in the financing include the Grand Angels and Hopen Therapeutics, LLC.

TransCorp was co-founded by David Lowry, a neurosurgeon with the Brain + Spine Center in Holland, Mich., Scott Tuinstra, a physician assistant with the Brain + Spine Center, Roger Veldman, associate professor of engineering in the department of engineering at Hope College and Des O'Farrell, who will serve as president of the new company.

Additionally, Mike DeVries of EDF Ventures and Mark Olesnavage of Hopen Therapeutics have been named to the TransCorp board of directors.

The West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative is a partnership among GVSU, the Van Andel Research Institute, the city of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Community College, The Right Place, Inc. and other health care providers and educators.

The initiative is dedicated to creating an environment that advances innovation and supports the commercialization of life sciences ideas, products and technologies.

Since its inception, the initiative has assisted more than 300 clients in commercialization of new products, including funding through receipt of more than \$9 million in federal and state grant awards.

Hope College resumes classes after virus outbreak

After a mandatory cancelling of classes and other campus gatherings, Hope College reopened Wednesday. A norovirus outbreak shut down the college on Friday and it was expected operations would resume Tuesday.

However, the Ottawa County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Community Health deemed it necessary for the school to remain closed until Wednesday.

More than 400 people were infected with the virus, which commonly causes nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cramping and low-grade fever.

The source of Hope College's illness has not yet been determined.

CEO to advise, discuss international business

GVSU's Professionals of Color Lecture Series will continue Nov. 20 with a presentation on the future of business in third world countries.

The featured speaker will be Euvyn Naidoo, the president and CEO of the South African Chamber of Commerce in America, a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating trade and business between South Africa and America.

"Emerging Markets: The Future of Business and Investing" is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Seidman College of Business and will begin at 6 p.m. in the Eberhard Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

Naidoo earned a master's of business administration from Harvard University and had worked as a consultant for McKinsey and Company.

For more information, call the OMA at (616) 331-2177.

Sunday alcohol sales ban repealed

Ottawa County voters say 'no' to Sunday on Nov. 4, repealed ban on Sunday beer, wine sales in effect since 1976

By Paul LeBlanc
GVL Staff Writer

For the first time in more than 30 years, Ottawa County residents now have the opportunity to purchase beer and wine from local stores and restaurants on Sundays.

By an overwhelming margin, voters in the Nov. 4 elections chose to repeal a county-wide ban on Sunday beer and wine sales that has been in effect since 1976.

Election results show a large majority of residents supported the repeal of the ban. According to The Associated Press, voters to repeal the ban totaled 90,500, or 67 percent of all votes cast.

Despite the fact Sunday liquor sales by the glass have been allowed in Ottawa County since 1981, the ban on the sale of beer and wine has remained in effect without challenge. Though attempts have been made at bringing a ballot proposal to lift the ban in the past, the number of signatures required to do so served as an impediment. During this election cycle, that number was 37,500 signatures.

"We lost a lot of Sunday afternoon football business. Sunday afternoons and evenings should pick up."

CARALYN DEVITO
MAIN STREET PUB
PROPRIETOR

The ballot language asked voters if the ban should stay in place, meaning a "no" vote against the proposal was a vote to repeal the ban. For some voters, this language proved to be confusing.

Grand Valley State University sophomore Josh Godfrey said he voted "no" on the proposal to repeal the ban, but was slightly thrown off by the ballot language at first.

"I had to think about which way to vote for a minute," Godfrey said.

According to The Grand Rapids Press, the potentially confusing ballot language was required by the state liquor control board, in order to match the language of the original ballot proposal that instituted the ban in 1976.

A coalition of local businesses all across Ottawa County mobilized to gain the necessary signatures to place the subject on the ballot and repeal the ban. The Say Yes to Sunday Committee consisted of business leaders from area businesses, such as the Main

Street Pub in Allendale and Century Lanes in Holland. The group also mailed out flyers urging voters to "Vote No November 4."

Caralyn Devito, proprietor of the Main Street Pub and Say Yes to Sunday committee member, spoke of the harm the ban had done to local businesses in the past.

"We lost a lot of Sunday afternoon football business," Devito said. "Super Bowl Sunday is one of our slowest days of the year. One year New Year's Eve fell on a Sunday."

Devito said she expected business to increase overall on Sundays thanks to the lifting of the ban.

"Sunday afternoons and evenings should pick up," Devito said.

The Say Yes to Sunday Committee managed to raise \$97,000 during the course of the election season, according to a campaign finance report filed with the state of Michigan. Many donations came from restaurant, hotel and convenience store owners.

Beer and wine sales will begin on Sundays as soon as the Ottawa County Board of Canvassers certifies the election results. According to a representative from the Ottawa County Clerk's office, the deadline for certification is Nov. 19. The representative noted



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Sunday support: The 1976 ban on Sunday beer and wine sales in Ottawa County was repealed on Nov. 4 and Sunday sales are expected to resume after Nov. 19.

that lifting of the ban will not go into effect for at least one week after this date, due to a pending legal opinion from the county's corporate counsel addressing legal issues surrounding the ban.

The representative also noted the legal opinion will not affect the outcome of the repeal.

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High school drinking becomes growing concern at GV

By Catherine Dugan
GVL Staff Writer

Following the Halloween weekend, concern for high school drinking on and around campus increased for the university's Department of Public Safety.

"We are seeing more high school students this year than in previous years," said Capt. Brandon DeHaan, assistant director for DPS.

DPS issued 11 MIPs during Halloween weekend, three of which were to high school students.

On Nov. 1, two MIPs were handed out and the third was issued on Nov. 2.

"If we identify high school students, they are cited MIP tickets as any other minor," DeHaan said. "We will also contact their high school and notify them of the behavior."

Many times these high school students will be suspended from extracurricular activities and may be required to talk to a counselor.

Many of the high school students who attend Grand Valley State University parties are friends or relatives of students, but other times they just find their way to parties, which can lead to problems, DeHaan said.

Stephanie Vanderkooi, a

health educator with the Ottawa County Health Department, said high school drinking can have repercussions in the future.

"If they're drinking already in high school, the issues that come when they're an adult get more serious," she added.

They also could risk getting accepted into college and if they have already applied they could lose scholarships, she said.

College students also take risks having high school students present at parties. There is a \$1,000 fine that could be enforced for every minor at a party. Jail time could also be given to someone who is of age.

GVSU students who have guests on campus are held accountable for them. Students have the potential to get in trouble too for their guest's actions, DeHaan added.

"Underage drinking often leads to larceny, malicious destruction of property and

assaulted behavior," he said. Along with criminal acts as a result of alcohol, come many health risks.

"We have been lucky here at Grand Valley because we haven't had a student die of alcohol poisoning," DeHaan added.

In addition to DPS, the Ottawa County Police Department issued 19 MIPs during Halloween weekend. All of these went to minors who were 19 or 20.

While Ottawa County Lt. Steve Kempker said he has not seen an increase in the number of MIPs given to high school students, he said he does see potential danger in having them travel to college parties.

"It's a huge concern if they're involved in a serious accident where someone is killed," Kempker said.

The department's ultimate goal is to make sure no one is killed, he said, adding high

"If (GVSU students) have minors on their property they could be charged with contributing to a minor."

STEVE KEMPKER
LIEUTENANT IN
OTTAWA COUNTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT



GVL Photo Illustration / Nicole Somerville
MIP increase: More and more high school students are being caught at parties of GVSU students and are being issued MIPs for underage drinking.

school students may also drink more than their college-aged counterparts.

"Sometimes with the high school group you see more of the binge drinking, but that does occur around the campus too," he said.

College students have been responding to having high school students at their parties and telling them to leave, Kempker said.

They are realizing the consequences of having minors there.

"If they have minors on their property they could be charged

with contributing to a minor," he added.

The sizes of parties at GVSU have decreased though. Kempker said he was used to seeing parties with 200 to 500 people.

Parties have gone down in size and focusing on high school students would not be fair, he added.

"High school and college students get involved in the same activities," Kempker said. "It falls back on that person's choices."

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Pew Campus to host first national assessment of Bush

Scholars from across U.S. to gather at GVSU's Pew Campus to assess Bush's presidency

By Katie Wendt
GVL Staff Writer

President George W. Bush was elected eight years ago, and soon, he will be saying goodbye to the Oval Office.

Scholars from all across the U.S. will gather in the Loosmore Auditorium beginning today to assess Bush's two terms in office.

The two-day conference, held at Grand Valley State University's Pew Campus, will consist of keynote speakers and panel discussions covering topics such as policies, war power and Bush's legacy.

"We're bringing together some of the best thinkers in the U.S. about politics to have them evaluate the Bush presidency to provide lessons for citizens to think about," said Gleaves Whitney, the director of GVSU's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. "And we're doing it to the extent that this reaches the political class, giving them lessons the

next president needs to know." Whitney added the same conference will be held in Washington in December at the Library of Congress, where scholars plan to publish all the papers from this conference.

"One of my goals has been to raise the profile of GVSU to a much broader community than West Michigan," he said. "When we have the opportunity to bring in world famous scholars, it puts us on their radar, and events like this also raises the value and prestige of a Grand Valley degree."

The conference also gives the opportunity to bring some of the best speakers in the country to GVSU and allow students and faculty to come away with greater insight and knowledge, Whitney added.

Mandi Bird, the event planner for the Hauenstein Center, said the center planned for the conference to be held shortly after the election.

"We wanted to be the first national

assessment of the Bush presidency," Bird said. "And as far as I know, we are going to be."

Along with several scholars taking part in panel discussions, the conference will feature three keynote speakers.

The speaker at Friday's luncheon, Kasey Pipes, worked in the Bush administration as a former speech writer.

The other two speakers, Rufus Fears and John Burke, are nationally known professors and scholars in American politics. Both have written many publications and been honored for their work.

Burke said understanding a president's term in office can be instructive, and it allows people to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of the presidency.

"The George W. Bush presidency is of special interest given that it is the first presidency in the post 9/11 era," Burke said. "I think that we shall find that date will mark a significant historical point in



AP Photo / Ron Edmonds
Bush legacy: President Bush leaves the White House in Washington, Monday. Bush will finish his second term on Jan. 20 and his presidency will be reviewed by scholars across the U.S. today.

the evolution of the American presidency. As well it is a presidency during wartime and a presidency that has asserted a very robust interpretation of its constitutional powers."

Fears will kickoff the conference at 7 p.m. today in the Loosmore Auditorium, and the remainder of the conference will begin at 8 a.m. Friday.

Everyone is invited to attend the conference and can RSVP on the Hauenstein Center Web site, <http://www.allpresidents.org>, or by calling (616) 331-2770.

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GVL DIGEST Michigan in Brief

Canadian trucker accused of smuggling \$2 million

DETROIT (AP) — Federal agents say a Canadian trucker was caught trying to smuggle \$2 million of U.S. cash into the United States.

The driver had nothing to declare when asked if he had alcohol, fruit, vegetables or money. But border officers were suspicious Friday after an X-ray of his Volvo rig at the Ambassador Bridge. A dog got excited, too.

Officers say they found 138 bundles of cash and six cell phones inside the walls of the truck. It's illegal to conceal more than \$10,000 when leaving or entering the United States.

The driver, Eskender Mafarani, is accused of smuggling and making a false statement to officers. He hasn't appeared yet in federal court in Detroit.

Selling home is all about Benjamins for couple

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — It's not easy selling homes these days.

Just ask Joe and Penelope VanDevellder, who haven't been able to rid themselves of their Detroit-area home in a traditional way.

So they're going to raffle it off instead.

The Oakland Press of Pontiac reports the Waterford Township couple are offering raffle tickets for their 1,500-square-foot home at \$100 apiece. They'll draw once they sell 2,500 tickets.

Joe VanDevellder says he saw the idea on TV and decided it was worth a shot after failing to sell their four-bedroom house with lake access after 18 months on the market.

Tickets are going on sale at the home Monday, and details are available at www.rafflejoeshouse.com.

Once the home sells, the VanDevellders say they plan to move north to Houghton Lake and start a business.

Ice, snow bring crashes, road closures in Detroit area

DETROIT (AP) — Snow squalls and icy roads have caused numerous vehicle crashes and freeway closures in the Detroit area.

Broadcast reports say Interstate 75 was shut down because of accidents in two spots in Oakland County Monday morning. Dozens of fender benders and spinouts were reported throughout southeastern Michigan.

National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Richter of the White Lake Township office says narrow bands of lake effect snow have moved across the state. He says most of the snow has melted in the Detroit area, but some wet spots have created black ice.

The storms are leaving significant accumulation elsewhere. Monique Runyan of the weather service's Gaylord office says more than nine inches of snow have fallen in some areas in northern lower Michigan.

Fraser library lets late borrowers pay in food

FRASER, Mich. (AP) — The Fraser Public Library is letting people pay off their late fees with food.

Officials at the suburban Detroit library say they're trying to encourage people to bring in overdue books while also helping people who are in need of food aid.

The Food for Fines project lets patrons with late fees donate a can of food in exchange for having 50 cents waived from their library fees.

Up to \$5 in late fees can be waived.

The food goes to the Fraser Goodfellows.

Librarian Mary DeSantis tells the Detroit Free Press the program lets library users who have overdue books help themselves while "also helping their community."

She says donations will be accepted through Saturday and possibly longer. The collection started Nov. 1.

Arizona boy, 8, accused of killing two

Boy accused of fatally shooting father, father's friend; boy charged as juvenile

By Felicia Fonseca
Associated Press Writer

ST. JOHNS, Ariz. (AP) — Police in this small eastern Arizona community are looking into the possibility that an 8-year-old boy who is charged with killing his father and another man with a rifle had been abused, the police chief said Saturday.

The boy, who faces two counts of premeditated murder, did not act on the spur of the moment, Police Chief Roy Melnick said.

"I'm not accusing anybody of anything at this point," he said Saturday. "But we're certainly going to look at the abuse part of this. He's 8 years old. He just doesn't decide one day that he's going to shoot his father and shoot his father's friend for no reason. Something led up to this."

On Friday, a judge determined there was probable cause to show that the boy fatally shot his father, Vincent Romero, 29, and Timothy Romans, 39, of San Carlos, with a .22-caliber rifle.

Under Arizona law, charges can be filed against anyone 8 or older. The judge ordered a psychological evaluation.

The boy was charged as a juvenile, but authorities are pushing to have him tried as an adult, however unlikely that is, Melnick said. If convicted as a minor, the boy could be sent to

juvenile detention until he turns 18.

Police had responded to calls of domestic violence at the Romero home in the past, but authorities were searching records Saturday to determine when those calls were placed, Melnick said.

"We're going to use every avenue of the law that's available to us, but we're also looking at the human side," he said.

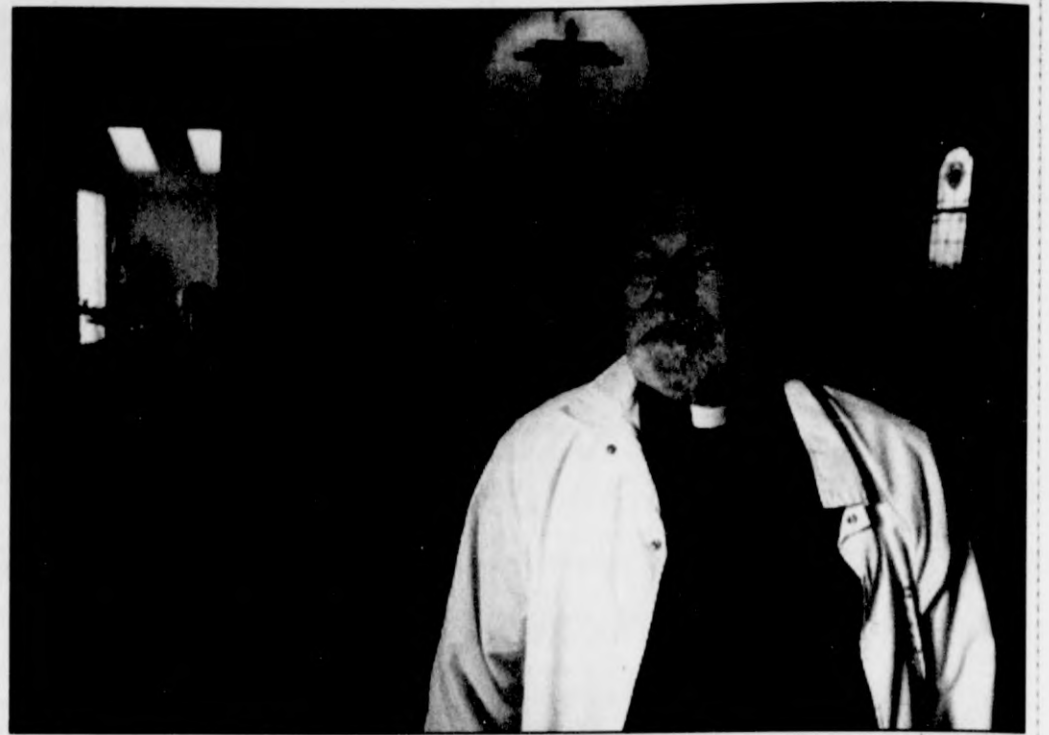
Melnick said officers arrived at Romero's home within minutes of the shooting Wednesday in St. Johns, which has a population of about 4,000 and is 170 miles northeast of Phoenix. They found one victim just outside the front door and the other dead in an upstairs room.

Romans had been renting a room at the Romero home, prosecutors said. Both men were employees of a construction company working at a power plant near St. Johns.

The boy went to a neighbor's house and said he "believed that his father was dead," said Apache County attorney Brad Carlyon.

Melnick said police got a confession, but the boy's attorney, Benjamin Brewer, said police overreached in questioning the boy without representation from a parent or attorney and did not advise him of his rights.

"They became very accusing early on in the interview,"



Firearm advice: The Rev. John Paul Sauter is photographed on Saturday in St. Johns, Ariz. The Roman Catholic priest who presided over the wedding of Vincent Romero, 29, who police say was fatally shot by his 8-year-old son said Saturday the man and his wife had consulted him about whether the boy should have a gun. Sauter said Romero wanted his son to learn how to hunt while his new bride Tiffany had suggested the boy have a BB gun. "He wanted to make sure the kid wasn't afraid of guns, knew how to handle it," Sauter said.

Brewer said. "Two officers with guns at their side, it's very scary for anybody, for sure an 8-year-old kid."

Prosecutors aren't sure where the case is headed, Carlyon said.

"There's a ton of factors to be considered and weighed, including the juvenile's age," he said. "The counterbalance against that, the acts that he apparently

committed."

Carlyon said the boy had no record of complaints with Arizona Child Protective Services.

"He had no record of any kind, not even a disciplinary record at school," he said. "He has never been in trouble before."

Wednesday's homicides were the first in at least four years in the community, where

most people know one another, Melnick said.

Romero had full custody of the child. The boy's biological mother visited St. Johns during the weekend from Mississippi and returned to Arizona after the shootings, Carlyon said.

"He's scared," he said. "He's trying to be tough, but he's scared."

Obama meets Bush at White House for two hours

By Ben Feller
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush's welcomed the Obamas to the White House on Monday.

visiting for nearly two hours and offering the nation a glimpse of a new first family at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

President-elect Obama and President Bush met in the Oval

Office, their first substantive one-on-one session, while first lady Laura Bush and Obama's wife, Michelle, talked in the White House residence.

The president later escorted his successor to his limousine. Obama's wife was leaving separately after her discussions with Laura Bush.

None of the four spoke to reporters.

It was Obama's first visit to the Oval Office. The agenda was kept private, although he and Bush were expected to discuss their transition of power and such pressing issues as the war in Iraq and the country's economic downturn.

The Obamas arrived at the South Portico 11 minutes early with Bush and the first lady waiting for them. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Obama greeted each other warmly while the president and his successor exchanged smiles and a handshake.

Taking a bit of prerogative, the president-elect put his left hand on

Bush's back as the two couples entered the Diplomatic Reception Room.

Bush and Obama then strolled along the Colonnade and waved for the cameras.

The president-elect's arrival had the look of a head-of-state state visit, although there were no bands, speeches or official pageantry.

Changes from candidate to president-elect were evident earlier, when Obama stepped off his plane and was greeted by transition

manager John Podesta, the former chief of staff to President Clinton.

Obama climbed into a black limousine with tinted windows, instead of his normal SUV; the limo looked just like the one that the president rides in, without the seal or flags. The entire motorcade was upgraded from campaign mode to presidential-level, with an identical decoy limousine, a black haz-mat truck, a communications

truck and the counter-assault team hanging out the back of an SUV.

Mrs. Bush was to give Mrs. Obama a tour of the first family's living quarters, including the bedrooms used by children of past presidents. White House press secretary Dana Perino said the two women were expected to talk about living in one of the world's most famous buildings, from family life to the help provided by executive staff.

The Obamas have two daughters: Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7. Obama started his day in Chicago, dropping the two girls at school, each with a kiss, and then going to a gym for a workout.

Obama told reporters last week that he was headed to the White House meeting with "a spirit of bipartisanship."

Bush, who had endorsed McCain, lauded Obama's victory as a "triumph of the American story." He warmly invited the Obama family to the White House.

Obama, in turn, thanked Bush for being gracious. The president-elect has made clear in public that there is only one president and for now that's Bush. Obama takes the oath of office on Jan. 20.



Transition 2009: President Bush and first lady Laura Bush, welcomed President-elect Obama and his wife Michelle Obama to the White House in Washington, Monday. Bush spoke with Obama, and Laura spoke with Michelle on the transition.

The Bush's welcomed the Obamas to the White House on Monday to discuss the transition of power in the months before Obama takes the oath of office on Jan. 20.

Inquiry probes cause of Russian sub deaths

By Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — A manufacturing flaw, a misplaced cable, even a cigarette.

Those are some of the scenarios put forward by navy veterans and experts as investigators try to determine what activated a firefighting system aboard a new Russian nuclear submarine beneath the Sea of Japan, and why 20 people were killed.

The Akula-class submarine was undergoing sea trials Saturday with 208 people aboard when its fire-extinguishing system activated in error, spewing Freon gas that suffocated the victims and injured 21 others, Russian officials said.

With little official information emerging yet about the precise cause, experts said overcrowding and human errors may have contributed to the accident and the casualty toll aboard the Nerpa — the worst on a Russian sub since the Kursk disaster killed 118 seamen in 2000.

The vessel, which the navy said was to become part of its fleet later this year, had 208 people aboard when the accident occurred, including 81 seamen. The rest were civilians, many from the shipyard that built the submarine. Akula-class subs normally carry a crew of 73.

Sea trials often pose increased safety risks, retired submarine Capt. Alexander Pokrovsky said.

"It means cramped conditions, overcrowding and lack of time to sleep," Pokrovsky wrote on the Russian-language Web site www.navy.ru. He also said Freon-

based fire-extinguishing systems are dangerous for crews and should be replaced with safer equipment.

Another former submariner, Retired Vice Adm. Rudolf Golosov, told Ekho Moskvy radio the shipyard workers likely had little or no experience using individual breathing kits that might have saved their lives. Seventeen of the dead were civilians.

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RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL OF THE
RUSSIAN NAVY

There were probably not enough breathing kits for all those aboard, he said.

"If they lacked portable breathing kits, they were totally helpless," he said, adding that doorways between separate submarine sections are locked in emergencies.

Golosov said it was unclear whether a siren warning the crew that the firefighting system was activated worked properly. If it failed, he said, victims would not have realized Freon was being released until it was too late.

Igor Kurdin, a former captain who heads an association of submarine veterans, told the Russian newspaper Kommersant that the fire-suppression system could have been triggered by something as simple as someone smoking a cigarette near a safety gauge.

Meanwhile, Kommersant and another leading business daily, Vedomosti, reported Monday that the submarine was to be handed over to India's navy next year under a 10-year, \$650-million lease.

India's navy chief, Adm. Sureesh Mehta, was quoted as saying India was negotiating the lease of two Russian

nuclear submarines, the first of which could arrive next year.

Armed with cruise missiles capable of hitting targets 3,000 kilometers (1,860 miles) away, an Akula-class submarine would dramatically bolster India's navy capability amid a growing rivalry with China for dominance over Indian Ocean shipping lanes. A nuclear sub would also heighten India's tensions with archrival Pakistan.

Indian news reports said Monday the submarine was to join the country's navy in August.

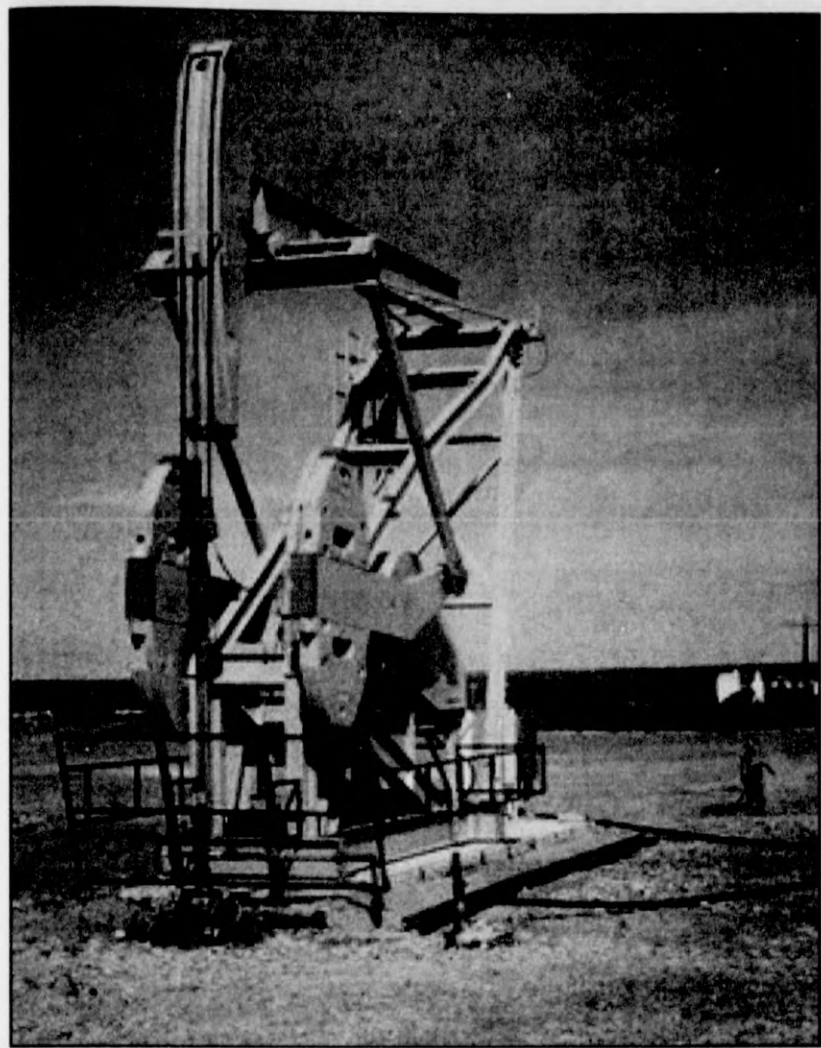
Indian naval spokesman Cmdr. Nirad Sinha would not say whether the Nerpa was to be leased.

The accident could also undermine Moscow's efforts to boost arms sales.



Submarine deaths: A Soviet-built Akula class nuclear submarine is moored at a harbor on the Pacific peninsula of Kamchatka, in this July 29, 2007 file photo. An accident aboard a Russian nuclear-powered submarine similar to this one during sea trials in the Sea of Japan killed at least 20 people, officials said Sunday.

Dying town sitting on potential oil jackpot



Northwest windfall: A new oil well operates on the outskirts of Parshall, N.D., Sept. 24. The drilling frenzy in North Dakota's oil patch has transformed this once-dying town on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Now, a company is eyeing another well that will aim directly beneath the city, and many residents are hopeful they are atop a jackpot.

Poor North Dakota town estimated to rest on 4.3 billion barrels of oil; drilling to benefit locals

By James MacPherson
Associated Press Writer

PARSHALL, N.D. (AP) — In this tiny reservation town a hundred miles from the Canadian border where temperatures once hit 60-below zero, a Southern twang is sometimes heard over the din at the local diner and there is talk of Texas tea beneath the streets.

Roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma have traveled here on hopes that they now share with the town's 1,000 or so inhabitants — that there is oil in Parshall.

About 400 people own mineral rights under homes, businesses, churches, nursing homes or tribal land. All of it has been leased, town officials said.

"We were dying," said Loren Hoffman, a local farmer and the city auditor. "Our town was slipping backward, but now we're on the upswing."

While it is the namesake of the Parshall oil field, which sits in the crude-rich Bakken shale formation, a quarter of Parshall's residents live in poverty.

No one is sure how much oil might lie beneath the town, but with the wells spreading south toward Parshall near the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, things have begun to change.

"We're seeing an influx of youth that we didn't have before," Hoffman said.

At Parshall's only restaurant, the Redwood, there is now Tex-Mex food on the menu, though locals were leery of it at first.

Business at the Redwood Restaurant, like other establishments in town, is brisk. The hamburger smothered with gravy is still a big seller.

"We put breakfast burritos on the menu and no one would try them — they thought it would be too spicy," said Shad Green, 39, who came to the area last spring from Texas to work the oil wells for \$32 an hour.

After a co-worker was killed on an oil rig where he worked, Green quit the business and bought the Redwood.

A number of businesses are reporting record sales, said Parshall Mayor Richard Bolkan, who also owns the town grocery store.

Occupancy is nearly at 100 percent at the 15-room Parshall Motor Inn, said owner and manager Jeanette Cecil.

Cecil purchased the inn — and the mineral rights below it — in August 2006, less than a year before the oil boom, she said.

In just over a year, horizontal oil wells have been spudded throughout the region, where the hilly prairie had been previously disturbed only by crops and Cold War-era missile silos.

In April, the U.S. Geological Survey estimated that up to 4.3 billion barrels of oil can be recovered from the Bakken. The agency said the Bakken, much of which lies two miles under the surface in western North Dakota, was the largest continuous oil accumulation it has ever assessed.

Wichita, Kan.-based Slawson Exploration Co. has begun drilling on the outskirts of Parshall, and another well is planned this month that will partially drill beneath the town, said Todd Slawson, one of the company's owners. Next year, a rig will likely drill directly beneath the town, he said.

"We've never drilled anything like this," he said. "Every time we drill, it is a benefit to someone. This happens to be a benefit to a lot of people."

The rush of oil companies has already brought a measure of prosperity to Parshall, where according to the 2000 Census, the unemployment rate topped 20 percent. Unemployment was more than 40 percent for the reservation.

There are also jobs

flowing to the reservation.

"The unemployment rate has really gone down on our reservation here," said Mervin Packineau, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes business council. "Anybody who basically wants to work can go out and find a job and work nowadays."

Packineau said some of the tribes' members have been getting oil royalties from wells operating on their land. One family, he said, got \$800,000 in recent months.

"We had families who were so poor they could barely make it from day to day," he said. "Now all the sudden they get this money, so it's a huge lift to some of our families around here."

The city now collects about \$120,000 a year in sales and property taxes.

Obama win sparks push to end racism in France

French first lady, officials use Obama win to push shake up of white politics

By Angela Charlton
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — Inspired by Barack Obama, the French first lady and other leading figures say it's high time for France to stamp out racism and shake up a white political and social elite that smacks of colonial times.

A manifesto published Sunday — subtitled "Oui, nous pouvons!" — the French translation of Obama's campaign slogan "Yes, we can!" — urges affirmative action-like policies and other steps to turn French ideals

of equality into reality for millions of blacks, Arabs and other alienated minorities.

"Our prejudices are insidious," Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, a singer and wife of President Nicolas Sarkozy, said in an interview with the Journal du Dimanche newspaper, which published the manifesto. She said she hoped the "Obama effect" would reshape French society.

Nations across Europe rejoiced over Obama's victory, seeing it as a triumph for American democracy and a world weary of President George W. Bush. But Obama's election also illustrated an uncomfortable truth: how far European countries with big minority populations have to go getting nonwhites into positions of power.

Grass-roots groups in France and Britain are trying

to turn Obama's election into electoral gains for minorities at home. Sunday's manifesto suggests France's elites are taking notice, too.

"The election of Barack Obama highlights via a cruel contrast the shortcomings of the French Republic, and the distance that separates us from a country whose citizens knew how to go beyond the racial question and elect a man who happens to be black as president," the appeal said.

The manifesto was written by Yazid Sabeg, a French self-made millionaire whose parents were Algerian immigrants, and signed by politicians from the left and right and other public figures.

Obama is extremely popular in France, yet blacks and other minorities are nearly invisible in national or local politics here.

The lower house of parliament has 555 members from the French mainland; just one is black.

"We shouldn't be surprised that Obama's popularity is so high here: It testifies to the aspirations of all the children of France who are experiencing by proxy a recognition that France does not give them," the manifesto reads. "It also betrays the bad faith of those who welcome the victory of modernity outside our borders, in order to tolerate the status quo here."

The manifesto calls for affirmative action policies like those the United States used years ago to encourage greater minority representation in the workplace and in universities.

Sarkozy has suggested affirmative action for France, but later backed away from the idea since it goes against France's ideals of egalitarianism, which dictate that the country not classify its citizens according to race. This idea that everyone is just "French" means there are no census or other national figures calculating how big the country's minority groups are.

Critics say the tough-talking

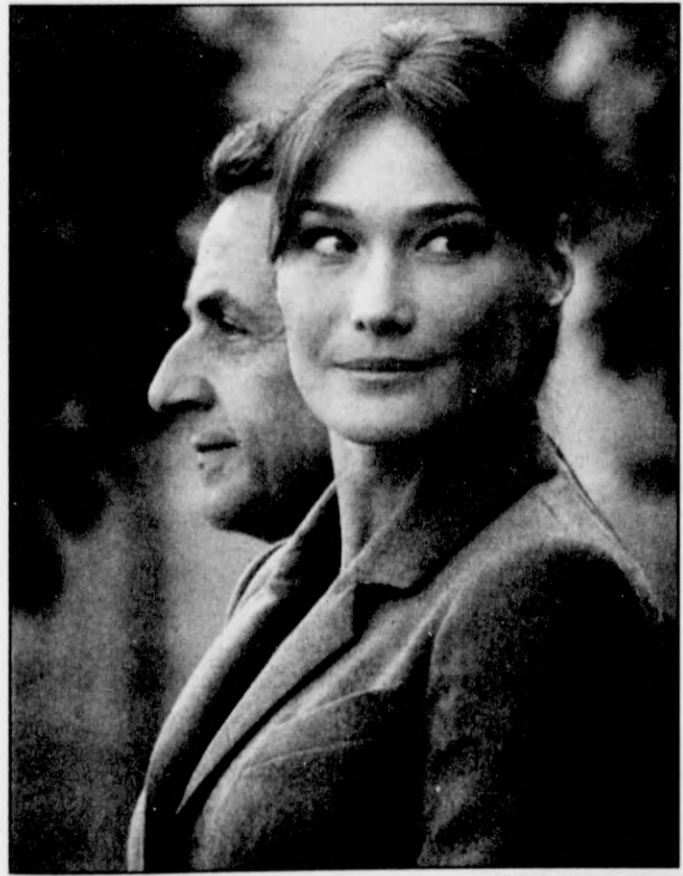
Sarkozy fanned discrimination ahead of the riots. Manifesto author Sabeg slammed efforts under Sarkozy to help minority neighborhoods as "an empty shell."

Bruni-Sarkozy said she couldn't sign the appeal because of her status as first lady but that she fully

supported it. She is quoted in the Journal du Dimanche as calling Obama's election "an immense joy."

The Italian-born first lady exhibited optimism in her adopted land, saying Sarkozy's ethnically mixed background is a sign that France is open to change.

"My husband is not Obama. But the French voted for the son of a Hungarian immigrant, whose father has an accent, whose mother is of Jewish origin. (Sarkozy) has always considered himself as a bit of a Frenchman from elsewhere," Bruni-Sarkozy is quoted as saying.



French reaction: In this file photo dated Sept. 12, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, left, and his wife Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, are seen at the Elysee Palace in Paris. Inspired by Barack Obama's election, France's first lady and other leading figures are urging an end to racist discrimination in French politics and society.

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EDITORIAL

A Rapid change

Allendale Township, the Chamber of Commerce and Grand Valley State University need to move the Rapid routes into Allendale because the benefits would outweigh the expenses of doing so.

There have been recent discussions about possibly extending the Rapid into Allendale Township, and isn't it about time?

After performing an experiment almost two years ago, Allendale Township, the Chamber of Commerce and GVSU decided the project of moving the Rapid into Allendale would be too costly. But the benefits of adding routes into Allendale will not happen overnight, and the experiment should have been given more than a year for the positive effects to take place.

So many students and residents of Allendale are left behind because the Rapid does not travel past 48th Street. Residents in complexes such as Ottawa Creek and Heritage Hill are forced to either drive or walk to any destination because public transportation is not offered to them. But these residents and the apartment complexes would both benefit from this implementation. GVSU students living in these complexes would have alternate transportation to campus and other locations throughout the area, and the apartment complexes can add the bus route as an extra amenity that will attract more residents.

In addition, students and even local residents in general who rely on public transportation will no longer have to take the Rapid to Meijer if Family Fare is the preferred grocery store. Allendale businesses would see a boost in business as students would stay in the area on weekends rather than traveling to downtown Grand Rapids.

With the 2007 \$110,000 Service Development and New Technology Grant still up in the air, discussions include possibly connecting existing transit systems throughout Ottawa County, which include the Muskegon Area Transit, the Holland Area Transit, the Grand Haven Harper Transit and the Rapid in Grand Rapids. Linking the systems throughout the county would connect several different GVSU campuses, which would encourage more students to attend satellite campuses and vice versa.

The costs of linking Ottawa County transit systems together or even moving the Rapid into Allendale in general may be an expense that does not seem to be worth it, but the pay off would be so much more rewarding in the long run.

Community members are continuously heard complaining about the declining economy and its effects on Allendale, but here is the opportunity to change things around. Help GVSU and the overall Allendale communities: Move the Rapid into the direction that would cause a much-needed change.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A condescending (Barack) Obama supporter and good friend of mine asked me, "You're not rich, so why are you voting for McCain?" So often is the Republican Party associated with helping rich people and hindering poor. This is why the Democrat platform always caters to the likes of college students and inner-city dwellers. The truth is, I voted for a man that served his country valiantly and honorably for more than 20 years. Yes, Obama went to Harvard. Yes, he defended ACORN with his seldom-used law degree. No, he does not speak about what is important to me.

I voted for McCain for a handful reasons: Republicans endorse less government involvement and to keep the balance of power to name a few.

Here's the deal, I vote for somebody who, in my opinion, earned the most coveted and powerful office in the world. If one, the gentlemen running fails to impress me with his interview we call

an "election year," I won't vote for him; it's as simple as that. And conversely, the person who does exude the experience I think is important to running this beautiful country of ours, then that man has got my vote.

So, I'm not sorry I didn't vote for Obama for nothing more than to say that I am a part of history. But I am sorry for those who did, and do not for a minute think this didn't happen. Voting is a right, but more than that, it is a responsibility. And to vote without knowing what is at stake, and to vote for what you may have in common with a candidate, is foolish. The U.S. is in a trying time, and the people need to take responsibility for themselves. Nobody can hold your hand anymore America; time to let go of the bicycle, Big Brother.

James Gallagher
GVSU sophomore

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"(It was a) sort of large scale, strategic disappointment. We had hoped it would be a turning point nationally in terms of a more favorable response to same-sex marriage. It is not just another state, California."

Milt Ford
Director of the LGBT Resource Center

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YOUR INSIGHTS

Should Michigan allow gay marriage?



"Yes, definitely. Nobody should be discriminated against. Everybody should be entitled to the same rights and privileges regardless of sexual orientation; and if they love each other, it's legit."

Katie Cross
Senior
English/Sociology for secondary education
Grandville, Mich.



"Yes, it should be recognized by the state so they can receive the same state benefits. But I do not believe it belongs in any religious institutions."

Joe Duso
Junior
Political Science
Marysville, Mich.



"Yes. I deserve the same rights as someone else. My rights shouldn't differ from someone else's."

Elizabeth Lemons
Freshman
Political Science
Grand Rapids, Mich.



"Either allow same-sex marriage or outlaw hetero marriage. I'm not picky."

Vanessa Crowley
Senior
Liberal Studies
Grand Rapids, Mich.



"Yes, because separate is inherently not equal according to the Supreme Court of this country."

Amy Simpson
Sophomore
Social Work
Seattle, Wash.

GVL STUDENT OPINION

Are we ditching our Starbucks habit?



If you stay primarily on the Allendale Campus, then Java City probably takes care of your coffee needs. However, I spend most of my time on the Grand Rapids Pew Campus and, of course, at Starbucks.

I am not afraid to admit my scary addiction to this delectable brew. You know you go somewhere too much when the barista knows your name, or at least your drink. However, in these current economic times, I am thinking twice about buying a \$4 cup of coffee. Apparently, so are other coffee lovers.

Starbucks announced its fiscal fourth-quarter earnings plummeted a whopping 97

percent. During the quarter that ended Sept. 28, the company earned \$5.4 million, down from \$158.5 million during the same period the previous year.

This is a stunning drop in earnings, although not entirely surprising. With so many alternatives for coffee drinkers, it seems consumers would be very willing to replace their Starbucks cup with their own brew, or simply coffee from a cheaper place.

Starbucks does not seem to show many signs of switching over to more of a value chain, as currently their high-priced, designer drinks are what define them in the market. They state, however, they will be offering their holiday merchandise at a lower price. Whether this is a smart move or not is something we will see in the upcoming months.

One good move that seems to be helping them out a bit is a discount card for their most

faithful customers, which will keep coffee drinkers coming to stores.

It isn't unreasonable to assume there are still consumers out there who are willing to pay for the convenience and higher-quality product Starbucks provides. Personally, I think there will always be a market for designer coffee. However, I think in the upcoming months, that market will be considerably smaller than before, and Starbucks will have to deal with even stiffer competition ahead.

Locally, Starbucks will have to compete with the Bitter End, who's offering 24-hour coffee availability for nocturnal college crowds, and local gas stations, which offer coffee to college students for less than \$2.

However, their current location inside Building C on the Pew Campus gives them

the advantage of convenience! Often when I'm running late, I feel I can justify paying the \$4 for a cup of coffee by thinking it would have taken much more time to make the coffee myself, or stop along the way to find another cup of coffee.

I find myself cutting back though, only getting coffee once a week, instead of two or three times. I have even invested in a coffee pot.

We can see the entire company is hurting at this moment, but we will have to see how our own Starbucks will be affected by this downturn in the economy.

I still see long lines before the 6 to 9 p.m. classes downtown, so perhaps that is a sign convenient, designer drinks are still a staple item for some college students on campus.

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Look b4 u txt! Dangers of texting



You probably had no difficulty deciphering the title. The majority of our population, including more than 80 percent of 18 to 24 year olds, use cell phone text messaging on a regular basis. Corresponding in this way has led to the development of what is almost a new dialect; and it is becoming as well known as English for the many who have picked it up.

Texting is a quick, convenient way to communicate any little thought that pops into your head. But between all of the "LOLs" and "OMGs" lies a more serious issue. Texting is a major distraction with some serious

risks. Think about it. After walking around our campus for a minimum of three months, you probably have a pretty good feel for it. You know when to avoid the traffic congestion on the Little Mac Bridge. You know you need to walk on the right side of the sidewalk - well, actually that might be news to some. One thing you have learned to avoid is the avid texter.

"Avid texters" are pretty easy to spot. They are holding their phones at eye level as they wander between classes. Their heads are bent in concentration and fingers are flying with a ferocity only matched by a student writing a paper 30 minutes before it is due. Learning how to spot them is not only a matter of courtesy, but of personal safety. We have all seen the near

misses; students distracted by a text message veer out into "oncoming traffic," so to speak. Then, there are the incidents which actually result in a collision. Not just with other people - trees, doors and lampposts are all fair game.

You are not alone if you relate easily to these texting and walking incidents. Earlier this year, the American College of Emergency Physicians issued a warning alerting us to the dangers of texting while walking, driving and roller blading, among other activities. This was warranted by a sharp increase in text message accidents as reported by physicians across the nation.

Texting while walking between classes is not likely to injure anything but your ego - when you crash into someone. Most of text

message related accidents are minor, but some have resulted in serious injury and even death. Accidents resulting from pedestrians texting as they cross the road are becoming more widespread. It has become such an issue legislators in some states such as New York, are pushing bans that would not allow the use of electronic devices like iPods or texting while crossing the street.

Technology is rapidly advancing, but we need to make sure it does not surpass what should be common sense.

When it comes to crossing the road, not much has changed since childhood: "Stop, look and listen before you cross the street. Use your eyes, use your head and then use your feet."

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Pitch a TV show to GVTV

GVSU TV station to hold open forum for students to pitch show ideas for GVTV

By Brittney Mestdagh
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Ever have an idea that you think would make a great TV show? Ever watch TV and think to yourself that you could write a better script than that?

GVTV is now offering the chance for your ideas to become reality.

GVTV, Grand Valley State University's own TV station, is looking for new ideas for upcoming talk shows, serials and other miscellaneous shows to broadcast on the expanding network.

"The station is changing, and we are looking for more developed content," said senior John Tremblay, GVTV president.

Right now when viewers tune into Channel 10, they can watch several shows including "Quarter Life," "Between You and Me," "Leah's Nature Show" and "Randomish" as well as film clips.

However, Tremblay and others with GVTV are looking for well-thought ideas to expand and broaden the station's content.

Pitch Night gives students the freedom to develop ideas

and strategies from classes and apply it to a hands-on learning experience.

Students from any major, not just broadcasting or film and video, are encouraged to share their ideas for potential shows at GVTV Pitch Night on Friday.

Tremblay said it is good to have different students from different disciplines because they bring new and fresh ideas.

The interested student will learn more from doing than taking a class, he added.

"You learn 10 times faster by doing," said senior Phil Sieb, vice president of GVTV and creator of "Quarter Life."

The show was a three year project he wrote, directed and acted in.

"You are filming constantly, and you learn quickly what does and does not work," he added.

Students may have ideas of what they think will look good on film, but it might turn out to be something different than what they were expecting, Sieb said.

Involvement with GVTV could also be added to a resume

because it shows dedication and creativity in developing and adapting techniques outside the classroom.

Reliability and dedication are two traits on which the panel of judges at Pitch Night will focus.

The panel will also look for detailed content and how it will fit in with the network.

"We are looking for scripts, detailed outlines and previous experiences," Tremblay said.

Students are encouraged to make a good first impression and be memorable, said freshman film and video major Kayla Carr. She has worked with sound on "Quarter Life."

"GVTV really wants to help support your ideas and develop them," she said.

The presenters of the chosen ideas will get the chance to create and direct them for the station.

GVTV also provides crew members and equipment as well as any assistance needed throughout the production process.

"We have a lot of driven members, who are sitting

"The station is changing, and we are looking for more developed content."

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GVTV PRESIDENT

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Idea swap: Pitch Night is a chance for GVSU students to sell their ideas for prospective talk shows, serials and other shows to be broadcast on GVTV.

around with nothing to do," Tremblay said. "These members can be utilized to help with filming, sound or lighting."

Sieb said an event such as Pitch Night is a beneficial learning experience, but it takes a lot of time and effort.

Students pitching ideas are encouraged to come ready to work and give up free time.

"Come with very flushed out ideas," Sieb said, "If you're serious about it, you'll learn a lot."

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Notes from Abroad



Bus fare: Life or death in Argentina

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We could all agree the Rapid is a pretty great way to get to school. It's free, consistent, relatively quick and safe. However, my experience with public transportation in Buenos Aires, Argentina has been quite the opposite and quite possibly one of the most memorable parts of my experience.

The bus system in Buenos Aires goes as follows: More than 180 lines are owned by several companies who choose the rate they will charge for any given route. My route to school costs me 90 cents of a peso every day, three times a week, which boils down to a little more than a quarter of an American dollar. Even though I was used to free bus fare, the cost wasn't the prohibitive part — the safety and the acquisition of coins were, since they are the only method of payment for the bus system.

Coins, which are called "monedas" in Buenos Aires, are possibly the most precious resource in the city. It is common practice for the owner of a snack shop or small supermarket to ask me for coins, and if I do not comply they will either give me a discount or refuse to sell me the item in a plot to save their own coins. It is a truly discouraging affair, but I won't be stopped.

After a time, I started to realize the types of businesses and purchases that would yield me these precious pieces of metal (that are ironically worth significantly more than the value stamped on them). The types of people were also very important. Young clerks were perhaps the most unwavering — I tended to steer clear of them. Old folks were equally as stingy if not worse and might give me an earful and a lesson on life if I tried to obtain their monedas. Transportation turned from a necessity I took for granted to a game to see whether or not I made it to class.

Once on the bus, destination wasn't always guaranteed for a few reasons. Twice within a week my bus hit a car, delaying a bus ride that already took an hour on average.

Several times I had a bus driver take off while I was still getting down, oftentimes without my first foot on the ground. This was equally true for boarding the bus and perhaps more fun.

It was also common for people to go airborne if they hadn't been supporting themselves properly (which required nothing less than holding on for dear life in many cases) as a result of the frequent, rapid braking. I think it was a game for the drivers to see how fast they could get the bus going in between stops, but that's just a guess.

The aforementioned factors combined with rampant pick-pocketing, changing routes and bus salesman (people who could make a pen sound like a Lamborghini with their lyrical prowess) make the bus system in Buenos Aires a truly one-of-a-kind and unforgettable experience.

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Faculty, staff combat holiday bulge

Six-week program challenges faculty, staff to stay within 3-pound weight limit this holiday season

By Lauren Sibula
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After a long semester, many faculty and staff members need the long stretch of the holiday season to recuperate — they may also need a little stretch in their pants after indulging in holiday treats.

To combat the holiday bulge, the Health and Wellness Center at Grand Valley State University is hosting the Hold it for the Holidays challenge.

The six-week challenge for faculty and staff started last week and will continue through the holidays to Jan. 8.

The goal of the program is for participants to avoid gaining holiday pounds.

To sign up, participants pay \$10.

If at the end of the challenge the participant has stayed within 3 pounds of their initial weight at the first weigh-in, their \$10 will be refunded. However, for those who do not stay within the 3 pound limit, their money will

be donated to a local family in need of assistance.

"The program was designed to promote healthy lifestyles for faculty and staff and also to help those who are in need," said Josie Goldberg, intern at the Health and Wellness Center.

During the six weeks, there will be three weigh-ins to track progress. At the first weigh-in, participants will be given

a weekly tracking log to record their weekly weight, if desired.

As a part of the program, there will also be a seminar Dec. 9 with a Campus Recreation nutritionist who will share healthy eating tips.

Attendees can bring their recipes and the nutritionist will give advice on how to make dishes healthier.

Though students are welcome to attend the seminar in December, the challenge is not open to students because the Health and Wellness Center is a part of human resources which

is only targeted to faculty and staff, Goldberg said.

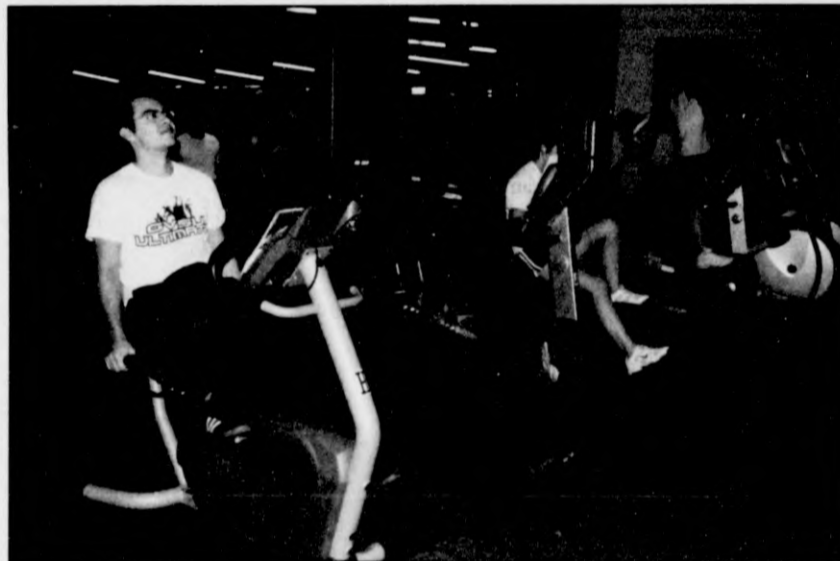
During the six weeks, registered faculty and staff members will receive weekly e-mails that provide healthy recipes that can be utilized during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The e-mails, referred to as Healthy Eating and Activity Tips, will also recommend various fall and winter activities that are physically rewarding.

Goldberg said many people gain weight during the holiday season because of the "holiday eating mentality."

"Most people have the excuse in their head that they can eat whatever they want because it's a special occasion and they think 'this only comes once a year,'" Goldberg said. "However, if you think about the holiday season, it ends up being four big holidays where you overeat."

People usually gain 7 to 12



GVL / Katie Mitchell

In shape: Students work on staying fit during the next couple of months to hold off the holiday weight gain. The Campus Health and Wellness program, Hold it for the Holidays, has faculty and staff pay money to a charity if they gain weight during winter break.

pounds during the holidays, according to <http://www.bodybuilder.com>. Coupled with the holiday food temptations, cold winter weather deters a lot of physical activity.

But is staying in a 3-pound weight range realistic? Goldberg said yes, since most people can healthily lose 2 pounds per week.

The money raised from the challenge will be used to purchase a year-long membership to the YMCA for a family from Grand Rapids. With three children, no jobs and a suffering economy, the family

has been having difficulty getting by. The family's membership to the YMCA will help them to maintain a healthy lifestyle by taking advantage of the various physical and social opportunities at the center.

Goldberg said if the Hold it for the Holidays challenge does not raise enough money for a year-long membership for the family, they will still donate any funds raised.

To register for the event, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar>.

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More than just cookies: Girl Scouts to explore nursing

By Allison Bleeker
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When people think of Girl Scouts, the first thing that may come to mind is likely the infamous cookies. But while the cookies are a large part of Girl Scouts, they are definitely not the only part.

The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts helps girls acquire skills for success in the real world, according to the Girl Scouts official Web site.

This is why the Kirkhof College of Nursing and the Grand Valley State University Student Nursing Association are hosting an event to help girls learn about the different aspects of nursing.

"Girl Scouts Explore Nursing" will take place Saturday and will allow the Girl Scouts to learn what nursing is all about.

"We hope to expose the girls to how diverse nursing is and all its different aspects," said Christina Schwarz, nursing director for GVSU. "We hope to get the girls really excited about this event."

The 78 Girl Scouts attending the event will be able to visit five stations that each explain a different aspect of nursing.

The group will start out together to listen to an introduction, which will include a cartoon rap song about nursing. The girls will then break into groups to visit the stations.

Each station will be run by one of 17 volunteers from the GVSU Student Nursing Association.

The different stations include

the history of nursing, proper hand-washing techniques, body systems, different types of nursing equipment and different types of nursing.

The girls will also be able to view educational aids, mannequins and high-fidelity patient simulators, said Ron Perkins, a simulation coordinator who is helping with the event.

After completing the event, each Girl Scout will earn a nursing patch as a part of their program.

The Kirkhof College of

Nursing was chosen for this event because all the equipment needed to host the event was already located there, and it gives the school the ability to have its name recognized within the Grand Rapids community.

"This is a good way to get Grand Valley's name out there and let people know what a great nursing program we have," Schwarz said.

Several girls had to be turned away from this year's event because of its popularity, and another day may be added to the academic year to

accommodate those who were not able to attend this event, Perkins said.

"We are looking at expanding this day to include all of CHS and also branch out into Boy Scouts," he said.

More programs such as therapeutic recreation, occupational recreation and others would be included in this event to broaden the focus to all health professions, not just nursing.

Schwarz said she hopes this event will help the scouts come away with a better understanding of all that nursing is about.

"We are just really excited about this event," she said. "We hope to inspire some girls about nursing."

"Girl Scouts Explore Nursing" will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Kirkhof College of Nursing in Grand Rapids.

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Spreading culture: GVSU students Rebecca Didi Etim, Petra Alsoofy and Kellen Parker take a moment to smile for a photograph. The students are a part of the Muslim Students Association and were providing information about their group during the Intercultural Festival in the Kirkhof Center in a past year.

Global Gala to nurture cultural experience

Cultural student organizations, campus centers to host evening of food, dance, music, crafts to celebrate diversity

By Haley Otman
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With the recent election of a biracial American to the U.S. presidency, even more attention has been afforded diversity.

Friday evening's Global Gala event at Grand Valley State University plans to foster more than just visibility.

The event will include food, dance, cultural displays, music and crafts, among other components.

Sponsors include the Asian Student Union, U.N.I.T.E., Boba Bellas, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Padnos International Center.

Jazmin Jones, president of the cultural student organization U.N.I.T.E., said she hopes to have attendees learn about different cultures and open their eyes.

"They can expect a variety of different foods (which) have been prepared authentically for them ... things they may never have tasted themselves," Jones said.

The purpose of the Global Gala is to allow the people who attend to actually experience different cultures, rather than solely observe them, she added.

"Our main motto is

exposure is good but experience is great," Jones said.

Sufen Lai, GVSU professor of literature and East Asian history, immigrated to the U.S. from Taiwan in 1984. As someone who moved to a foreign country with a foreign culture, she said she believes learning about other people's way of life is essential, and she said she hopes the

attendance is high for Friday's event.

Lai said she hopes students can learn to enjoy the richness of other cultures rather than just see them as something

different.

"When you enjoy the differences you may also find that (there are) a lot of similarities," she said.

U.N.I.T.E. first started planning its own cultural event, but decided to be a part of a bigger event with many other student organizations to make a more comprehensive cultural experience for attendees.

They desire to give them a taste of other cultures they may have never thought of taste, Jones said.

For example, when Lai moved to America, she said she envisioned it as one big city, based on the stereotypes from the mass media and Hollywood. But when she

arrived at a university in the middle of a farming community, she faced an intense culture shock. The shock stemmed from not only her expectations of American life, but also because she grew up in the city of Taipei in Taiwan.

Lai, who has lived in the U.S. for 24 years, knows first hand the importance of an open and educated mind when dealing with other cultures.

The Padnos International Center also serves as one of the Global Gala sponsors. Executive director of the center Mark Schaub said he was so impressed by the presentation of the students asking for help with the Global Gala he decided it would be a great event to help fund.

"They presented a nice plan for an event that seems it's geared on fostering intercultural connections and intercultural understanding, (and) that's something that we want to support," Schaub said.

He said he liked the idea of multiple student organizations working together to educate students about different cultures.

"The sum is greater than the parts," Schaub said. "I was impressed by what they put together."

The Global Gala will take place Friday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center on GVSU's Allendale Campus.

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Café Mahogany on red alert for poetry

Black Student Union invites student poets to share their work at organization's annual night of poetry on Friday

By Susie Skowronek
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When people think red alert, they imagine flashing red lights, danger, emergency hazard and warning.

But Grand Valley State University's Black Student Union passes the meaning of red alert to poets.

The BSU will feature everyone's personal "red alerts" in their Café Mahogany poetry jam Friday at 9 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center's Pere Marquette Room.

The annual poetry night headlines the New York poetry team "Words with a Pulse" and six student poets who will also perform in an event of "open creative expression," said senior Eboni Brown, sergeant at arms for BSU and coordinator of Café Mahogany.

"This is a place of self-expression," Brown said. "We don't censor here. Students can feel welcome to say whatever they desire."

Café Mahogany opens with a mix and mingle session, where audience members will have a chance to learn about BSU, network and meet a diverse group of students, Brown said. Music will play and a variety of treats will be available in a café atmosphere. Then, the feature group will open the two-hour poetry session.

"Words with a Pulse" has four members, three of whom are coming to GVSU — Shadokat, Hidden Legacy and Soulful Jones are the featured performers. They have all won poetry slams in the past.

Their poetry is diverse, touching on many subjects including rape and death, Brown said. Because red alert includes what most affects each individual, the group addresses the theme of the night.

Following the performance, students will also have an opportunity to let their emotions out and to perform. Café Mahogany presents a relaxing atmosphere and welcoming forum in which to experience reading poetry, said junior Keyuana Rosemond, a member of BSU's executive board and a performer at last year's event.

"Café Mahogany provided me with a chance to express myself through words, to get myself out through poetry," she said. "I love to write, and it's good to let everyone else hear what you write."

People want to share their experiences, and this theme is a definite diversion from last year. The group chooses themes to unify the poetry and set the mood, Rosemond said.

"It feels better to get it out in the open," Rosemond said. "You might even help someone else, who has the same situation, with your words."

Readings mimic what happens in real-world poetry, said professor Patricia Clark of the writing department.

Poetry came from an oral tradition; to just sit and read poetry is like reading a play versus going to see a live performance, she added. On the other hand, one

should also look into written poetry after hearing it performed.

Poets can hear their work in a new way. Perhaps they will hear a line differently and can fix places where they might trip, Clark said.

It is nice to have people react to your work, she added. Although it is terrifying to perform in front of people, that fear is normal. Clark recommends students practice and breathe.

"Each time, it strengthens a kind of muscle to get up and do it again," she added.

It is a lively political time, so if students take one or two issues, the urgency and relevancy of the topics can get people interested in poetry, Clark said.

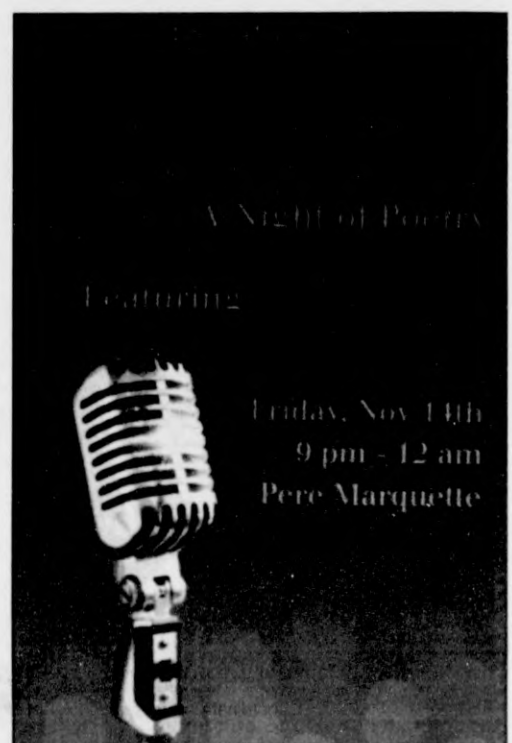
It might surprise people to discover poetry is not necessarily about love and death, but also about politics and war, she added.

"Make it personal instead of creating another anonymous poem about a soldier," she said. "We tend to care more about someone's cousin who has a name and a hometown."

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"This is a place of self-expression. We don't censor here."

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BSU SERGEANT AT ARMS



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Red alert: Red Alert is the theme for this year's Café Mahogany poetry night. The event is hosted by the Black Student Union and will be held in the Pere Marquette Room on Friday. Student poets are invited to share their work.

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GVL DIGEST Sports in Brief

Women's soccer earns conference honors

Senior forward Katy Tafler headlined a number of Lakers recognized in the 2008 GLIAC Women's Soccer Postseason Awards released this week.

Tafler was named the conference offensive player of the year as well as the Daktronics Division II Women's Soccer Midwest Region Player of the Year.

Joining Tafler on the All-GLIAC First Team were forwards Irie Dennis (junior) and Ashley Elsass (senior), midfielders Kristen Eible (sophomore) and Meaghan Robinson (senior), defenders Natalja Stanski (junior), Jenna Wenginski (sophomore) and Elena Sobolic (senior) and goalkeeper Kristina Nasturzio (senior).

Senior midfielder Joyce Rose was named to the All-GLIAC Second Team while Grand Valley State University head coach Dave DiIanni was recognized as GLIAC Coach of the Year.

Stanski was named the GLIAC Defensive Player of the Year in addition to joining Tafler, Elsass and Nasturzio on the Daktronics Division II Women's Soccer Midwest Region First Team.

Robinson and Eible rounded out the Lakers by being named to the Midwest Region Second Team.

Iciek named finalist for Harlon Hill Award

Junior quarterback Brad Iciek is among 24 finalists for the Harlon Hill Award as the nation's top Division II player.

Iciek returns to the list after being one of three finalists from 2007. He has completed 110-for-171 passes for 1,878 yards and 28 touchdowns on the season while leading the nation in pass efficiency rating (207.11) and being named GLIAC Player of the Week twice this season.

The 2008 award winner will be named Dec. 12.

Laker Nation to camp out before basketball opener

Laker Nation, the official student section of Grand Valley State University Athletics, is inviting students to camp out before the first men's and women's home basketball games on Saturday.

Starting today, Laker Nation will set up tents and coordinate games and events until Saturday's noon tip off for the women's basketball season.

The first 10 tents up will receive an autographed jersey.

Contact the ticket office at (616) 331-3741 for more information.

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— M. & W. Swim & Dive vs. Michigan State at Jenison, Mich. (Jenison HS), 6 p.m.

Saturday

— M. Basketball vs. Davenport, 2 p.m.
— W. Basketball vs. Saint Joseph's, noon
— Volleyball vs. TBD Semifinals, 5 p.m.

Sunday

— W. Soccer vs. Midwest Semifinal, 1 p.m.
— W. Volleyball vs. TBD Finals, 4 p.m.

See more: Visit Lanthorn.com for a women's rugby story and a live blog during Saturday's home basketball game

Women's hoops slammed by MSU

MSU defeats Lakers with 84-44 blowout Sunday in East Lansing preseason exhibition matchup

By Emanuel Johnson
GVL Staff Writer

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The Grand Valley State University women's basketball team got a chance to test its potential this past weekend in an exhibition matchup against Michigan State University.

But things went awry fast for the Lakers as they ended up on the wrong side of an 84-44 blowout. The Lakers kept the game close early on, but ultimately the closest the team would come to taking a lead would be the 0-0 score at tip-off.

The first half for the Lakers was characterized by the performance of one player, freshman point guard Jasmine Padin. Padin rounded out the first half with eight points. Eight of her 10 field goal attempts came from beyond the arc.

"It's a part of learning the game," said GVSU head coach Janel Burgess. "Both of our point guards right now are freshmen, and they've got to learn and grow. I don't care if they shoot the shots — they've just got to make sure that they're in rhythm."

But standing at a mere 5-foot, 2-inches, Padin, along with the entire Laker squad, was quickly exploited for her lack of size by a bigger MSU team. To that, the Lakers had no answer for 6-foot, 1-inch MSU forward Aisha Jefferson, who finished the first half with 13 of her 16 total points.

"Size played a huge role here," Burgess said. "We won't ever see a team that tall in the GLIAC. But I was proud of the way

our team fought. We still got 16 offensive rebounds against a very, very tall team."

All in all, the Lakers were able to pull together a few short runs and cut off some Spartan runs to keep the score a relatively close at 35-19 going into the half.

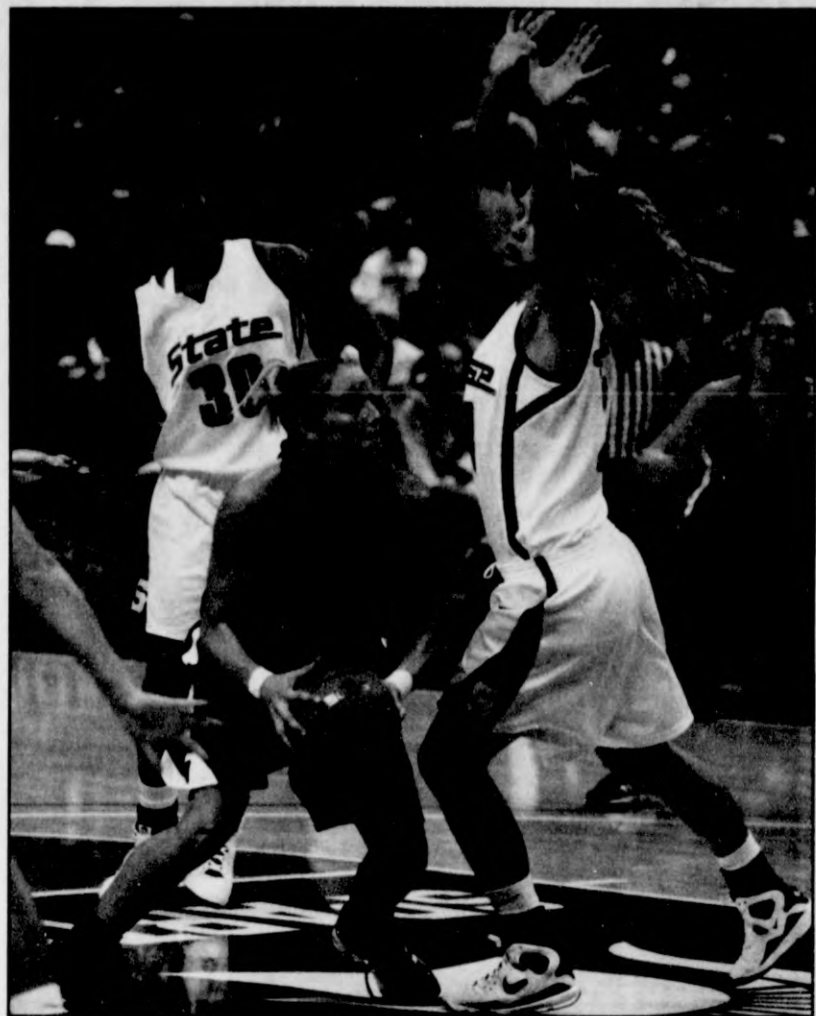
"We had good moments, and there were times when we didn't look as good," Padin said. "I felt like we had great ball movement. In the first half we came together very well, got stops, got our hands in the passing lane — when we click, we work very well together."

MSU opened up the second half with a layup from forward Cetera Washington that would prove to be the beginning of an 18-0 Spartan scoring run. The Spartans shut down the Laker offensive attack just past the first 9 minutes of the half.

"We had a lot of good shots," said senior forward Kim Wyngaard. "They didn't always fall, but you're always going to get that. When that happens then you've got to look toward another plan, and nothing was really working for us today."

By the time sophomore guard Elizabeth Van Tiflin's converted three-pointer had ended the Spartan run, the game was all but over. Van Tiflin led the Lakers in scoring with 14 points, 11 of which came in the second half.

"In preparation for this game, coach always told us that we were the underdog," Wyngaard said, who finished with seven points and four rebounds. "It didn't matter whether we won or lost — she just wanted



Courtesy Photo / Jeremiah Schrader
Blocked out: Senior forward Kim Wyngaard looks for a path to the hoop during Sunday's exhibition game against Michigan State. The outmatched Laker women were defeated by a score of 84-44.

us to work on the things that we've been working on all week in practice."

Burgess said MSU's transition baskets and offensive rebounds proved to be the Lakers' downfall.

"It's a growing thing," she said. "We'll

look at this film, be able to balance it and be able to take it as a learning experience as we get ready to play St. Joseph's (University) on Saturday."

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Size aside: Freshman brings scoring, energy

By Jared Greenleaf

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Stepping into her first collegiate women's basketball game, size did not seem to matter for 5-foot, 2-inch freshman guard Jasmine Padin.

Despite an 84-44 setback to Michigan State University on Sunday, Padin was able to make an immediate impact for the Grand Valley State University women's basketball team, dropping in eight points and adding four assists.

GVSU head coach Janel Burgess was pleased with the way Padin handled herself playing in the Breslin Center.

"As a point guard, to go into that type of environment in your first game, it is intimidating," Burgess said. "I thought she played really well."

Padin said playing against the Spartans was a blast.

"It was a lot of fun going out there knowing we had no pressure, and we just played out hearts out," Padin said, who made six of her eight points from three-point range.

Burgess said her young player is a dynamic scorer and adds a spark to the team.

"(Padin) had a way to create for herself and her teammates," she said. "Because of her size, it makes the game that more exciting to watch."

Padin may be small, but plays with a lot of emotion on the court.

"When she makes a mistake, she will be upset at

first, but she will forget about it quickly," said freshman forward Caren Rydquist. "No matter how bad things are, she is always trying to stay positive."

Padin brings to the Lakers an all-around game she obtained in high school.

While playing for the Wyoming Park Vikings, Padin averaged 18.8 points, 7.6 assists, five steals and 4.4 rebounds per game.

She also broke the school's records in assists for a game (16), season (160) and career (460).

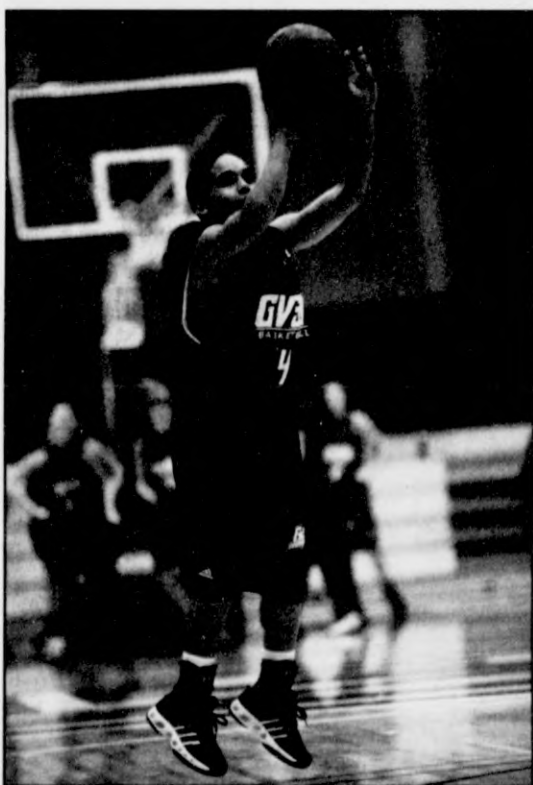
Padin said one her favorite moments in high school was playing in the Grand Rapids All-Star game, composed of the top players in West Michigan.

"It was awesome to play with such great athletes, knowing they were going to play at Division I and II schools," Padin said, who was named the all-star game's most valuable player.

With high school out of her way now, Padin said the transition to the college game is a huge step for her.

"In high school, I was the star player," she said. "Now that I'm in college, I realize there are other people that can score and do the little things. Everyone is a threat on the court, now. I want to be able to create penetration or get the ball into the post. I think if I can do that, we will be able to progress more as a team."

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Sweet spot: Freshman Jasmine Padin runs through key plays in preparation for the upcoming Laker women's basketball season.

"Because of her size, it makes the game that more exciting to watch."

JANEL BURGESS
GVSU HEAD COACH

Soccer ready to kick off national tournament

By Matt Kuzawa

GVL Senior Reporter

Ever since August, the women's soccer team has faced high expectations for a championship-caliber season.

Grand Valley State University started the year ranked No. 3 in Division II, and promptly knocked off the defending national champion, No. 1 University of Tampa, in the season opener.

Now, after an undefeated regular season and a GLIAC Championship, the No. 1 Laker squad (21-0-0) is preparing for the NCAA tournament and a chance to win a national championship.

"This is the week that our kids have been playing for, for 2.5 months," said GVSU head coach Dave DiIanni. "Anytime you get to this week a new excitement begins. From this point on its win or go home, and I think our kids have done really well in those kind of situations."

GVSU will host the Midwest Region bracket with the Lakers receiving a bye in the first round. On Friday, Quincy University (11-6-1) and Tiffin University (13-5-1) will face off with the winner advancing to play the Lakers on Sunday.

Senior forward Katy Tafler, who has recorded a team high 19 goals this season, said the NCAA tournament is what the team has worked for all year, dating back to the preseason.

"Our main goal is to make it to the national championship," she said. "It seems like a long road in August when it all starts, and finally getting here makes it exciting. We know these games are what counts and no matter what we did in the regular season, we have to really come together now."

With the chance to cap off an undefeated season with a championship, DiIanni said the excitement is self-explanatory.

"This is a week where you don't have to come with any speeches — there are no artificial motivations," he said. "We have a very experienced group of players and they know what they are playing for."

After winning the GLIAC Championship on Sunday, the Lakers will have to put aside their emotions and focus on the NCAA tournament this weekend. However, Tafler shot down any chance of there being an upset of the Lakers early in the tournament and said the team will definitely come prepared.

"I don't think there's much chance

(of an upset)," she said. "We have eight seniors and we know that we can't stop now. Winning the GLIAC was our first goal but it's still a minor thing. I don't think anybody will come unprepared for the game."

But with a single-elimination format, the next game could be the last for this group, and the final game of the eight seniors' GVSU careers.

"It's pretty scary especially knowing it could be my last ever," Tafler said. "I try not to think about it because you could get your emotions in the way of how you play. It's definitely on my mind but I'm trying to focus more on getting mentally prepared for the game."

With 15 upperclassmen on a team that has been to two final fours and a championship match, DiIanni said the experience of his players is invaluable, but it is important they establish their own tradition.

"This is a new year and they have to prove themselves and do the job this year, and not live off last year," he said. "The level of competition and intensity

magnifies once the tournament starts, so anything can happen. That's why it's so important to turn up your level of focus so that you're able to make sure you do your job."

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Leading goals: GVSU senior forward Ashley Elsass dribbles the ball past SVSU sophomore Haley Weingartz during Sunday's GLIAC Conference Finals. Elsass scored twice to help the Lakers shutout Saginaw 2-0 in a snowy home game.

PIGSKIN PICK 'EM

Lanthorn staff go head to head with their selections for College Football



Virginia Tech. (6-3, 3-2) at Miami (FL) (6-3, 3-2)	Randy Shannon has done a tremendous job in turning the Miami program around, win here, and the 'Canes may see a top-25 ranking at year's end. Miami 26, VT 24	The U is trying to revive their once elite program. A win in a rivalry game will help do just that. Miami 27, VT 20	If Miami used a quarterback by committee, would anyone notice? VT 17, Miami 13	What is a Hokie? Miami 21, VT 17
Minnesota (7-3, 3-3) at Wisconsin (5-5, 2-5)	Minnesota's loss to Michigan will prove to be the motivation needed to beat Wisconsin in Madison. Minnesota 31, Wisconsin 28	The Gophers lost to a bad Michigan team and it should have been worse with U of M settling for field goals. Wisconsin 30, Minnesota 17	P.J. Hill and John Clay carry the Badgers to bowl eligibility. Wisconsin 35, Minnesota 16	P.J. Hill runs for 150 yards as the Badgers claim Paul Bunyan's Axe. Wisconsin 35, Minnesota 14
Vanderbilt (5-4, 3-3) at Kentucky (6-4, 2-4)	The Kentucky offense will be too much for Vandy to overcome. Kentucky 28, Vandy 17	Both team's QB's are struggling. It could get ugly but I like the Wildcats at home. Kentucky 28, Vandy 23	Vandy continues its quest to miss a bowl game after a 5-0 start. I believe! Kentucky 35, Vandy 13	After starting the season 5-0, apparently Skip Bayless' Commodores took the rest of the season off. Kentucky 38, Vandy 14
Northwestern (7-3, 3-3) at Michigan (3-7, 2-4)	There seems to be a trend going on. Big Michigan win, disappointing loss the next week. Northwestern 28, U of M 24	I have gone back and forth a hundred times with this. Northwestern lost their RB to injury but does it really matter? Northwestern 20, U of M 16	Is Nick Sheridan the answer? No. But Northwestern is still Northwestern. U of M 24, Northwestern 23	I'm 2-0 picking against my favorite team in the Lanthorn. Not this week. U of M 4, Northwestern 3
No. 11 Ohio St. (8-2, 5-1) at Illinois (5-5, 3-3)	One word: Blowout. OSU 45, Illinois 21	The Illini have given up twice as many points (262) as OSU (130) this season. Juice Williams' 14 interceptions don't help either. OSU 38, Illinois 24	Success has Benn a long time coming for the Illini this year. Illinois 14, OSU 10	Is it legal to trade Nick Sheridan for Terrelle Pryor? Just asking. OSU 38, Illinois 17
Last Week	5-0	2-3	4-1	5-0
Record	11-4	5-10	9-6	13-2

GV wheelchair tennis competes at national championships

GVSU is only university in state to offer competitive wheelchair sport

By Brian Beaupied
GVL Sports Editor

When he was 19 years old, senior Bryan Wilkinson was in a dirt bike accident, which left him without the use of his legs

from the waist down. At 4 months old, junior Jessica Sporte was diagnosed with cancer and had one of her legs amputated. Neither of these Grand Valley State University students would let their disabilities overcome them though. Wilkinson and Sporte were instrumental in helping to start GVSU's wheelchair tennis team. GVSU is the only university in the state to offer a

competitive wheelchair sport's team. "They just want to be seen as athletes," said GVSU head coach Lynn Bender. "They didn't have a choice. That is the hand they were dealt and that is what they have to deal with." In October, the GVSU wheelchair tennis team competed at the 2008 Collegiate Wheelchair Championships alongside able-bodied players

at the ITA Small College National Championship. The event featured players from GVSU, the University of Arizona and the University of Texas at Arlington. "It was really exciting the fact that it incorporated into an able-bodied tournament," Sporte said. "A lot of people don't know about wheelchair tennis." Sporte, who is also the president of the wheelchair tennis team, won her first match before dropping her second in three sets and the final in straight sets. "Going the three sets (in the second match), that was just a huge improvement for me," Sporte said, who has been playing for only two years. Wilkinson advanced to the semifinals in the men's division before losing to a wheelchair veteran who had been playing for more than 20 years. "I did well — I played a lot better (this year)," he said. "The tournament was awesome — just a really good experience." The only difference in wheelchair tennis is players can return a serve or shot on two bounces instead of the

traditional one shot. But Wilkinson said there is more strategy involved than some may think. "We try to work circles (in the wheelchair)," he said. "It is important to stay behind the hub, or center baseline, to give players the best position to return shots." The team looks to continue expanding exposure of collegiate wheelchair tennis when it hosts a home invitational next spring. Until then, Bender will keep

the team going with a rigorous practice schedule. "They have weekly practices and can be on the court up to three other times with other wheelchair associations," she said. "We also encourage them to get into the weight room for strength and conditioning." Wilkinson said just playing might be enough of a workout. "You'll never see a wheelchair tennis player with small or flabby arms," he said. sports@lanthorn.com



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Competitive spin: The GVSU wheelchair tennis team poses with other teams at the 2008 ITA Small College National Championship.

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'Vinegar Tom' to follow England witch craze

Play about witchcraft, sexuality to come to Louis Armstrong stage

By Erika Stack
GVL Staff Writer

The 17th century witch hunts in Europe and America saw to it any woman deviating from the accepted norms of society be killed.

"Vinegar Tom," a play opening Friday, follows the story

of four women who were labeled and persecuted as "witches," simply because others saw them to be a little different.

Written by contemporary, feminist playwright Caryl

Churchill, the play explores the various forms of oppression placed on women by men at the height of the witch craze in England, said director Ben Cole, a visiting assistant professor of theater at Grand Valley State University.

The oppression included "religious intolerance and misrepresentation, (men's) misuse of power, domestic violence, (prohibited) freedom of expression and other social and sexual subjugation," he said.

A woman's sexuality

often played a major role in accusations of witchcraft. Females were considered to have insatiable sexual appetites, deeming them completely incapable of achieving purity, even though it was demanded of them. Those who were rumored to be promiscuous were accused as witches, but accusations were not limited to them. Elderly widows or women who chose not to marry were targeted as well, as they were not of any use to society as responsible wives. Essentially, they were viewed as disposable.

"Throughout the ages, society has allowed itself to be 'tricked' into various forms of oppression."

BEN COLE
GVSU ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATER

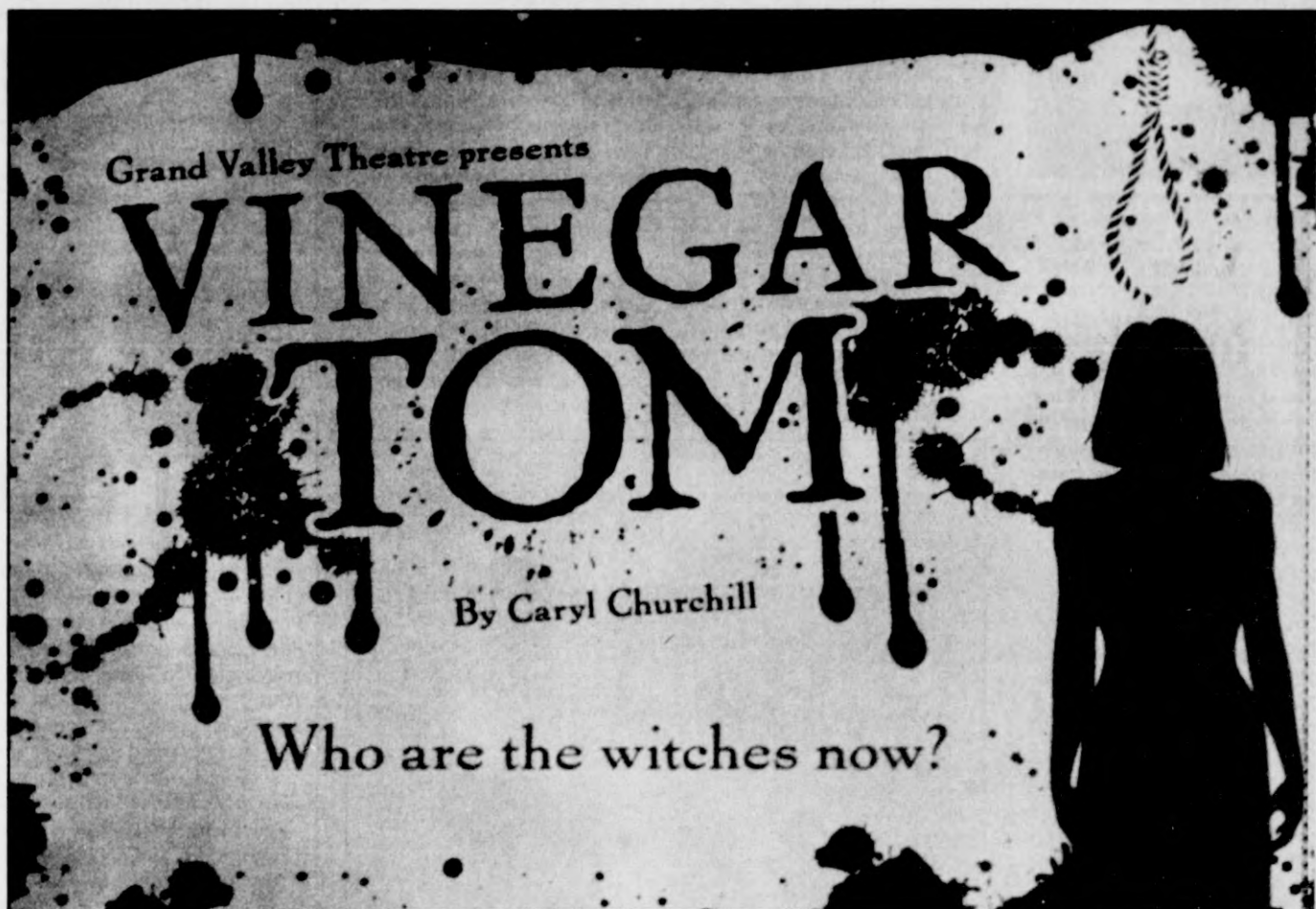
"Throughout the ages, society has allowed itself to be 'tricked' into various forms of oppression," Cole said.

But the play's serious message is presented in a uniquely comedic way, through means such as humorous

songs, sex jokes and "breaking the fourth wall" — the imaginary barrier between the actors on stage and the audience.

"There is quite a bit that is unique to the show," Cole said. "We're using several Epic Theatre techniques which will hopefully surprise and engage the audience in a number of different ways."

Senior Jeff Merrill, who will play witch-hunter Henry Packer, said the goal is to involve the audience quite often.



GVL / Pete Tabbeier

Repressed witchcraft: "Vinegar Tom," a play following the persecution of four women labeled as "witches," will open at the Louis Armstrong Theatre this weekend.

"We get out in the crowd, talk to them a little bit and make jokes with them, at them and for them," Merrill said. "It's supposed to be a little over the top."

Merrill's character is fictional, but based off a very real member of the "witch finders," a select group of men responsible for almost one-fifth of all the witch

trial deaths in Europe.

Even though Churchill's play takes place in England almost 400 years ago, and was written during the feminist movement of the '70s, the theme of inequality is still very relevant today, Cole said.

"Women and people of all religions, social classes and

sexual orientations are still persecuted every day," he said. "True equality has not been achieved. It's up to you to take action on what happens next. We are all responsible for our past, present and most importantly, how we imagine our future."

"Vinegar Tom" runs Nov. 14-15 and 20-22 at 7:30 p.m.

and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. All performances are staged in the Louis Armstrong Theatre on the Allendale Campus. Admission for students is \$6 and tickets can be purchased in the theater box office in the Performing Arts Center.

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Class project evolves into 'Bands for a Cause'

By Jessica Pawlowski
GVL Senior Reporter

Five Grand Valley State University students have arranged for four bands to rock out at the Intersection for a good cause.

Amy Clark, Evan Graham,

Jordan Huttinga, Charlie Pike and Erica Swanson are five students in professor Monica Allen's Management 345 Team Building class who were assigned to design a project to benefit the community.

Clark, Graham, Huttinga, Pike and Swanson decided

they wanted to design a benefit concert. They have been working on the project "Bands for a Cause" the entire semester.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit local food bank Second Harvest Gleaners, which provides food aid to about 400,000 residents of

West Michigan in 40 Michigan counties each year.

The team of five said they chose to donate to a food bank because of the approaching holiday season and because the concert would fall right before Thanksgiving.

Swanson contacted Second Harvest Gleaners to inform them about the benefit concert. "They were really excited about it," she said.

Members of the group said they chose to design a concert because it was something they all enjoyed.

"We thought, 'why not mix something fun with the project?'" Clark said. "We wanted to appeal to a lot of people."

Come Find the Lion, a Grand Rapids band, will be one of the groups featured in the concert. Clark knew Kelly Selden, a GVSU student and Come Find the Lion band member, and asked the band to play.

Come Find the Lion band member Zach Burger said the "Bands for a Cause" concert should appeal to a big audience.

"Hopefully a bunch of people will come out from GVSU and other places," he said. "Most of all, it's giving back to people in our community and that's what

matters."

The concert will be held at the Intersection and will also feature bands Take The City, Bishops Collar and Batteries Not Included.

Take The City is from Bay City, Mich., which Clark found on MySpace. Bishops Collar is from Clark's hometown of Port Huron, Mich. and Swanson's brother is in Batteries Not Included, which hails from Charlotte, Mich.

Clark e-mailed Scott Hammontree at the Intersection and set up a meeting to discuss the concert.

"I was really shocked at how generous they were with us," Clark said. "They were willing to do it for free because it was a good cause. They've been really helpful."

Burger said Come Find the Lion knew the concert was a benefit concert, so of course they wanted to play.

"This helps people out close to home and it's important to help out the less fortunate," he said.

"We're happy to help however we can."

Burger said he believes GVSU students will enjoy "Bands for a Cause" because it features a variety of different music. He added everyone should come regardless of their musical tastes because of its philanthropic purpose.

"We thought, 'why not mix something fun with the project?' We wanted to appeal to a lot of people."

AMY CLARK
CONCERT CO-CREATOR

"At the least, make a donation," he said. "This is going to make someone's Thanksgiving actually enjoyable, and that's important."

"Bands for a Cause" will take place on Sunday and tickets are \$5, or \$3 if you donate a canned food item. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. The Intersection is located at 133 Grandville Ave. SW.

"The more people that come the more fun it will be," Swanson said. "It's going to be awesome."

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Featured band: Come Find the Lion, a local Grand Rapids band, will play "Bands for a Cause," a benefit show designed by GVSU students Amy Clark, Evan Graham, Jordan Hugginga, Charlie Pike and Erica Swanson as a semester-long project.

'I.O.U.S.A.' provokes viewer response, targets financial fears

'I.O.U.S.A.' shows as part of Independent Lens series on Tuesday

By Dani Willcutt
GVL A&E Editor

On the first Tuesday of each month, WGUV, West Michigan's own Public Broadcasting System presents the ongoing film series: Independent Lens.

In a loose celebration of Veterans Day, the film presented Tuesday was "I.O.U.S.A."

"I.O.U.S.A." tells a story of the American economy and the deficit it has racked up.

The film's subtitle reads: "One Nation. Under Stress. In Debt," showing the film's intent to make people aware. "Are you scared now?" asked professor Greg Dimkoff after the film's showing last Tuesday.

Dimkoff, a professor of Finance at Grand Valley State University, continued by explaining this was the intent of the film, and it seemingly worked.

Directed by Patrick Creadon, the film

warns everyone of the financial meltdown the U.S. rests on the brink of catastrophe if nothing is done to counteract the policies made by our previous and current leadership.

One weakness with the film, Dimkoff said, is the documentary's failure to describe personal debt in the U.S. Instead, only the federal deficit is described in explicit detail. Unfortunately, this only answers one portion of the incoming economic crisis.

Following the film's screening was a panel discussion, lead by Shelley Irwin from WGUV, which featured the insight of Dimkoff

Dimkoff took everyone's questions and suggestions, of which there were many. For close to a half hour following the screening, Dimkoff took questions and suggestions from the audience.

One concerned and seemingly outraged audience member demanded why the government does not choose to raise taxes, a bill he felt he could foot.

Dimkoff answered with an explanation detailing the dire straights the economy would be put in if they were to be slapped with higher taxes.

And so the panel discussion continued until Irwin eventually had to stop the question and answer period due to time constraints.

I.O.U.S.A. tells a story of the American economy and the deficit it has racked up.

The screening of "I.O.U.S.A." brought out the largest number of interested viewers WGUV has seen, Irwin said.

This is relative to those who came out the screenings of films such as "Lioness" and "Chicago 10," the series' last two featured films.

The topic of the American economy is one touching on the vein of every American citizen.

The Independent Lens series features screenings of independent films, but it also brings the films "to your living room."

For example, in the first week of October, the film "Lioness" was shown

at the UICA, and is set to air on PBS later this week.

This is a factor setting "I.O.U.S.A." apart from other films in the Independent Lens series.

Since joining the Independent Lens lineup, "I.O.U.S.A." has been picked up by a different distributor, who will be airing the film on HBO in the near future.

This means, as Irwin explained, the film will not be aired on PBS.

Furthermore, HBO will be airing the film's full 90-minute version. The version screened at the UICA was only 60 minutes long.

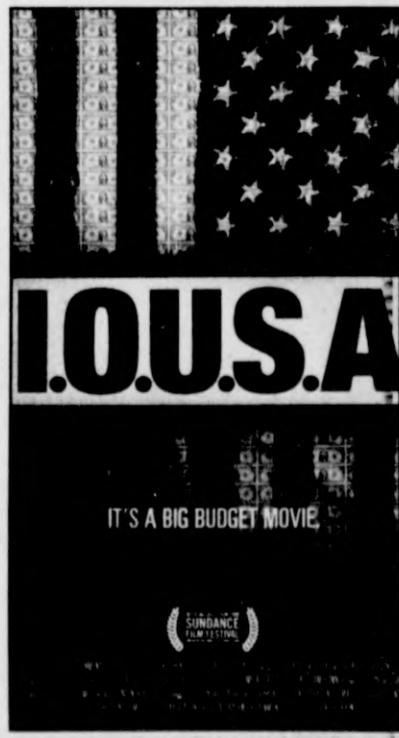
Dimkoff assured audiences they did not miss much by not seeing the 90-minute version, adding he did not notice the omitted sections.

"You saw the good part," Dimkoff said.

For more information on the film, visit <http://www.iou.sathemovie.com>.

Visit <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/> for additional information on the Independent Lens series.

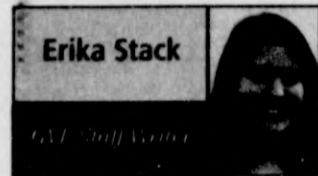
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Eye opener: "I.O.U.S.A." was aired on Tuesday.

'Role Models' offer laughs to those with a pulse



Alright, you're busy, so I'll get to the point: Find \$7, grab a friend and see "Role Models."

Fans of "Superbad" and "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" will not be disappointed. Everyone else should check their pulse if they do not find at least one thing to be hilarious at some point in the film's 99-minute run time.

If nothing else, leading actors Paul Rudd ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") and Seann William Scott ("American Pie") provide an hour and a half of some serious eye candy for anyone interested.

Best friends and co-workers Danny Donahue (Rudd) and Wheeler (Scott) are forced to choose between community service and jail time after Rudd's energy-drink-fueled meltdown goes awry. The pair is assigned to Sturdy Wings, a program that provides mentors to young people, and they are placed under the supervision of Gayle Sweeny, an ex-drug addict (Jane Lynch, "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"). After spending one day with their "little brothers," and an overzealous veteran volunteer, Wheeler and Danny decide jail may have been the easier option.

Reluctant Danny is introduced to medieval role-playing by his charge Augie Farks, who was played, much to my pleasant surprise, by Christopher Mintz-Plasse

— better known, perhaps, as McLovin' from "Superbad," the 2007 surprise-hit comedy.

Bobb'e J. Thompson steals the show playing Wheeler's "little brother" Ronnie Shields, a quick-witted boy with an appetite for women and harsh language that extends beyond his elementary-aged years.

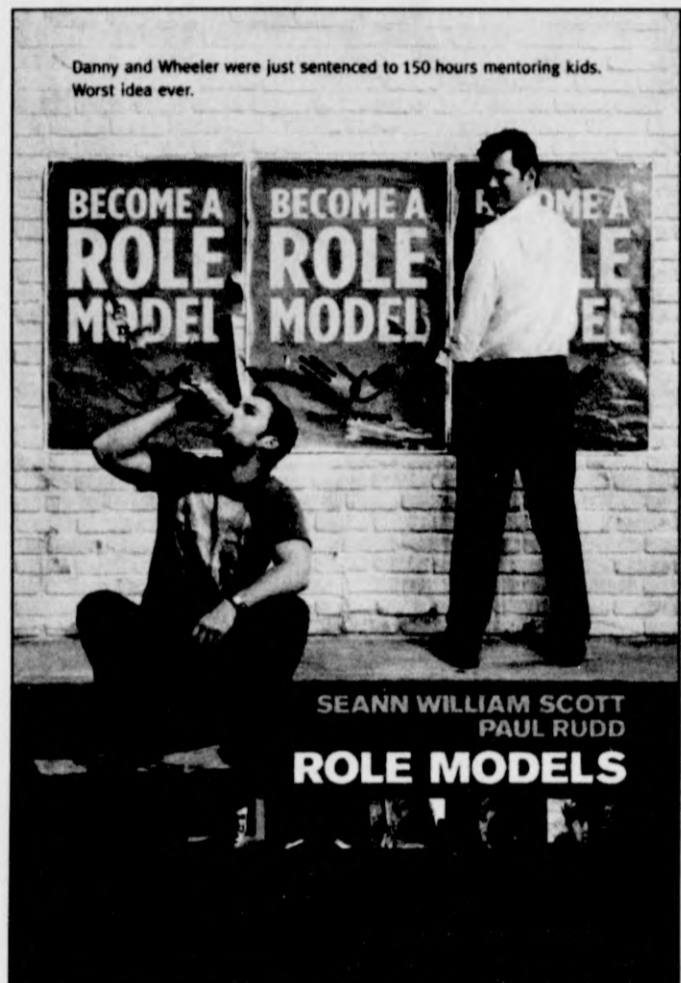
Even the obligatory "the crap has hit the fan" portion, which almost every comedy has, was easy to sit through because I had so much faith in

the movie's ability to resolve on an uproarious note.

As if this isn't motivation enough, the rock band KISS makes an appearance in more ways than just the soundtrack. And you get to listen to a campfire story about underground sex trafficking.

With the temperatures starting to drop outside, now is the perfect time to take refuge in a warm theater. "Role Models" is a great choice for your movie night.

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Dave and Doogie by Jeremy Leiter



Strange, but true

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Don't knock those trendy, oversized purses — they could save your life, as one college student found out.

Police say the contents in an oversized purse saved Elizabeth Pittenger, a 22-year-old Middle Tennessee State University student, by stopping a bullet during an attempted robbery.

Pittenger was walking to her car on campus Thursday evening when a man confronted her and demanded her purse, cell phone and laptop, university Police Chief Buddy Peaster said.

She fought the man off, but he got fired a gunshot before fleeing.

The bullet was found inside the purse, along with a calculator, umbrella and small case that had been punctured.

Pittenger was not injured. Police nearby heard the gunshot and arrested Orlando Edmiston, 20.

Officers found a .38 caliber handgun beneath a parked van.

Edmiston was charged with attempted murder, attempted armed robbery and possession of a weapon on school property.

GLEN CARBON, Ill. (AP) — This stacks up among the better finds at a Goodwill store: \$7,500 in cash stuffed in a shoebox.

A recent Bulgarian immigrant found the money during her first day on the job last week at a Goodwill near St. Louis in Glen Carbon, Ill. Teodora Petrova didn't hesitate after finding the cash with a pair of donated shoes — she turned the money over to a manager who told executives for the nonprofit charity.

The president and chief executive of the area's Goodwill organization says it's eager to find the owner of the money.

The charity figures it may

have been left with the shoes accidentally.

If the owner isn't found, Goodwill says the money will go toward the charity's job-placement efforts.

GULFPORT, Fla. (AP) — A one-eyed, three-legged dog that won the title of world's ugliest pooch this summer has died.

The St. Petersburg Times in Florida reports that Gus, a Chinese crested dog, had cancer.

He was 9. Gus was rescued from a bad home and went on to win the annual World's Ugliest Dog contest at the Sonoma-Marine Fair in northern California.

Gus came from humble origins. According to the fair, his adopted family in Gulfport, Fla., rescued him after learning he was being kept in a crate inside someone's garage.

He had one leg amputated because of a skin tumor and lost an eye in a cat fight.

Gus' owner had said the prize money from the contest would be put toward the dog's radiation treatment.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Librarians shook out their buns and dusted off their dancing shoes to compete in the Wisconsin Book Cart Drill Team competition.

The Baraboo Bookers took first prize Friday at the Wisconsin Library Association's annual conference.

Teams of librarians created short choreographed dances and rocked out with their book carts.

The Baraboo Public Library team danced to the rock 'n' roll classic "Born to be Wild" with four carts and a dolly.

They competed against the Mad City truckers, graduate students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison who used an Indiana Jones-themed routine.

The Baraboo team advances to the national competition in Chicago next summer and also gets a \$250 gift certificate.

ESCANABA, Mich. (AP) — Some Escanaba high school students are upset that a map in their history textbook appears to exclude Michigan's Upper Peninsula from the borders of the United States.

A map showing the spread of women's suffrage in the Michigan edition of "United States History: Modern America" colors the U.P. white like the void surrounding the continental United States.

Michigan's Lower Peninsula is shaded light blue.

The map identifies states by their postal codes; the U.P. is designated "IL," for Illinois — which has no label.

The Daily Press of Escanaba reports the students wrote to the textbook publisher asking the company to correct the map.

Student Jack Klim called the misprinted map "a little bit degrading" and said it made him feel "un-American."

DALLAS (AP) — The pastor of a mega-church says he will challenge married congregants during his sermon Sunday to have sex for seven straight days.

And he plans to practice what he preaches.

"We're going to give it a try," said the Rev. Ed Young.

The Reverend has four children with his wife of 26 years.

Young, 47, said he believes society promotes promiscuity and he wants to reclaim sex for married couples.

Sex should be a nurturing, spiritual act that strengthens marriages, he said.

Young said he will deliver his seven-day sex challenge while sitting on a bed in front of his Dallas-area church campus.

WEEKEND DIVERSIONS

Friday

- "Darfur Now" at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center Big Screen Theater
- Chiodos with Silverstein, Escape the Fate at 5:30 p.m. at the Orbit Room
- Grand Rapids Ballet Company presents: "The Tempest" at 7:30 p.m. at the Peter Martin Wege Theatre, also Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.
- Enter the Haggis — Free Celtic rock concert at 8 p.m. in Cook-DeWitt
- Duke Ellington Orchestra — GR Symphony's Pops Series at 8 p.m. in the DeVos Performance Hall, also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Saturday

- Free Raku Workshop (Learn to make ceramics) at 10 a.m. in the Calder Art Center
- Otep, Ill Nino and Walls of Jericho at 6:30 p.m. at the Intersection
- Une Voix Piano Duo at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church in Grand Rapids
- Nine Inch Nails at 8 p.m. at Van Andel Arena
- Glean Infusion at 9 p.m. at the Sazerac Lounge

Sunday

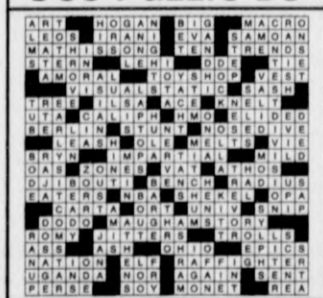
- "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center Big Screen Theater
- New Music Ensemble at 8 p.m. in the Large Dance Studio in the PAC
- LAKE with Desolation Wilderness at 8 p.m. at the DAAC

New to theaters this weekend:

- "Quantum of Solace"
- "Slumdog Millionaire"

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Nominate deserving students for "I am Grand Valley"! Please visit www.gvsu.edu/iamgv for more information about the "I am Grand Valley" campaign and to complete the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until November 24. Please direct any questions to iamgv@gvsu.edu.

Turn off the lights, put the computer on sleep mode, buy Energy Star appliances. Do your part to use less energy. Watch for Facility Service's tips in the Lanthorn. Helping Grand Valley save on energy costs.

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LOST & FOUND

Missing car keys? Found class notes or a student ID? Advertise with us at 331-2460 and let the Lanthorn help you find what you're missing.

OPPORTUNITIES

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Want to do some free advertising? Students and staff can submit classifieds online at www.lanthorn.com.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Looking for up-to-date news and events? Look no further! Come check us out on the web at www.lanthorn.com. If your student organization has something to say, post it with us! We keep you informed. For contact information feel free to e-mail lanthorn@gvsu.edu or call 616-331-2460.

WEATHER OR NOT

Super Crossword

ACROSS	47 "Stroker" — ('83 film)	99 Part of UCLA	3 Symbol — nibs	43 Bathroom fixture	88 Weaken
1 Collectibles, collectively	48 Prepared to propose	100 Cut a cuticle	5 Hosp. areas	44 Hwy.	91 Match
4 "Crocodile Dundee" star	50 Actress Hagen	101 Extinct bird	6 Sheffield slammer	45 STORM	93 Singer Eartha
9 "The — Hurt" ('59 hit)	51 Muslim title	102 RAIN	7 Frank or Francis	49 TV's "Empty —"	96 "Lucky Jim" author
12 Word form for "large"	53 Medical grp.	106 Actress Schneider	8 "One of These —" ('75 hit)	51 Security grp.	98 "Comin' — the Rye"
17 Composer Janacek	55 Left out	107 Heebie-jeebies setting	9 Wager	52 A shake in the grass?	100 Successful dieters
19 Persian, presently	58 "Cabaret" setting	108 Folklore figures	10 "— had it!"	54 Draft status	101 Medical measure
20 Zsa Zsa's sister	60 Feat.	111 Burro	11 '82 Attention-borough film	56 Malicious	103 Pericles' home
21 Mead subject	62 Sudden decline	112 Gray matter?	12 Damage	57 Legal document	104 Guru's home
22 MISTY	64 Rover's restraint	113 Annie Oakley's birthplace	13 Soul, to Sartre	59 Actor Cariou	105 Director Nicolas
24 Perfect score	66 Barcelona bravo	116 Impressive tales	14 HEAT	61 Novocaine target	106 "... the mouse — the clock"
25 Statistical foci	67 Turns soft	118 Big name in temperance	15 Salad veggie	63 — podrida	107 Novotna of tennis
26 Vessel part	68 Compete	121 Sprite	16 Attack	65 Suggestion	109 Metric measure
27 Utah city	69 — Mawr	124 HURRI-CANE	18 — Tuesday	67 Robert of "Ryan's Daughter"	110 Tantrum
29 SHAEF commander	71 FAIR	127 Kampala's country	21 Football	69 Augur	114 Othello's ensign
31 Fasten a brogue	74 Like May	128 Scand. country	23 Calvary inscription	70 Punjabi prince	115 In the twinkling — eye
32 Lacking principles	75 W. Hemisphere grp.	129 Once more	28 Bit	72 Chow —	117 Mile., farther south
35 Kid heaven	76 Torrid and Frigid	130 Faxed	30 Hook up with Mir	73 Gets what one basks for	119 Office-holders
38 Unisex garment	78 Napa Valley vessel	131 Intrinsically	33 Indians and Indonesians	74 '60s chic	120 Lyric poem
39 SNOW	79 Porthos' pal	132 — milk	34 Soothe	76 Bernardo's boss	122 London lavatory
42 Pageant prop	82 Neighbor of Ethiopia	133 "The Haystacks" artist	36 Marina sight	77 Force out	123 Fish babies
43 Word with farm or frog	84 Park feature	134 Stephen of "The Crying Game"	37 Watch part	80 Claire of "Key Largo"	125 "Pshaw!"
46 "Casa-blanca" character	86 Half the diameter	90 Shaq's pack	38 Sound	81 "2001" computer	126 Bankbook abbr.
	89 Diner patrons	92 Israeli coin	40 Sale stipulation	83 Like some eyes	
	91 — Locka, FL	94 — Magna —	41 Some computers	84 Freighter	
	95 Magna —	97 Terrier's tidbit	42 '92 US Open champ	85 Coop crowd	
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			1 Charity		
			2 Range rope		

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Tours carry passengers over the Grand River in 19th century white, Vis-à-vis horse-drawn carriages. Tours are available on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 11 p.m. Carriages can be found on the corner of Monroe Avenue and Lyon Street near the Grand Center and DeVos Place. Carriages hold four to six passengers and rates are \$40 for a half hour and \$70 for an hour. Call (616) 893-4984 for more information.

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Fifth Third Holiday Pops
The Grand Rapids Symphony's annual holiday concert will feature the Symphony Chorus, Youth Chorus, a visit from Santa, audience sing-along and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus finale. Part of the Fox Motors Pops Series, concerts are Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and finally Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. in the DeVos Performance Hall. Visit <http://www.grsymphony.org/> for ticket information

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The classic seasonal favorite returns to Grand Rapids Dec. 12 through Dec. 21. "The Nutcracker" features the Grand Rapids Ballet Company with a cast of more than 100 and Tchaikovsky's score as performed by the Grand Rapids Symphony. Visit <http://www.grballet.com/> for performance dates and ticket information.

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