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University considers adding two new majors

Comprehensive science and arts for teaching, special education certification pending approval from trustees

By Derek Wolff
GVL Staff Writer

Grand Valley State University is set to add two new education majors for the fall of 2010, pending the approval of the Board of Trustees.

A new comprehensive science and arts for teaching major, as well as a special education certification major are in the works for next fall semester. In the winter of 2008, Michigan legislature proposed statewide changes for special education teaching, which need to be effective by 2012. These new majors would represent GVSU's transition plan for implementing these policies.

Both majors are up for approval in July. The majority of courses for each already exist, with the exception of a proposed SAT 495 Science and Arts for Elementary Classrooms capstone class.

The faculty is confident the majors will draw enough interest from existing and new students. GVSU's new special education major will be the only dual-endorsement program within the state. This will enable students to have the credentials to teach both regular education and special education when they graduate, making them invaluable for the education market.

Special education professor Barbara Lubic has spent 25 years within the field of special education and understands the value of GVSU's new program.

"It's a nice, comprehensive new major," Lubic said. "It will offer students a little bit of everything; they'll be able to teach math, English, science and history, and that will give them a strong foundation."

From the administration side, both majors have the potential to be successful and attract both new and existing students. President Thomas

Haas exuberated confidence when discussing the importance of interest in continuing special education, particularly among the new students who will join the ranks next fall.

"It's an important major for education students," Haas said. "I think incoming freshmen who think of special education as their 'calling' will really see this as a great opportunity."

The faculty within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has worked hard to push the new majors into prominent positions since meeting a few months ago to discuss the reforms needed. Professor David Coffey helped move the comprehensive science and arts major through GVSU's governance process and cited CLAS associate dean Jann Joseph's efforts to create the capstone for the course.

"We are hopeful about (CSAT's) chances and are in the process of gearing up for this coming fall 2010," Coffey said.

Haas cited the faculty's drive to this current point and efforts to make the new majors work.

"I'm very pleased with what the faculty has created," he said.

"The Academic Affairs Committee is excited about it as well, since it shows our adaptability and flexibility in adjusting to meet the changes for education in Michigan."

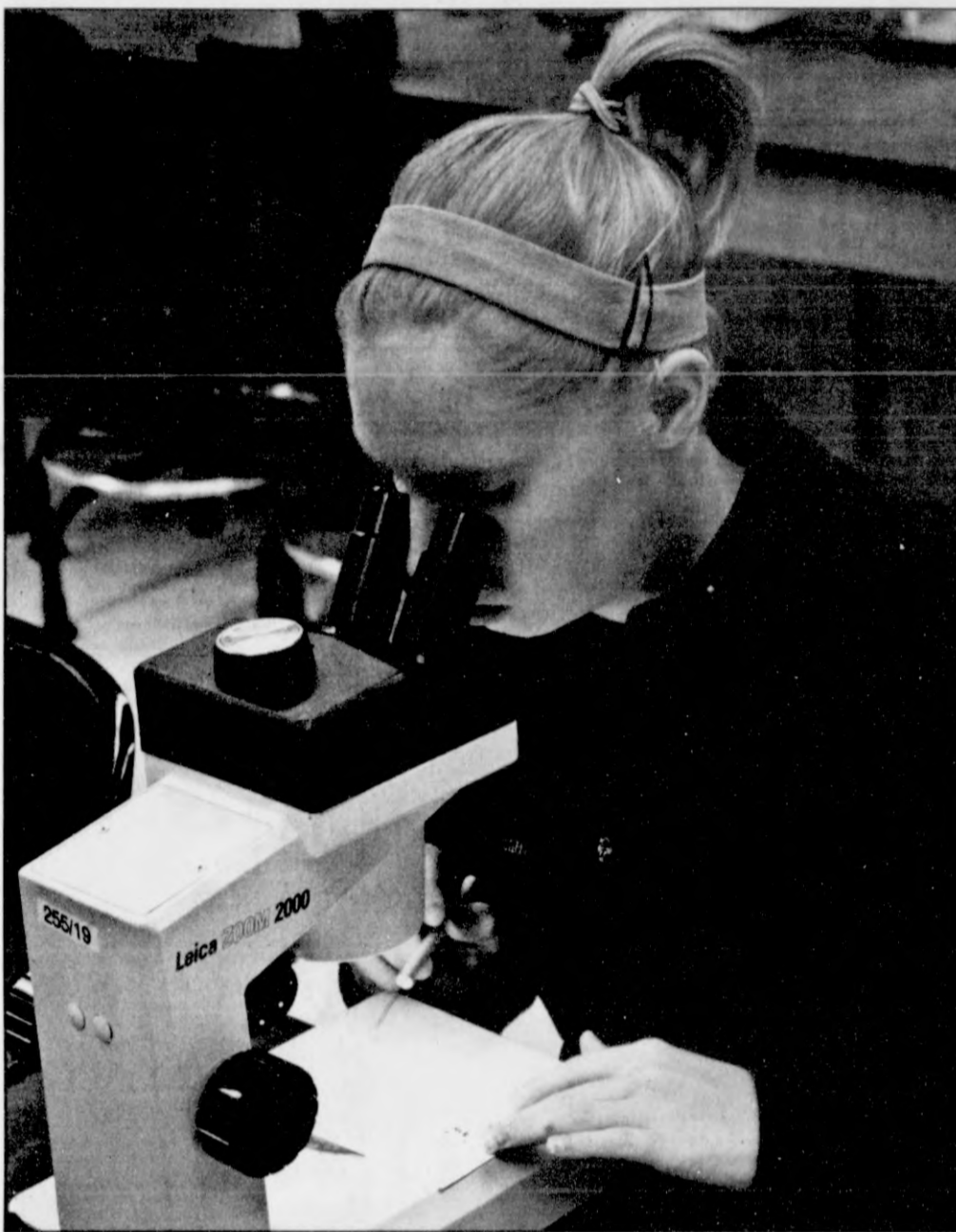
Both of the new majors are expected to offer students interested in education a comprehensive, contemporary approach to teaching and provide the tools for an excellent résumé upon graduation. Administrators believe the dual-enrollment policy especially should attract students with a passion for special education to broaden their horizons.

While the prospects for the new majors remain hopeful, the ultimate decision on their fates will be decided in July. If they are passed, classes will be available on GVSU's MyBanner in August.

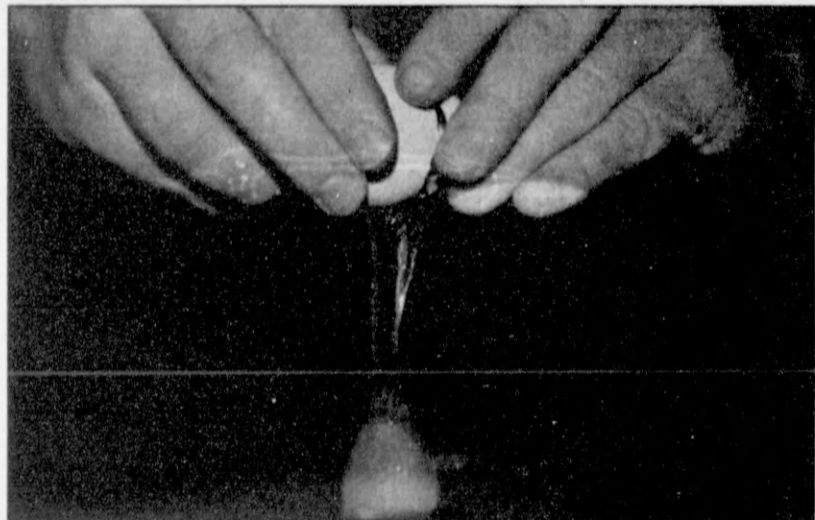
"(Those) who think of special education as their calling will really see this as a great opportunity."

THOMAS HAAS
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The proposed addition of the comprehensive science and arts for teaching major and special education certification major would open up new opportunities for incoming freshmen seeking a career in education. The majors go up for approval in July at the next Board of Trustees meeting.



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GVSU's Campus Dining is the first in the state of Michigan to use cage-free eggs.

Campus Dining first in state to use only cage-free eggs

By Chelsea Lane
GVL News Editor

At 7:30 a.m. Monday, Grand Valley State University's Fresh Food Company cracked open its

very first cage-free egg. By the fall 2010 semester, GVSU will be the first university in Michigan to use only cage-free eggs in its on-campus dining facilities.

The Humane Society of GVSU had lobbied Campus Dining to make the switch to cage-free eggs since September 2009 and launched a campus-wide petition in February of this year.

Free-range and other cage-free barn systems vary widely in design and state-by-state requirements but generally allow birds to move about more freely than with traditional battery caging systems. Free-range hens live outdoors or have outdoor access, while barn system hens are provided with nest boxes and litter or sand for foraging, dustbathing and scratching.

Marketing manager for Campus Dining Deb Rambadt said dining recently committed to using cage-free eggs following a HSGVSU presentation at a March 30 management meeting.

"The Campus Dining management team looked into

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Migrant work inspires prof

By Samantha Butcher
GVL Senior Reporter

Overcrowded, unsanitary living conditions are an unchangeable obstacle for many migrant workers in Michigan, something Grand Valley State University Spanish professor Natalia Gómez is working to change.

A board member of the Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project since 2001, Gómez said the issue had intrigued her since she came to West Michigan. After meeting a board member of the MMLAP and visiting a labor camp in Traverse City, the interest transformed into a passion.

"It became something I really believe I have to do," she said. "I didn't have any doubts that I wanted to be a part of it."

A 2010 report issued by the the Michigan Civil Rights Commission last month estimated there are almost 91,000 migrant and seasonal workers in the U.S. Michigan's migrant workers farm almost 58 percent of the \$6.69 billion worth of crops Michigan produces each year, but they continue to live and work in destitute conditions.

"Alternative housing is typically not available to migrant farmworkers, as their poverty, the rural location of their work sites and the short duration of their stay in a given area make traditional housing impractical or unattainable," the report read.

The treatment of migrant workers, especially children, is a huge embarrassment, Gómez said.

"We're always concerned about human rights in other countries, but we need to look at ourselves too," she said. "To me it's not acceptable for a child

under 12 to be working long hours in unsafe conditions."

Gómez brings the issue into her classroom, inviting speakers and taking students in her Latino Civilization and Culture class to visit migrant camps in Kent County. She said she hopes the experiences will make her students more open minded.

"It's so difficult to see that they don't have the minimum conditions that they should," she

said. "Students are bewildered, trying to understand how these conditions can be legal. They want to know how they can help."

One student especially touched by Gómez's passion is James Schmidt, who took her Composition and Conversation II class in the fall of 2007. Schmidt, who studied legal studies and Spanish at GVSU, now works as a paralegal with the MMLAP.

"I think she's a great professor," he said. "I was taking Spanish just to satisfy my

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Migrant workers farm 58 percent of \$6.69 billion in crops farmed each year.

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local, sustainable resources, cost differences and social concerns," Rambadt said. "...The group openly discussed the opportunity. The decision to switch to cage-free eggs was made at that time."

Rambadt added Fresh Food Company has already begun using cage-free eggs, while the remaining dining centers will follow shortly.

"Campus Dining is planning a full implementation of cage-free eggs beginning fall 2010 to coincide with the opening of the new academic year," she said.

Rambadt added Campus Dining will continue using its current egg supplier, Aramark, to purchase the cage-free eggs, which cost approximately three times the price of the regular eggs

the university currently purchases.

HSGVSU President Lena Spadacene said the prospect of being the first completely cage-free university in Michigan was a key motivator in dining's decision.

"Some universities had been considering it but hadn't gone 100 percent cage-free yet," she said. "So that seemed to be a huge incentive was for Grand Valley to be the first one."

Spadacene said the next step for HSGVSU and dining will be obtaining the eggs in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

"We're also looking to get cage-free eggs within 150 food miles, so we're really trying to double the sustainability aspect of it," she said. "Not only would we be able to get cage-free eggs that would be from a more sustainable method

of farming, but we'd also be able to cut down on gas when it comes to the price and we'd also be able to cut down on the pollution that it takes to ship the product to our university ... No matter what sector of an institution, there's always ways to be more sustainable and more humane."

Spadacene said she believes the move to cage-free eggs has been a huge step forward for GVSU and a "big win" from the humanity aspect as well as the sustainability aspect.

"So we're going to take some time to really congratulate Grand Valley on this decision and support them in this transition," Spadacene said. "Then we look forward to working with them in the future on exploring any other options out there."

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language requirement and she really motivated me to really want to learn it. She gave me a kick in the behind to really learn the language and become fluent instead of just sitting in class."

Schmidt said he was inspired after the organization's director gave his class a presentation about migrant workers' conditions.

"Hearing that the average family of four only makes \$8,500 a year and seeing photos of the conditions,

I was kind of moved," he said. "I felt like I could contribute."

He began volunteering with MMLAP, which eventually led to an internship and a job. Students such as Schmidt illustrate the impact Gómez has had.

"We have a philosophy of goals at Grand Valley," she said. "We want to shape the lives of our students and educate them to be critical thinkers. This brings reality to my classroom."

Although her second term as a board member will end this summer,

Gómez's passion will not. The April 2009 Professor of the Month said she plans to continue working with the organization and bringing attention to the issue in her classroom.

"I want to believe it will make (my students) better human beings," she said. "I hope it will shape their lives in a way to better think about critical issues across the world, be open to diverse ideas, and understand that to make a point, you have to research and know the ins and outs of an issue."

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Student entrepreneurs in regional competition

Today, top student entrepreneurs from seven local colleges and universities will compete at the Regional Business Plan competition at Davenport University, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This inaugural competition will bring together students from Grand Valley State University, Aquinas, Calvin, Cornerstone, Davenport, Hope and Grand Rapids Community College. The participants are all first places winners from each respective institution.

The top winner will receive \$3,000 and an in-kind package from area service providers designed to outfit the business with everything it needs to get started. The second place winner will receive \$1,500, and the third place winner will receive \$1,000.

The judges for the program include Lance Tennant, senior vice president of new business development at Cascade Engineering, Daniel S. Barcheski, founder and CEO of Axios Inc. and Catherine Ettinger, partner and president of Foxbright.

The event, sponsored by West Michigan Colleges and Universities Group, is free and open to the public.

Faculty/staff excellence series

Today from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Dee Ann Sherwood-Bosworth, director of intercultural training, will hold a workshop titled "Excellence Series, Respect in the Global Workplace."

The aim of the event is to place emphasis on the act of respect in an increasingly fast-paced and diverse work place. Respect in Global Workplace is a 90-minute, interactive, multi-media workshop for faculty and staff where participants will discuss how cultural differences may impact how we perceive ourselves and each other, as well as how we define respect.

Participants will explore the workplace impact of disrespect as well as the benefits of creating a culture of respect that values differences and similarities.

The event will take place at Kirkhof Center, room 2263.

Faculty and staff are required to register online at <http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar>. For questions, contact human resources at hro@gvsu.edu.

Child sexual abuse and trauma course

On Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be an all-day course on "Child Sexual Abuse and Trauma: Treatment with Vulnerable Populations."

The course will explore the treatment of childhood sexual abuse and the impact it has on children and their families.

The aim is for people to learn about dynamics that place some families at greater risks as well as elements that contribute to secret keeping.

Finally, attendees will have the opportunity to learn treatment strategies and specific interventions to facilitate recovery and promote long-term safety for children and their families.

The cost is \$75 and includes training materials, refreshments and 6 1/2 clock hours approved for social work continuing education.

The Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative has approved the program.

For more information, e-mail bateman@gvsu.edu.

Tuition deadline for summer approaches

The tuition deadline for the spring/summer 2010 semester is April 30.

The application for spring/summer financial aid is available on GVSU's Financial Aid Web site.

Awards banquet recognizes GV's most outstanding students

By Lauren Fitch
GVL Managing Editor

More than 100 of Grand Valley State University's most outstanding students gathered in the Grand River Room of Kirkhof Center on Monday to receive awards recognizing their leadership, contributions to campus and academic achievement.

The annual awards banquet honors students from each academic department as well as recognizing a select group of student leaders for the Thomas M. Seykora award, Kenneth R. Venderbush award and the most prestigious Glenn A. Niemeyer awards.

Student body president Autumn Trombka, majoring in chemistry and criminal justice, received the 32nd annual Kenneth R. Venderbush award.

"I'm really excited to receive it," Trombka said. "Receiving any prestigious award at the university level will stand out on a resume whether for a job or grad school."

The Venderbush award is for seniors who have made a significant contribution

to student life, whether through student organizations, athletics or participation on different committees. Faculty and student organizations make nominations and then the top three candidates are interviewed by a panel who decides the final winner.

Trombka said the event was wonderfully put together, and she enjoyed seeing so many great students on campus recognized together.

Recipients of the Glenn A. Niemeyer awards must be seniors or graduate students who have maintained at least a 3.7 GPA, show a joy of learning and participate in extracurricular activities.

This year, Donna St. Louis and Ashley Wiseman were selected as the undergraduate students who best fit the bill. Erin Pinkster earned the Outstanding Graduate Student Niemeyer award as the only graduate student this semester with a 4.0 GPA.

Faculty are also eligible for a Niemeyer award as John Gabrosek, associate professor of statistics, and Harinder Singh, professor of economics,

were honored for their work.

Seven students received the Thomas M. Seykora awards for outstanding contribution: Gregory Copeland, Sergio Gonzalez, Keyuana Rosemond, Branden Stewart, Michael Stoll, Sharita Williamson and Jenny Whalen.

In addition to an introduction by University Provost Gayle Davis, Rev. John De Boer also addressed the outstanding students and their parents and guests with words of wisdom for staying motivated.

De Boer advised students to respect the person in the mirror, serve others, utilize their cheering section, stay true to their core values and count their blessings.

Of the departmental awards, senior Katie Freeman earned recognition from the German department. The faculty in each department chose one student from each major to receive the Departmental Honors award. Recipients must be seniors and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

"It was definitely complimentary," Freeman said. She went on to explain

her passion for German. "German classes feel different than other classes. It's its own world. The classes don't feel as much like busy work; the professors make it more interesting and more fun."

Mary Spalding, administrative assistant in the Academic Advising Center, helped coordinate each department's nominations.

"It's such a nice event to come together," Spalding said. "It's really a nice honor to say 'wow, you've worked really hard.'"

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Autumn Trombka received the Kenneth R. Venderbush Award for student service Monday during the awards banquet.

Changes made to faculty health care plans

GVSU employees will now cover 20 percent of total health care costs, up from previous 10 percent

By Dan Michniewicz
GVL Web Managing Editor

In anticipation of cuts in public funding for benefits received by public employees, Grand Valley State University is altering its employee health care plan.

Under the new plan, GVSU employees—including faculty, staff and even President Thomas Haas—will pay for roughly 20 percent of the total cost of their health insurance. Employees will also choose from three new plan options: a preferred provider organization plan (PPO), an HMO through Priority Health and a high deductible PPO with a health savings account.

"Things change in the medical world, and it caught up with us just like everyone else," said Scott Richardson, associate vice president of human resources.

Richardson added the university is "putting pressure on all of us to cut our costs."

Currently, employees pay for about 10 percent of their health care benefits while the university pays the remainder, roughly 90 percent. Until five years ago, employees only paid about 3 percent.

GVSU expects the changes to save more than \$38 million during the next five years.

The Benefits Committee designed the plan after bringing in consultants, considering other universities' plans and discussing the matter with members of faculty and staff governance, who realize ever-decreasing state funding would eventually force universities and their employees into making some concessions.

"We knew changes are coming," said Donijo Robbins, chair of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee.

Instead of opposing those changes, Robbins said she and other faculty asked,

"Why don't we get ahead of this and work with the administration?"

Dave Smith, director of the Benefits Committee, said the high deductible plan with a health savings account was a key element to the plan.

Health savings accounts allow employees to save for health expenses on a tax-free basis.

"From a long-term sustainability standpoint, we think that's the way to go," Smith said.

If given final approval by the Board of Trustees at its April 30 meeting, the changes will take effect on January 1, 2011.

GVSU is not the only university ahead of the game. Michigan State University, the only remaining Big Ten school still promising newly hired faculty retiree health care benefits, will cease to do so July 1.

Both GVSU's and MSU's changes followed actions taken by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Speaker of the House Andy Dillon.

Dillon, a Democratic candidate for governor, has proposed reducing the amount of taxpayer dollars paying for state employees' health care and shifting more of the burden on the employees themselves. Neither the House nor the Senate has acted on his proposal.

Granholm introduced reforms in February that seek to remove barriers preventing employees of public entities, including local governments, school districts and universities, from participating in the same health care plans provided to state employees.

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"Things change in the medical world, and it caught up with us just like everyone else."

SCOTT RICHARDSON
GVSU ASSOCIATE
VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN
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Campus Health Center nurse Patty Feenstra gives a flu shot to a patient. Because of cuts in public funding for benefits received by public employees, GVSU is altering its health care plan so employees must now pay 20 percent of total medical costs.

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Census seeks data from off-campus residents

Allendale census return rate rests at 72 percent

By Jenny Whalen
GVL Editor in Chief

Representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau have started to knock on the doors of Allendale's off-campus apartment complexes in an effort to encourage students who have not returned their 2010 census forms to do so immediately.

As of Wednesday, Allendale Township had a 72 percent return rate, according to the Census Take 10 Web site.

Although forms are still being counted, neighboring townships are posting return rates 10-12 percentage points higher than that of Allendale.

Pat McDonnell, a partnership specialist with the Census Bureau's Grand Rapids office, said this disparity is largely the fault of students living in off-campus apartments either filling out their forms incorrectly or failing to return the forms altogether.

McDonnell said she and other representatives of the census will continue visiting off-campus apartment complexes throughout the

month but time is running out for Grand Valley State University students to be counted in Allendale.

While May 1 is the official follow-up date, MacDonnell said this presents a problem, as many GVSU students will have vacated their Allendale residences by this date.

Jerry Alkema, Allendale Township supervisor, said it is critical students living in Allendale be counted as township residents as they represent a large part of the population.

"Funding is the biggest issue," Alkema said. "The federal government distributes funding on a population basis. Businesses look at our demographics and we consider population when adding infrastructure such as parks, sidewalks and libraries."

Each individual accounts for about \$1,000 in federal

funds. If students living in Allendale fail to report their residence in the township, Alkema said early estimates show the township would lose out on more than \$10,000 in the next 10 years.

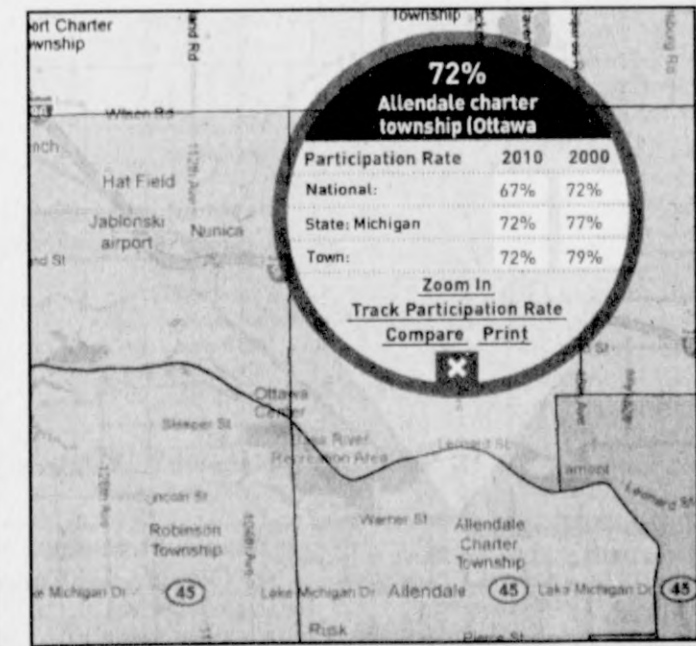
Since the 2000 census, Alkema said Allendale has had a 45 percent increase

in population, largely due to the growing student body at GVSU.

As the census is only done every 10 years, Alkema said the township has been unable to secure sufficient federal funding to match this population growth.

McDonnell reminds students that while they may graduate or leave Allendale this summer, someone will return in their place at the start of the new academic year, so it is important that Allendale's census data reflect the area's population during the fall and winter semesters.

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Allendale's neighbors are posting 10-12 percent higher return rates.

If students do not live with parents for the majority of the school year, they must report their permanent residence as the address at which they live during the school year.
The 2000 census participation rate for Allendale Township was 79 percent.
If 100 percent of households mail back their forms, taxpayers would save \$1.5 billion.

Tomb protest turns deadly in Indonesia's capital

By Chris Blake
Associated Press Writer

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Protesters wielding machetes, sticks and petrol bombs clashed with riot police in a series of running battles Wednesday over a Muslim cleric's tomb near the Indonesian capital's main seaport, leaving two people dead and some 130 wounded. Some of the injuries were severe, including an officer who had his stomach slashed

and another whose hand was chopped off. It was Jakarta's worst civil unrest in years. About 2,000 city security officers and 600 police used tear gas, rubber bullets, water cannons and batons to beat back the protesters near the seaport of Tanjung Priok in northern Jakarta, city spokesman Cucu Kurnia said. Police estimated the number of protesters at 500. The demonstrators threw rocks and petrol bombs, setting fire to at least five

police vehicles and destroying dozens of others. An Associated Press photographer saw several protesters beaten by police and dragged away bleeding, including teenagers. Fist fights broke out and burning tires and cars sent a cloud of black smoke over the port. The protesters believed city officials were trying to remove the tomb of an Arab cleric who helped spread Islam in North Jakarta in the 18th century. The tomb is located on land owned by the state-run seaports operator Pelindo II. The area is home to many squatters. Two people were killed in the clashes and the death toll could increase, deputy national police spokesman Col. Zaenuri Lubis told reporters late Wednesday. The demonstration began in the morning when hundreds of security officials showed up near the tomb with excavators. Kurnia denied the tomb was the target, saying the city wanted to remove illegal squatters nearby. "We did not intend to demolish the tomb, but we want to evict the illegal



Indonesian protesters manhandle a police officer during a clash in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Wednesday.

settlements. In fact, the local government wanted to preserve or restore the tomb," Kurnia said.

The protesters believed otherwise and attacked city officials, sparking running battles that lasted several hours. A second round of intense fighting broke out hours later outside the hospital where the wounded had been taken. By nightfall the clashes had stopped, but the situation was still tense. Protesters maintained control of the area around the tomb and some 500 security forces had to be evacuated to a nearby police station by boat because leaving by road would have likely led to more clashes, said Bambang Ervan, a spokesman at the transportation ministry. Just after midnight, several hundred protesters set fire to

five security vehicles parked outside the hospital, Metro TV reported. The flare-up came a short time after senior government and police officials visited the hospital. Kurnia said authorities were surprised by the response of those living near the tomb.

"The mass anger was horrible and beyond our expectation for what was a simple case."

CUCU KURNIA
JAKARTA CITY SPOKESMAN

anger was horrible and beyond our expectation for what was a simple case," he said.

long history of vandalizing, nightspots, hurling stones, and torching buildings belonging to rival groups or sects it considers heretical.

Jakarta police chief Maj. Gen. Wahyono, who uses a single name, said 130 people were wounded, including 79 security forces. Kurnia said seven were in critical condition, including a security officer who had his stomach slashed open with a machete, and another whose hand was cut off. Kurnia accused people upset over the land dispute of misleading people and using their religious beliefs to stir up violence.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono expressed concern and regret over the clashes and ordered an investigation. He also called on Jakarta's governor to meet all parties involved and put any evictions in the area on hold until a solution can be reached.

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EDITORIAL

Discrimination denial

The current federal policy prohibiting gay and bisexual men from donating blood is a discriminatory one that must be repealed at the earliest possible date.

The policy, which was adopted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1983, defers any men who have had sex with other men at any time since 1977 as potential blood donors.

The FDA justifies this policy with the statistic that men who have sex with other men are, as a group, at an increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and other infections that can be transmitted by transfusion.

However, by assuming an individual would knowingly donate blood when HIV positive, we must also assume that same individual would lie on the donor questionnaire in order to donate the same HIV positive blood.

While it is hoped everyone answers the questionnaire truthfully and at-risk individuals can be deferred prior to donation, the only real assurance the FDA can give to the safety of its blood donations rests in the accuracy of the 14 tests* administered prior to transfusion.

Regardless of its source, blood donations must be tested for HIV. Although pre-screening donors can reduce the likelihood of receiving infected blood, it does not eliminate the possibility, as a heterosexual woman unknowingly infected with HIV cannot be considered less likely to donate than a gay man.

It is not gay sex that threatens the blood supply, but rather unsafe sex; and if the 1,641,946 births to unmarried women in the U.S. reported by the CDC this past year is any indication of America's safe sex practices, the nation does indeed have a problem.

Some 4.5 million Americans would die each year without receiving blood transfusions. With a population of more than 300 million, of which only 5 percent donate blood on a yearly basis*, the U.S. cannot afford to limit its blood supply on the basis of sexual orientation.

*Statistics taken from Blood Centers of the Pacific

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Benefits of reparative therapy for LGBT community

Friday is the Day of Silence. Thousands of people will stay silent throughout the day to raise awareness of the hateful and discriminatory treatment that LGBT receive every day ... Even as LGBT use silence to raise awareness of hate and discrimination, the APA has done its best to silence those who oppose their political agenda regarding homosexuality, namely those who endorse, practice, and support reparative therapy. Currently, the APA claims reparative therapy lacks sufficient scientific research, and has strong potential to harm its patients

along with reinforcing negative stereotypes. These statements are simply not true. The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality has compiled a booklet documenting the extensive research and practice of reparative therapy. In 2006, a Guttman analysis was performed by a LGBT supporter on the reparative therapy research and found that there is strong statistical evidence that reparative therapy is effective. Furthermore, no study has revealed any systematic negative effects for its patients. On the contrary,

even failed attempts have been associated with positive effects for the patient. The APA is now holding a double standard when dealing with homosexuality. It decries the supposed lack of research on reparative therapy, but fully endorses gay-affirming therapeutic techniques, which have even less supporting scientific research than reparative therapy ... We help no one by replacing one hate and discrimination with another.

Nathan Ruark
GVSU student

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YOUR INSIGHTS

If you could add a major to GVSU, what would it be?



"Public health because the health field is booming in Michigan and there is a need for more public health professionals."

Alec Gilbert
Biomedical Science
Junior
Grand Rapids, Mich.



"Dental hygiene. For one, we've got a good medical program here and we would do well to expand it to dental hygiene ..."

Michelle Thomas
Professional Writing
Sophomore
Gladstone, Mich.



"Japanese should be a major because many students would like to continue their studies in Japanese language and culture."

Cameron Leedy
Creative Writing
Junior
Trenton, Mich.



"Anatomy because athletic training is really extensive. I just want anatomy."

Cailin Watts
Athletic Training
Sophomore
Kalamazoo, Mich.



"I would make a U.S. Latinos major. The Latino population is the fastest growing minority and it would benefit society to be educated on this group."

Delia Fernandez
History
Senior
Grand Rapids, Mich.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

GVSU sororities exempt from body image issues

I recently read an article in The Lanthorn that a Miss Butcher wrote entitled "Study finds sorority pledges more likely to develop eating disorders." This article, although well written and factual, paints a negative view of Greek life at GVSU. The article only contains one small section with a response from a sorority woman on campus, and that is not enough. This article will cause all women on campus who are unaffiliated to shy away from sorority life. There was no information in the article about the statistics regarding GVSU and eating disorders, therefore to

put this article in our newspaper is unfair to not only the women of Greek life, but to all the potential future members of sororities. While discussing this article with my non-affiliated friend Mike, he made a very good point that when they state in the article that there was an increase in body shame and self objectification, they don't specify if it was an increase based on a secondary test (where the people who were surveyed rated these things higher than the first time) or if it was just simply because less participants completed the rushing process, so the percentage of those

who had these issues was higher because of a smaller pool of subjects. This article out right attacks sorority women, and isn't even clear in its information. All the sororities on campus work extremely hard to promote a positive body image and break down stereotypes; and having one single article like this could tear down everything we've worked for. As a member of a sorority, I can honestly say that sorority life has helped improve my body image immensely. The first 18 years of my life I had a very negative view of myself. All the media propaganda and models and magazines

never helped growing up either. However, when I joined my sorority, things began to change. I began to have support in ways I never dreamed, and got to learn from beautiful, confident women every day. I know that on days I'm feeling down about my body image, I have 60+ sisters to tell me how beautiful I am. Although this article may be true for other campuses, it is definitely not true for ours. I hope all the unaffiliated women at GVSU realize just how different and innovative our campus is.

Stephanie Koprince & Michael Rajnicek
GVSU students



See more: Visit Lanthorn.com for two more students' letters in response to Monday's article, "Study finds sorority pledges more likely to develop eating disorders."

Reviewer misses meaning of 'Rhinoceros'

After reading the dense review of the play, "Rhinoceros" (in Monday's issue) I felt compelled to write a (hopefully) thought-provoking response to both the columnist himself, and any Lanthorn readers that were succumbed to reading the misleading, ill-informed review.

At the start of the review, the columnist is quoted by saying, "The first step in creating a thought-provoking performance is creating a world that exists outside our own, encapsulating itself in a reality that we as individuals have yet to fully experience." I agree that typically it is the goal to create this world to which the audience can escape to. Yet, note the italics on the word "typically." This vision of theatre is merely one idea that can be presented on the stage by those involved. As for the

play, "Rhinoceros," this was not the vision to be communicated, and had the columnist been more observant and informed on both the play and the subject of theatre, he may have grasped this concept, and appreciated it.

It was, in fact, the exact goal of the director to reveal all sight lines, props, prop tables and costumes backstage to the audience. Instead of the typical theatre performance, those involved with "Rhinoceros" made an obvious effort to be seen on the sides of the stage ready to make their entrances and exits, and to keep their props and costumes in full-view to the audience. To further exasperate this concept, the director also specifically arranged for two large light poles to be visible on stage during the performance. Everything backstage was purposely visible to the audience in order

for them to watch the interworkings of the play come together. The magic of watching the actors emerging from behind the curtain to the stage and instantly transforming into their characters is something only the lucky few waiting backstage get to experience. Allowing the audience to share this with the cast and crew of the play was a rare invite into our unique world of theatre by experiencing the enchantment of the play coming to life. We gave life to an entirely new and unique concept of theatre by putting it to use in the performances of "Rhinoceros."

It is understandable and just if one does neither like the play nor the performance; however, it is a waste of time to write a review that is full of misunderstanding about the topic at hand; it only makes the newspaper look impractical and ill-

informed. I was disappointed at the Lanthorn's review of "Rhinoceros" not because of my involvement in acting in the play, but because the columnist clearly ignored and pushed away the opportunity to fully grasp the concept of the play presented before him. By doing so, he failed to properly inform GVSU students of the play's intended concepts and ideas.

Constructive criticism is always welcomed, and plain criticism is to be expected, but when a review falls into neither category, and rather ends up in a gray area, like this one, it helps no one.

Even if you think you've got the concept of the play on lock, you might be surprised to be exposed to an idea that didn't even cross your mind.

Kelly Piliouras
GVSU sophomore



See more: Visit Lanthorn.com for a review of 'Rhinoceros' by a Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival reviewer.

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Caribbean-themed event considers next steps for Haiti

Student organizations African Student Council, Vox United join GR's Rays of Hope for Haiti continue raising support

By Sarah Wiltenburg
GVL Staff Writer

A little more than three months has passed since the January earthquake in Haiti, but the work there has only begun.

On Friday, Grand Valley State University's African Student Council and Vox United as well as Grand Rapids' Rays of Hope for Haiti will come together to educate the GVSU community on what is next for Haiti.

The groups will educate as well as offer live presentations and free food at their event, African Diaspora, on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Grand River Room.

Friday's event will have a Caribbean theme and will include a fashion show, live performances and food from Grand Rapids restaurants Jamaican Dave's and Sandmann's.

Patricia Guobadia, the events chair for African Student Council, described African Diaspora as, "the phenomena of how Africans, dispersed and scattered through the Atlantic slave trade and immigration, managed to retain

their traditions and reform their identities in new worlds. Elements of African cultures such as religion, language, cooking and folklore endured and are seen in the Haiti, Latin American cultures, United States, Europe, Middle East and places all over the world."

"As time has passed, the community's support of Haiti has dwindled ..."

PATRICIA GUOBADIA
EVENTS CHAIR FOR
AFRICAN STUDENT COUNCIL

GVSU's African Student Council has been volunteering at the local Rays of Hope for Haiti since the earthquake hit.

"We decided to work together because both groups want to improve the lives of people of African descent, which in essence is the African Diaspora," Guobadia said. "And this is where we decided on the name."

During the event the groups will be taking monetary and non-perishable items as donations.

"As time has passed, the community's support of Haiti has dwindled, and a representative from Rays of Hope for Haiti will speak at our event to relay the changes that have occurred over time and tell students why help is still needed, as there is still an immense amount of work to be done in Haiti," she said.

Rays of Hope for Haiti is a ministry that, according to its Web site, "assists the people of Haiti by providing low cost and reliable shipping services from the United States to Haiti. Rays of Hope for Haiti recognize the frustration of NGOs (non-government organizations), volunteer groups and individuals who want to ship needed supplies to Haiti but do not know the process."

Vox United is a global, nonprofit organization that has a student group on GVSU's campus. The group describes itself as "working to unite universities, local churches, humanitarian organizations and businesses in a concerted effort to reverse the spread of extreme poverty and HIV/AIDS. We build international bridges resulting in viable, holistic, self-sustainable solutions in infected and underdeveloped communities in Sub-Saharan Africa."

The Vox United group is also fundraising for a trip they are planning to Tanzania this summer to build filtration systems in a village that will provide clean water for hundreds of local people.

Members from each of these groups will be on hand Friday to answer questions about their organizations.

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GVSU's African Student Council celebrates at a past African Diaspora event.



African Diaspora, on Friday, will help educate students on the situation in Haiti.

GVSU Car Show jump starts spring season

'Seasonal kickoff event' raises money for Companions in Courage Foundation, showcases diverse group of cars



The GVSU Car Show will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Lot H.

By Tracy Gershon
GVL Staff Writer

After a long, snowy winter, car enthusiasts are jumping on the chance to unveil their babies at GVSU's Car Show. As the weather begins to warm up, car buffs are excited to show off their cars and enjoy spring.

There is no better way for car enthusiasts to enjoy spring than to gather for a car show and show off their pride and joy, their vehicles.

GVSU Car Club President, Joel DeVriendt, said, "Being one of the only April car shows in the area, the GVSU Car Show has earned a reputation of being the 'seasonal kickoff event' for local car enthusiasts. This is great for us because everyone is so enthusiastic to get their cars out after a long winter."

GVSU's show boasts being one of the most diverse car shows in the area. Cars represented at the show include everything from Ford Model Ts to muscle cars,

hearses, European supercars and alternative energy cars. This diversity is unique, however, the majority of the cars registered for the show will be everyday models seen on the road daily.

Even old beaters will have an opportunity to be on display at the car show in the beater class competition.

"The GVSU Car Show started off as a small event and has grown into one of the biggest events at Grand Valley," said senior James Johnson.

The GVSU Car Show has a total of seven sponsors: GHSP Solutions, Betten Baker Chevrolet Buick, Hansen Dyke Alignment Inc., The GVSU Riders, Sigma Pi Fraternity -Theta Rho Chapter, Tuner Maneuver Magazine and Grand Rapids Night out.

DeVriendt said these sponsors are essential to the car show's impact on the community because they are the biggest contributors to the charity, which is the primary focus of the event. Sponsors simply contribute

a donation in the \$25-\$500 range to advertise at the show and this donation is given to the car show's charity, Pat LaFontaine's Companions in Courage Foundation.

"The Companions in Courage Foundation raises

money for the creation of interactive playrooms and kiosks in children's hospitals," DeVriendt said. "All money raised at the GVSU Car Show will directly benefit the children and hospitals of Michigan."

To enter a car in the show, the Car Show requires a minimum donation of \$5, which goes to the charity. There are seven classes in which to enter a car: domestic, import, truck/SUV, classic, motorcycle, hot rod and beater. First, second and third place will be awarded to each category.

Those interested can pre-register online or at the event. The Web site for the car show, www.gvsucarshow.com, has a running list of registered vehicles and allows for easy pre-registry of vehicles for the show.

The event will be held Saturday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the GVSU parking lot H and is free for attendants; this includes food and live music by DJ Mike Zahler.

"Even though finals are coming up, the car show gives everyone a chance to step away from studying for a bit and have fun, which helps with stress," said Nicole Khan, a GVSU senior. "The automotive community also gets to visit our campus and GVSU students are able to network and meet new friends."

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Wednesday and Thursday
Downtown Campus- DeVos Center, Loosemore Exhibition Hall 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Sports in Brief

Baseball, softball battle in-week foes

The Grand Valley State University baseball and softball teams each saw competitive doubleheader action this week. The No. 13 baseball team swept a doubleheader (9-5, 8-0) against Lewis University before dropping a 7-6 11-inning game one and a 4-1 game two against Wayne State University on Wednesday. The softball team downed Ferris State University 1-0 before ending up on the wrong side of a 2-0 score in the second game with the Bulldogs. Both teams will next see action against Ashland University - the baseball team will hit the road while the softball team stays in Allendale.

GVSU Spring Game to take place this weekend

The Grand Valley State University football team will hold its annual Spring Game this Saturday at noon in Lubbers Stadium. The game is the last of a series of 15 practices allowed during the spring semester and features a modified scoring system that allows the defense to score points for disruptive plays and stalled drives. Tickets are available for \$3 at the Athletic Ticket Office.

Weekend in Sports

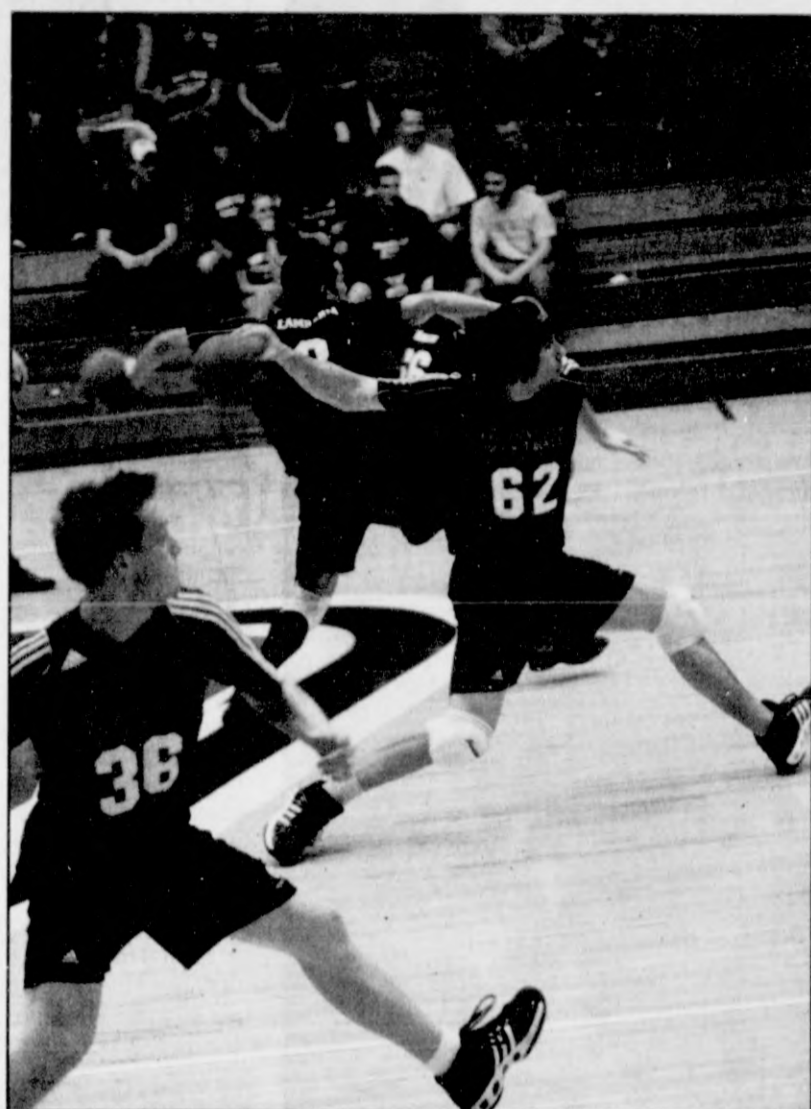
Today:
- M/W. Track and Field at California State Los Angeles, 4 p.m.

Friday:
- M/W. Track at War Eagle Invitational (Day 1), 5:30 p.m.
- M/W. Track at Long Beach Invitational (Day 1), 6:30 p.m.
- W. Tennis vs. Calvin, 3:30 p.m.
- W. Golf at Ashland Invitational (Day 1), All Day Event

Saturday:
- Baseball at Ashland (doubleheader), 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- Softball vs. Ashland (doubleheader), 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- M/W. Track at War Eagle Invitational (Day 2), noon
- M/W. Track at Long Beach Invitational (Day 2), 1 p.m.
- M/W. Track at Mt. SAC Relays (Day 1), 6 p.m.
- M/W. Track at John Jacobs Invitational, noon
- W. Golf at Ashland Invitational (Day 2), All Day Event
- M. Tennis at Lake Superior State, (time TBD)

Sunday:
- Baseball at Ashland, noon
- Softball vs. Tiffin (doubleheader), noon and 2 p.m.
- M/W. Track at Mt. SAC Relays (Day 2), 6 p.m.
- M. Tennis TBD

Dodgeball 4-peats as NCDA champs



The GVSU dodgeball team competes in last year's NCDA national tournament. The Lakers defeated the Buckeyes to four-peat the championship this weekend.

By Aaron Brandt
GVL Staff Writer

The Grand Valley State University dodgeball team once again reigned over the collegiate dodgeball world.

The team traveled to Bowling Green University for the National College Dodgeball Association Championships last Saturday and Sunday, where the Lakers won their fourth national championship in a row.

"I'm just ecstatic because this is the first time in a long time that we have actually played as a real cohesive team," said GVSU senior captain Jimmy Stokes. "We were battling issues with teamwork the entire year and that was probably the biggest reason why we lost at the beginning of the season."

That loss was the club's first since 2006 and came at the hands of Central Michigan University.

The team opened the tournament against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and came away with a 6-0 victory. The Lakers then advanced to face rival Ohio State University in the semi-finals, where they defeated the Buckeyes 3-0.

In the finals, GVSU got the chance for revenge on Central Michigan. Facing the team that handed the Lakers their first loss was motivation for senior Jeff Olsen.

"We didn't really know what to expect," he said. "We played them earlier in the year and that was the first loss that I've ever suffered in my four years, so it was kind of a rivalry and it was pretty exciting."

GVSU jumped out to an early lead and headed into halftime up 1-0, a perfect reflection of the last time they faced the Chippewas. But senior Kelvin Koster said he refused to repeat the ending.

"We knew we had to come out in the second half strong and we really did," he said. "That second half was probably the best I've ever seen us play. We finished that point with only two or three guys out. We got a lot of catches and coordinated our throws well."

After giving up the first and only point lost in the second half, the team fought back to go up 2-1. Afterward, the Lakers found themselves taking a more conservative approach, a style of play vastly different from their usual run-and-gun tactics.

"I like to play aggressive and fast, but strategically, holding out was probably the best option," Stokes said. "The final point, there was only five minutes left in the game, so all we had to do was be smart, and we won it."

Koster said GVSU's teamwork set them apart from Central Michigan.

Many of the seniors who brought the first championship to GVSU in 2007 will graduate at the end of this year, which made the victory even sweeter. Those seniors will graduate having won a national championship in every single year of their college dodgeball career.

"I'm glad my last game was a win," Koster said. "It was a very good game, and I really couldn't be happier with the way we played this weekend."

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Water polo to splash foreign waters

Women's water polo to compete in first national championship in program history

By Curtis Kalleward
GVL Staff Writer

A group of women on Grand Valley State University's campus is making history, and two sisters are leading them into it.

The GVSU women's water polo team will head to the National Championship tournament next weekend for the first time in its seven years of existence.

With the national spotlight comes the opportunity to compete against teams the Lakers would not otherwise see.

"I think we have huge potential to open some eyes as to what Grand Valley water polo is all about," said captain Katelyn Clancy. "It's exciting to play some teams that we've never played before. It's still not real to me yet in a lot of ways. (Getting to nationals) has been my focus for five years, and to finally have it happen is insane."

Though an intimidating experience,

the No. 10 Lakers feel they can compete with the top teams in the country.

"We represent good Laker polo, no matter who the opponent is," said co-captain Michelle Clancy, Katelyn Clancy's sister. "Playing on a national level for something that big is scary, but we can overcome that if we communicate as a team while we're in the water."

Thanks in part to the diligence and hard work from Katelyn Clancy, Michelle Clancy and junior co-captain Ashley Mulder, the team's talent level and abilities have grown considerably during the past few years.

"I've seen a lot of improvement throughout the team in my four years here," Michelle Clancy said. "When I began, we weren't even well-known in our division, and now we're all the way at nationals. In four years, I've seen this team turn around from a regular club sport to a nationally sound team."

Mulder noted that the sisters bring a sixth sense to the game that has helped the team come farther than ever before.

"We're a team, so we all play well together, but they're different," she said. "Being sisters, they have a lot of chemistry already built in. They know where each other is around the pool."

Within all of the excitement of

making it to nationals rests a bittersweet end to an era. The Clancys, who have competed in water polo together for the past 10 years, will reach the end of their careers together at season's end.

"Katelyn and I have played since sixth grade," Michelle Clancy said. "It's bittersweet that this will be our last year of playing water polo together. We're both excited for the fact that we've played together for so long and now we're ending our careers together

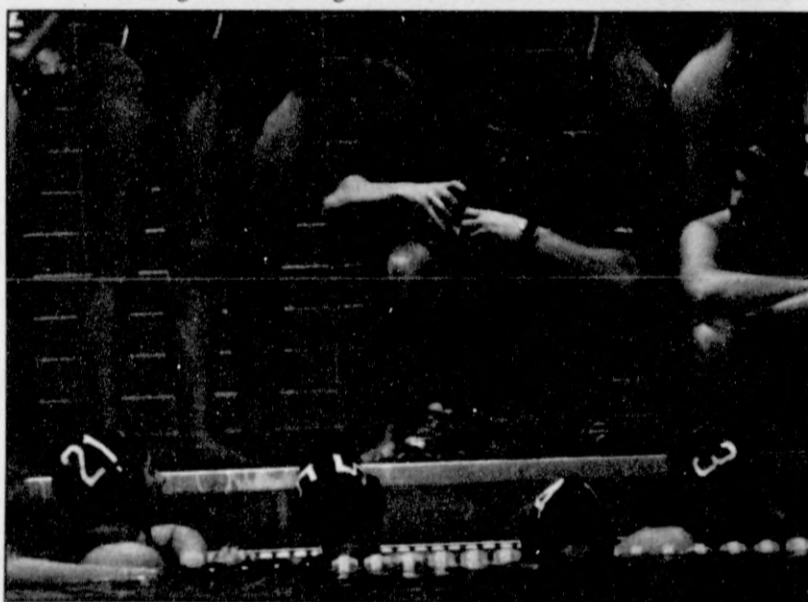
at the national tournament."

Katelyn Clancy said this is the first time the team has a shot to win it all.

"I felt from the beginning of the year that the team could go this far," she said. "I've been on the team long enough to see who was going to stick around and make this team the strongest it's ever been. I think we have that team now."

The team will fly to Tucson, Ariz., for the tournament, held April 23-25.

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Head coach Josh Ahrendt addresses the team during halftime at a previous game.

Golf team's 30-stroke victory sends message to nation

By Jared Greenleaf
GVL Senior Reporter

All season long, the No. 2 women's golf team has made a notion to send out a message to the rest of the country vying for a national title in May.

After Sunday's round at Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, Mo., that notion became a full-out declaration.



Courtesy Photo / GVSU Athletics
Senior Caitlin Bennett tees off.

Grand Valley State University shot a school-record 294 in Sunday's final round as the team destroyed the field by 30 strokes en route to winning the Drury Lady Panther Shootout. The Lakers finished with a team score of 601 (25 over), while Ashland University was a distant second with a 631 (55 over) score.

It was the second consecutive tournament that the Lakers won by 25 strokes or more. GVSU head coach Rebecca Mailloux said that Sunday's blowout performance was due in part to her players' willingness to challenge themselves.

"What I told them before they went out (for the second round) was 'you know what, today's a good day to test your game and see how much you can challenge yourselves and take some risks out there,'" she said. "I wanted them to challenge themselves by firing at pins they normally don't fire at and go for par-5's you might not normally go for. It just showed the confidence

they had in themselves and the ability, and it worked out."

Picking up right where she left off in Florida, sophomore Sarah Hoffman was the individual medalist in her second tournament in a row. She finished at four over par, just one stroke ahead of junior Allie Tyler, who tied for second place at five-over.

Despite her rounds not being as steady as it was two weeks ago, Hoffman, who was recently named GLIAC Golfer of the Week for a second consecutive week, said her confidence has grown immensely since the beginning of the spring.

"Over the winter, I focused on a lot of things I needed to work on individually to fit my game, and I think that's really paid off this spring," she said. "I have a lot more confidence, especially in my putts. It's just more of my mentality and having confidence that I can play with all the girls out there."

Other notable scorers for GVSU included seniors Caitlin Bennett and

Ashley Smith and freshman Ashley Beard. All finished in the top-15.

Tyler said the margin of victory came as no shocker.

"We expect to do that every single tournament, especially up here playing against the same teams in our region and conference," she said. "We just showed we're that much better than everyone else. We expect to not just win, but we expect to win by 20 or 30 strokes."

Mailloux noted the school-record 294 as not just a season goal but also an indicator to other teams vying for the national championship.

"It's good especially when we're this close heading into postseason play," she said. "I've always said that the courses up here are set up to be more challenging, so the 294 we had up here was very impressive. Those teams should definitely be looking at it as a threat and know that we're a force to be reckoned with."

With the GLIAC Championships approaching in two weeks, the Lakers will prepare by playing in the Ashland Invitational this weekend.

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Men's tennis prepares to enter conference tournament

Struggling tennis team sets sights on Lake Superior State in opening round of GLIAC Championship tournament Friday

By Greg Monahan
GVL Sports Writer

Up against the top teams in the conference in a win-or-go-home situation, the Grand Valley State University men's tennis team will look to find its groove as the team enters this weekend's GLIAC Championship tournament. The tournament will begin on Friday in Midland, Mich., the home to GLIAC-leader Northwood University. GVSU's first match will pit two teams with the same nickname against each other as they face the Lake Superior

State University Lakers on Saturday. The two teams have already competed against each other once this season, with Lake Superior State beating GVSU by a slim 5-4 score back in late March. GVSU head coach John Black said his team is excited to get another shot at Lake Superior State, and again, he expects his team's performance in the doubles to decide the match. "We're really looking forward to the rematch against Lake State," he said. "Again, it's coming down to the doubles. When we played

Lake State, they won two doubles and we won one, and then we split the singles. So, doubles really were the key to that match." The team will look to its three seniors, Ryan Diebold, Pat Snyder and Brock Plangger, to lead them through the weekend. Diebold said the seniors hope to benefit from their past appearances in the GLIAC tournament. "We've been in these situations before, and we have the experience, so we know what it takes to get it done," he said. "I don't really look at it as pressure, and I don't

think Brock and Pat do either. But we know the importance of the match, we'll be ready." The Lakers (11-10, 3-4 GLIAC) will likely need to run the table in order to earn a berth in the NCAA tournament. Snyder said though the team's chances of making the national tournament do not look rosy, there is still a lot

to play for, especially for the seniors. "This is our last GLIAC tournament, and we want to finish strong," he said. "We want to give the young guys something to look forward to in the future and hopefully set the tone for them next season with a couple of wins. So we're definitely looking to step up our play a bit." If the Lakers do get past Lake Superior State on Friday, their next opponent will likely be host Northwood. The Timberwolves are the GLIAC's top-ranked team and beat up on GVSU back on April 6 by an 8-1 count. Though the Lakers chances in a possible matchup against Northwood look slim, Snyder

said the team hopes to have a better game plan this time around. "All of us need to play the tennis that we're capable of playing," he said. "In our match against them before, we didn't make it close, we didn't put any pressure on them. If we play the way we're capable of playing and put some pressure on them, maybe the outcome will be different." The Lakers will begin the tournament on Saturday with their matchup against Lake Superior State. If GVSU advances, they would most likely take on Northwood later that afternoon. The finals of the tournament will be played on Sunday.



Diebold



Plangger



Snyder

"We've been in these situations before, and we have the experience, so we know what it takes to get it done."

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Sophomore Marc Roeslein serves during last Friday's match against Wayne State. GVSU enters the GLIAC tournament this weekend.

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Men's golf gains momentum at Great Lakes

By Jared Greenleaf
GVL Senior Reporter

As was the case at its previous Great Lakes Region Invitational tournament almost two weeks ago, the men's golf team once again had to claw its way back to a respectable finish this past weekend.

Tied for 11th-place after Sunday's round, Grand Valley State University fired a team score of 293 on Monday to finish in fourth-place (594) at the third Great Lakes Region Invite hosted at Purgatory Golf Club in Noblesville, Ind. Wayne State University (580) won the tournament title, while Ferris State University (592) and the University of Indianapolis (593) finished in second and third place respectively.

Back on April 3, the Lakers moved up from 12th-place to fourth-place on the final day of action, but GVSU head coach Don Underwood said this past

weekend's performance did not feature the same disappointing performance.

"Actually we didn't play as bad as the score turned out on the first day (Sunday)," he said. "We were playing well, but we had a couple guys late in the first round that lost quite a few shots and that kind of got us more than anything."

Monday's 293 came on the heels of a 301 in Sunday's action. It was the top team score in the second round and proved to give the team momentum heading forward.

"I don't think we were surprised with that score," said sophomore Nick Gunthorpe. "We know we're one of the better teams in our region and that shows in tough conditions, that we are one of the more deeper teams in the region, too."

Sophomore Travis Shooks gave the Lakers a boost on the first day as he shot an opening

round of 70. Playing in his first season at GVSU since transferring over from Grand Rapids Community College, Shooks finished in a tie for 12th place.

"It was a tough course, but if you're playing well, you can score on it," he said. "In the first round, we just had a good wind where most of the par 5s were reachable and we made good shots. Besides that, I just hit the ball very well and putted solid."

Underwood said Shooks, who has been in and out of the lineup for the Lakers, has done positive things not just in the tournament but in practice rounds as well.

"I know he's capable of being a very good player," Underwood said. "He's just trying to make the adjustment and trying to peel away his round in his first year. He's had some ups and downs, but I don't think it's a complete surprise of

what he did out there."

Senior Matt Malloure shot back-to-back rounds of 74 to finish in a tie for 17th place, while freshman Chase Olsen tied for 28th place.

Underwood said he saw a significant difference in this tournament compared to in previous tournaments the Lakers have played this season.

"It was a good start to see guys getting under par," Underwood said. "That's what we've kind of been lacking this spring. We've been getting closer as each week went on, but this is actually the first weekend that I've seen rounds get down to under par. That's a sign to me we're going the right way, so we need to keep getting more of that with a lot of our guys."

The Lakers are scheduled to play in the Outback Steakhouse Classic in Findlay, Ohio, on April 24 and 25.

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Senior Matt Malloure finished 17th at the Great Lakes Region Invite.

Laker track travels to competition, warm weather

By Aaron Brandt

GVL Staff Writer

After an indoor season that kept the Grand Valley State University track team mostly at home, the Lakers have begun to venture outside of Allendale.

The team has split up and headed to separate locations starting on Tuesday. The throwers will head to Auburn University in Alabama for the War Eagle Invitational on Saturday, the vaulters and multi-athletes will travel to the University of Oklahoma for the John Jacobs Invitational on Saturday and the running events left for several meets in California beginning today and ending with the Mt. SAC Relays on Sunday.

The travel is a welcome change of scenery for senior triple jumper Robert Metellus, who will compete at the War Eagle Invitational in Auburn, Ala.

"I love traveling because a lot of the times when we stay in the Michigan area, the meets are always cold outdoors because you never know what the weather is going to be like," he said. "It's just a whole new feeling and a good way to run when we go out, see new places and teams that we usually don't see."

GVSU head coach Jerry Baltus explained the reason for all of the travel.

"We're traveling all over the country to find great competition," he said. "We're

going to three different spots because we feel that those are the three best places for each event group to get the best competition, the best weather and the best chance to have positive results and make it to the national meet."

The competition alone can motivate the team to do better, noted freshman thrower Sam Lockhart, who was recently named GLIAC Field Athlete of the Week. Lockhart scored 18 points at Miami (Ohio) University last Saturday and finished first in the discus throw.

"Last weekend when we went to Miami University, we faced Division I schools there, not big ones, but we still wanted to beat those top schools," she said. "It motivated me to throw a lot better."

Metellus expanded on that notion, explaining the difference

between the upcoming meets and the meets in the past such as the Grand Rapids Open where the Lakers took home 15 total first place finishes.

"The competition has a huge impact," he said. "If you go in knowing you are going to win, then sometimes you have a lethargic feeling, but if you have someone that's better than you, it makes you just want to try that much harder."

While the travel can be hectic, Lockhart said she is not worried. Sophomore Paul Zielinski, junior Megan Macerati and senior Lynsey Ardingo have already traveled to California and all at least provisionally qualified for nationals this year.

"The way the meets are organized should make it easier," Lockhart said. "We will be getting there pretty early because we will be on a plane, so as long as we focus

we should do pretty well. I think we are ready at this point in the season."

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Freshmen Jon Manby competes during a past home meet at the Laker Turf Building.



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Freshmen Kaleigh Carlson competes in GLIAC Indoor Championships.

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GV professor pioneers in video, art

Initially reluctant teacher Kim Roberts now shares love of art with students

By Nicole Martin
GVL Staff Writer

For years, Kim Roberts has made strides in revolutionizing artistic boundaries. Having showcased in many a gallery, her efforts in expression and communal endeavors create a one-of-a-kind artistic persona — though she had never originally intended on taking her artwork seriously or teaching for that matter.

"I'm generally inspired by objects and causes," said Roberts, a professor at Grand Valley State University. "I guess I'm just a documentarian at heart."

In 1990, Roberts moved to Grand Rapids on a whim, with no home or income. After finding a job at a communications company, Roberts enrolled at the Kendall College of Art and Design and entered student employment; having written to the human resources department about stability issues, Roberts received a full ride.

At Kendall, Roberts started the Student Art Gallery and was the first to create artwork with video and sculpture together. She focused on installations of social and political influence.

One exhibit, "No Survivors," focused on the book of Genesis with the idea that when Eve succumbed

to temptation, Adam became the "man of the house." The piece was a basilica of broken car parts with small screens displaying the mouths of battered women telling their personal stories.

Another work, "Focus on the Family," satirized the words of Dr. James Dobson (a right-wing radio host); this was a five-station video installation, with a large mirror above the projector. The viewer would wear a cloak, and projected on it were interviews about families of the victims of brutal homophobic acts.

"I was in heaven at Kendall, and I never looked back," Roberts said. "The whole time I was there, I never thought about an art degree — I was just taking classes I wanted to take, and then my advisers informed me that I was about ready to graduate ... All of the sudden there I was, and my professors would tell me to go to school to teach."

She said at that time a lot of people had rejected the idea of computers, especially artists, so she worked with the faculty at Kendall to get more Macintosh computers. In turn, Roberts helped with financing and taught some small classes. Despite her own expectations, she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in sculpture. Roberts then took to graduate school, aiming for the Art Institute of Chicago, where she graduated with a Master of Fine Arts degree in video.

Upon her return to Grand Rapids, Roberts focused more on giving back to the community, creating



Professor Kim Roberts sits in front of her projectors, which she uses for her video installation artwork. She was the first artist at Kendall College of Art and Design to combine video and sculpture in one piece of art.

a piece called "Returning to the Source," inspired by the Three Graces. The installation focused on the figures, on which were projected the cycle of giving, receiving and returning thanks.

Last year, Roberts entered ArtPrize Grand Rapids with "Giggling Babies," a much lighter

piece compared to her previous ones.

In the meantime, Roberts continues to teach the classes she previously took at GVSU and now works with GVTV in hopes of getting more students involved and creating more substantial programs.

"When my professors told me I should teach, I flat-out rejected it," Roberts said. "I would never want to be involved in an institution. I thought, 'Maybe I could teach so I could do some art' — as it turned out, I love teaching. I love the energy and the optimism involved."

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A & E BRIEFS

GV GrooVe

GV GrooVe, the new a cappella group at GVSU, will host its second full concert Friday night at 8 in the Cook De-Witt Center.

"We have 15 members singing a wide range of songs from indie rock to Alternative and Pop music," said president Kris Cortez. The group will return to GVSU's campus after a full week of appearances, including at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, West Michigan Whitecaps game, Relay for Life event and the Mrs. Michigan pageant.

Sight&Sound

GVSU students Adam Cuthbert and Dan Rhode are putting together the Sight&Sound arts concert for Sunday night at 7 in the Large Dance Studio of the Performing Arts Center. Every piece in the show is either written by one of the organizers or will feature one of the two men performing in it.

"We want to bring the student body a show full of collaborative arts and new music that they normally wouldn't see or hear," Cuthbert said.

There will be 15 people taking part in the show's musical portion, including two professors and 13 music majors.

There are also four dance majors taking part as well as J.D. Forslin, a film and video major, for videography.

Action in cinema: the hero, the villain, the choice



About a week ago marked the anniversary of the beginning of the "Bourne" film and novel series as years ago David Webb made his way into the delivery room, no doubt in a flurry of throat punches and head kicks aimed at the nurse on duty.

The "Bourne Identity" has breathed into a genre of film that has been losing steam as Schwarzenegger and Stallone both began accepting their social security checks.

The formula for action films had been worn thin: man's daughter or wife is kidnapped or killed; guilty party must pay. It worked for a while. Steve Segal and Charles Bronson made a living off of doing their horrible B-movies, which could have been partially to blame for the over-saturation of the market.

But what's saving these films isn't a change in narrative or new plot points but the way in which the filmmakers are bringing these adventures on-screen.

Instead of car chases, explosions and David and Goliath-esque fight scenes against the villain's second in command, we have corporate espionage, meticulously choreographed fight scenes and an uncertainty of the bad guy, whether it's the red herring, the main character or maybe no one at all.

Wide shots of huge explosions have been replaced by frantic frames and close-ups that do their best to give you the feel of an actual fight to the death. The "Bourne" movies and "Taken" are both prime examples of this new norm, and both have perfected it. The stunts have become a hybrid of throwback, McQueen-era car chases mixed with an ever-evolving art of pyrotechnics and special effects. Stuntman Mike would be happy.

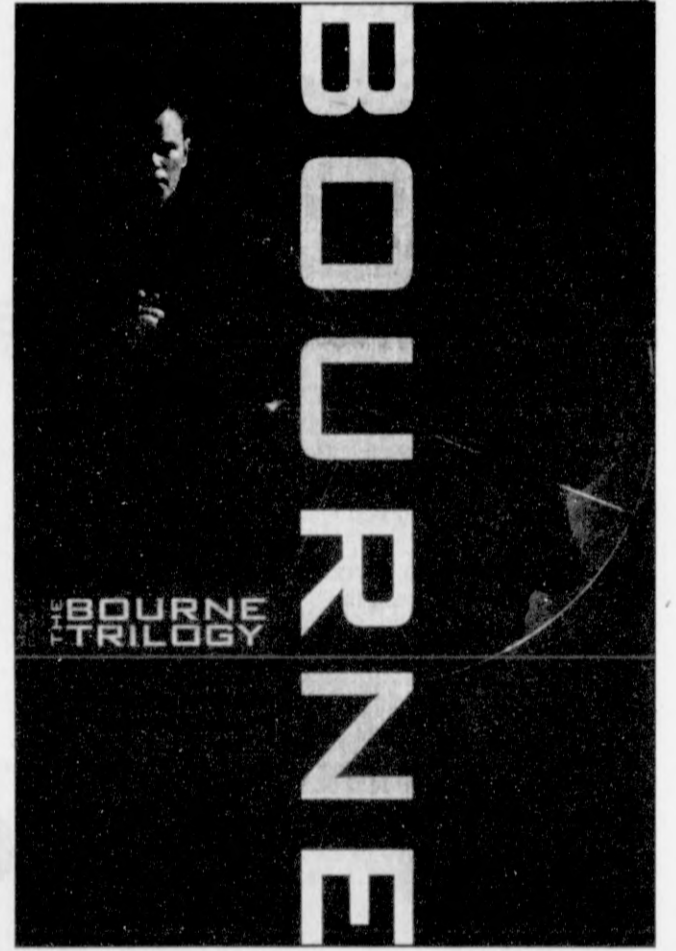
One thing that hasn't seemed to change, however, is the casting of no-risk actors that can fill the menial role of an action trilogy star. Shia LeBouf, Taylor Lautner and even Sam Worthington, who I love dearly, could be interchanged in most

of their own roles and it wouldn't change the movie much. Screaming, grimacing, snarling, with a touch of coy and repeat.

That's normal I guess; Harrison Ford was never meant to get an Oscar for "Indiana Jones" nor Willis for "Die Hard," no matter how much Michael Scott may disagree with me. Arnold in "Kindergarten Cop" though, I'll never forgive the Academy for passing that over.

I think what draws us to action as a collective audience is the chance on any given day that a set of scenarios in which even the most average of Joes can be the hero and get the girl. While trying to realistically assess how we'd react in these harrowing situations, we are granted with the opportunity to decode what type of people we really are at our cores. Are we cowards, enraptured with greed with a propensity for corruption? Or are we steadfast, honorable and heroic, whether at the store or taking a test?

Regardless of what side we fall on, or maybe even in the middle of both, we're all human. We can all just



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David Webb, hero of the "Bourne" films, was born on April 8.

as easily return that wallet we found at a party as we can walk into a bank and ask to make a withdrawal. We can save the day, or we can bring about the night.

Go to the movies, and figure out if you're the type of person who begins them or the type of person who ends them.

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GVSU and other local college students work to market the "Gofers" sitcom.

'Gofers' sitcom holds casting call

"Gofers," which is set to be Grand Rapids' first television sitcom, will hold its first casting call this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Celebration Cinemas North.

An open call, qualified walk-ins are welcome, but required to bring a resume, and headshots or a demo reel.

Produced by Bob Israel's Center for Emerging Enterprises, the project has been written, designed and marketed entirely by local university students, and is set to begin shooting this June.

Strange, but true

Dead man wins mayor's race in small Tennessee town

TRACY CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A dead man has been elected mayor of Tracy City, Tenn.

Carl Robin Geary died suddenly a few weeks ago. But he received 268 votes anyway in Tuesday's nonpartisan election, beating out incumbent Barbara Brock with 85 votes in the two-candidate race.

An election administrator, Donna Basham, said Wednesday she wouldn't speculate on why Geary won posthumously but noted his death had been widely reported at the time in this corner of southeastern Tennessee.

She says the city council will now have to appoint a mayor to the four-year term.

Brock had been appointed mayor 16 months ago when the previous mayor died.

Tater not: Deputies find cocaine posing as spud

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — Limestone County authorities have arrested a man they said tried to disguise five ounces of cocaine as a baked potato. Sheriff's Lt. Lance Royals said they got a tip

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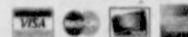
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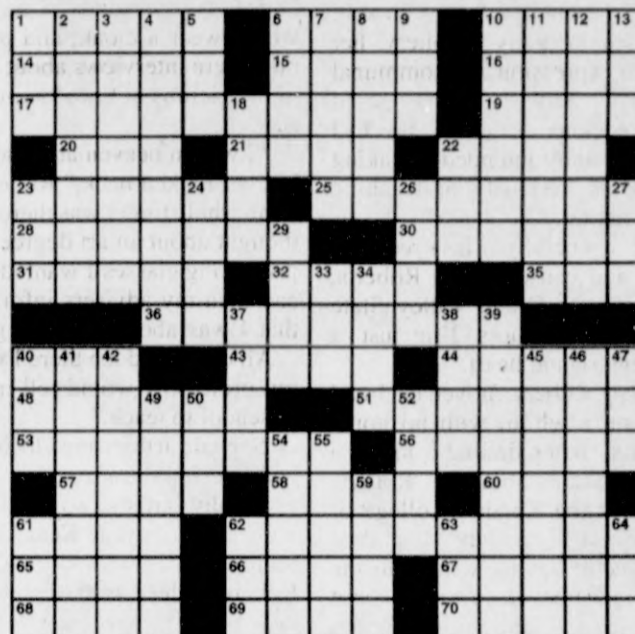
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ACROSS

- 1 A dog may pull on one during a walk
- 6 ___ Hari
- 10 Engrave with acid
- 14 Navel type
- 15 Medical suffix
- 16 Rise sky-high
- 17 Loose-hanging trousers
- 19 Soaks (up)
- 20 Coiled hair style
- 21 Slanted type style: Abbr.
- 22 Buddies
- 23 Most sickly
- 25 1957 hit for Buddy Holly and the Crickets
- 28 Sharpshooter
- 30 Painting props
- 31 Tight as ___
- 32 Hired thug
- 35 4:00 London social
- 36 Coin collector?
- 40 Not prem., as gas
- 43 Chewy Hershey's candy
- 44 "___ my case"
- 48 Beethoven symphony originally dedicated to Napoleon
- 51 Erode gradually, as savings
- 53 Gershwin song set in London, with "A"
- 56 Coast Guard operation
- 57 Do bar duty
- 58 Wander
- 60 Like two peas in a ___
- 61 Cylindrical pasta
- 62 Carriage outings
- 65 Grammy co-winner for the rap song "Back on the Block"
- 66 Theater award
- 67 "___ evil ..."
- 68 Super Bowl, e.g.
- 69 Avoid flunking
- 70 Admin. aides

DOWN

- 1 Ad-___ improvise
- 40 Foul caller



By John Lampkin

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Earth Week colors GR green

Grand Rapids Public Library hosts series of workshops to celebrate Earth Week

By Danielle Slabbekoorn
GVL Staff Writer

As "going green" becomes a nationwide movement, Grand Rapids Public Libraries will do its part in progressing Michigan toward a better environment for Earth Week. "Celebrate Earth Week at the Grand Rapids Public Library" is running a series of events that begin Saturday and continues through the rest of next week.

"The events center around being a good steward of the earth, using locally produced

goods, reuse of gold items and more," read a press release for the event.

Kristen Krueger-Corrado, marketing and communications manager of GRPL, said this is the third year for the program and the patrons "really enjoy the workshops and markets that we have each year."

"The library has a 'Green Team,' a committee of staff members that bring forward ideas on how to make the library more environmentally friendly," she said. "Out of this committee came the idea to offer our patrons programming that would highlight various

environment-related topics and promote the materials that the library offers related to these topics."

Starting with Earth Week movies, the program will lead through various venues that are all free to the public.

Owner of Commute Bike Shop, Daniel Koert, will give a "Bike Safety and Basic Repair" demonstration. Scott Beiben will present "Scientists are the New Rockstars"

showing people how to make useful items of their clutter and junk in the new, do-it-yourself movement. Gerald "Butch" Cash takes on "Recycled Journals" to transform old journals into useful notebooks and a "Looks Better on You"

clothing swap will allow people to exchange slightly used clothing.

There will also be farmers and artisan markets featuring more than 20 local vendors selling food, art, jewelry and more

Michigan Notable Books author, Jeff Alexander, will present his book "Pandora's Locks: How the St. Lawrence Seaway and Ocean Freighters Ruined the Great Lakes" and will speak on how the lakes are endangered environmentally.

"My hope is that my book and speech will help people understand the magnitude of problems caused by zebra mussels and the 56 other invasive species that ocean freighters have imported to the Great Lakes," he said.

Alexander wrote the book to show how the "engineering marvel" that is the seaway, infected the waters with a "biological plague" when the U.S. and Canadian governments put commerce ahead of "their duty to protect the Great Lakes from environmental insults."

Through honoring Earth Week, GRPL hopes to enrich people lives and educate people to better the environment of the local community.

"We hope that people come to our programs to learn something or explore a new topic and hopefully have fun in the process," Krueger-Corrado said. "We hope that people visit their local libraries and understand their value in their lives."

All of the events that happen throughout the week are free and open to the public.

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