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The Lanthorn



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AT A GLANCE

NEWS

John Beyrle graduated from GVSC in 1975, and now he's helping plan U.S. foreign policy toward Russia. See story, page 3.

Former Eberhard
Manager Richard Mehler
has left GVSU after 21
years working in many
different capacities for the
university. For the whole
story, see page 4.

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Finally, C.D. Burge has some words of wisdom to share. See page 6.

In his farewell column, Shane Szalai shares a bit of what he has learned during his year as Lanthorn editor, page 6.

What did your peers think of Nathan Goetting's letter last week? To find out, see "Campus Concerns," page 7.

CAMPUS LIFE

Some GVSU students got lucky Friday at Las Vegas Night. See page 8 for details.

Want to find out how it feels to drive drunk without actually breaking the law? See story, page 8.

SPORTS

Laker running back Bruce Calhoun continues to work back into shape after injuring his leg in last season's final game. See story, page 10.

The GVSU softball team won five of six conference games over the weekend, sweeping Ferris State on Friday and Lake Superior State on Saturday. See story, page 11.

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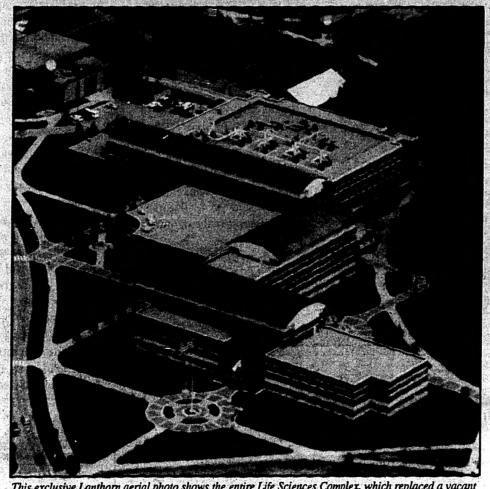
out any of the BFA:
exhibitions in the Calder
Gallery this month, pages
12 and 13 have details on
the last two shows, but
don't let that be an excuse
not to check them out for
yourselves.

Jen and Michelle close out the year with their last Lanthorn column together. If you've ever been a tad & confused about the "men are from Mars and women are from Venus" thing, see page 14 for a bonafide dictionary of explanations.

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Committing to Science



This exclusive Lanthorn aerial photo shows the entire Life Sciences Complex, which replaced a vacant field on the GVSU campus. The dedication of Padnos Hall Friday marked the completion of the entire complex, said Dean of Science and Mathematics Douglas Kindschi. Aerial Photo By Tom Hoffmeyer.

For more on the Padnos Open House, see page 3.

• Former President Gerald Ford speaks at dedication

By James Class News Editor

For enriching the lives of GVSU students, Seymour and Esther Padnos received honorary doctorates of humane letters at the dedication of Padnos Hall Friday.

"Because of the way you have lived your lives, we all have been enriched," Lubbers said. "Your philanthropy has made an important difference."

The Padnoses are long-time contributors to GVSU, donating funds to programs that emphasize applied science and recycling.

"Seymour and Esther decided to act on their commitment to science, to engineering and their dedication to the environment," Lubbers said.

Donald R. McMonagle, a former NASA astronaut, delivered the dedication's keynote address, urging students to commit to science and to the future.

"The search is on for the science and the technology that will enable us to go on into the 21st century," McMonagle said. "I ask that you recognize the dawning of a new age and aggressively embrace the challenges you have before you."

McMonagle said NASA is working with the Russian space-ship mir to pave the way for an international space station. The station would allow a crew of six to conduct experiments on human physiology and microgravity for 10 years.

One of the advantages of working in a space station, McMonagle said, is that gravity doesn't affect the results of your experiments.

"You do not have a gravity

"The search is on for the science and the technology that will enable us to go on into the 21st century. I ask that you recognize the dawning of a new age and aggressively embrace the challenges you have before you."

--Donald McMonagle, NASA astronaut

vector to cause distortion," McMonagle said. "You get a much better product, a much purer product."

McMonagle also said scientists are working on a way to use the oxygen in the moon's soil to make water and electricity.

By finding ways to provide life's necessities on the moon, he explained, we will be more prepared to travel to other planets as well.

"There are tremendous challenges for science in that arena," he added.

Former President Gerald Ford, a friend of the Padnoses, said the Padnos family will help students meet those tremendous challenges. Ford said he believes today's students will be ready for the future.

"When the reins of our government are turned over to them, the future will be assured," Ford said. "I have great faith in them."

Ford commended the Padnoses for their support to the Holland community as well.

"Seymour Padnos always seems to be doing the right thing for others, for all the community, for all of us on a day-to-day basis," Ford said.

After accepting his degree, Seymour Padnos said he could not have done his work without the community.

"Our life's work, by providing this facility for future generations, is the culmination of a dream," Padnos said. "This is rather like a holiday."

Dean of Science and Mathematics Douglas Kindschi highlighted the day's activities to celebrate the complex's opening.

"Today marks a formal completion of what has come to be known as the Science Complex." Kindschi said.

Kindschi said he was especially proud of the aesthetic feel of the building, saying it reflected the idea that science isn't just about rules, but also about creativity.

"A building has a body, but a building can also have a soul," Kindschi said. "All of the art in one way or another relates to the sciences."

The Facilities Fee: Will it ever end?

• Student senate approved the fee only for life of revenue bond, but it's spent into 1998

By Brian Donovan Staff Writer

When the student senate voted to recommend establishment of a facilities fee at GVSU in 1992, it probably didn't think the fee would last forever.

But according to Ron Van Steeland, GVSU Vice President for Finance and Administration, no end is in sight.

"Eliminating the facilities fee is so far into the future as to not be practicable to talk about."

--Ronald Van Steeland, Vice President, Finance and Administration

"Eliminating the facilities fee is so far into the future as to not be practicable to talk about," he said. "We still have the least amount of space per student of all the public universities in Michigan."

The \$5-per-credit-hour fee charged to all students was proposed in a student senate resolution that passed on April 23, 1992. The resolution contained a number of conditions for the senate's support of the fee: the university would issue a revenue bond, the fee would only exist while the bond went to pay for the Life Sciences Complex, and the senate would decide the fate of the fee in the future.

"The facilities fee has been spent into 1998, at least."

--Ronald Van Steeland, Vice President, Finance and Administration

However, since GVSU received money from the State to finance the Life Sciences Complex, it never issued a bond for the building, Van Steeland said.

In turn, this allowed the funds raised by the facilities fee to finance the Recreation Center addition to the Fieldhouse and carry out remodeling projects in 10 campus buildings, he added

"The facilities fee has been spent into 1998, at least," Van Steeland said.

Please see FEE, page 5.

GV alumnus says U.S. needs to continue working with Russia

By James Class **News Editor**

John Beyrle wants to make sure the U.S. doesn't neglect its relationship with Russia.

Beyrle, who last year served as director for Russian, Ukranian and Burasian Affairs to the National Security Council, rose to the top from Grand Valley, where he graduated in 1975.

When attending Grand Valley, Beyrle studied German and French under Professors Wilhelm Seeger and Ursula Franklin. Looking for a new challenge, he enrolled in a Russian language course.

"Then I got bit by the bug," Beyrle said.

He soon had a Russian Studies minor and got a job describing American culture to Russians.

Talking to a class of RUS 202 students Monday, Beyrle said they can get jobs in the future if they learn to read more and prepare for opportunity.

"You really have to be in the right place at the right time," he said.

"You can really understand the Russian political system in American terms."

> John Beyrle, GVSC alumnus

In addition to stopping by classrooms at GVSU, Beyrle also spoke at the Ford Museum Monday, arguing that the U.S. needs to work with Russian President Boris Yeltsin despite all the problems Russia has had. "It is essential that we stay

engaged with Russia." Beyrle said. "The process is not going to develop naturally if Russia is standing on the sidelines."

Beyrle said Russia's problems of disintegration will not heal overnight. Chechnya, for instance, has shown the disintegration of the military.

"It's certainly exposed the hollow shell of the Russian military for all to see," Beyrle said.

Beyrle said Russians measure themselves by U.S. standards, even concerning elections.

"You can really understand the Russian political system in American terms," he said.

Beyrle said that, despite what candidates say, the fight for reform will continue.

"The rhetoric out of Moscow is going to out-distance any real actions," he said. "The forces of reform and regression are going to be going at it for many years."

New options for GV students

By Aimee Haun Staff Writer

It's "old business" for the University Academic Senate, but the Certificate Program is new to GVSU students.

At its Feb. 2 meeting, the University Academic Senate approved establishing the category of "Certificate Program" within GVSU offerings.

The certificate program will offer students an emphasis in their field without having to go through all the requirements of a degree.

UAS chair Don Williams said the certificates do not carry the same weight as degrees and will not replace them.

"The certificates will be just showing expertise in a student's chosen field," said Williams. "These certificates will be only an addition to the degree, not a replacement.

"It depends on a student's major whether he or she is eligible to be in a certificate program."

Two departments, the School Computer Science

Information Systems and the School of Public Administration, currently have proposals for the Certificate Program. The School of Public Administration has made its proposal for "The Graduate Certificate Program in Nonprofit Leadership."

Williams said this program is the first of its kind for the area.

"It's a unique opportunity to pursue a theoretically-based and practically-oriented education in leadership for nonprofit professionals throughout Michigan," he said.

The program is designed specifically for seasoned nonprofit managers who already have a degree and some professional experience but who don't wish to pursue a graduate degree, Williams said.

Mike Mast, professor of Public Administration, said some courses for the certificates may turn out to help people seeking a degree as well.

"Required courses used in the certificate program may apply towards earning an MPA degree," Mast said.

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Padnos throws open its doors for the public

By Stephanie Osborne Staff Writer

A "scientific explosion" greeted everyone who attended the Padnos Hall of Science Open House Saturday.

Among many other events, Lt. Col. Donald R. McMonagle, a NASA Astronaut from the U.S. Air Force, spoke about his journey to become an astronaut and experiences while in space.

In June of 1987, McMonagle was chosen to join the NASA space team. He has been aboard three space missions, spending over 605 hours in orbit.

Speaking to a standing-room only crowd, McMonagle advised students to reach for the future.

"Don't limit your horizons. Learn the skills that are valuable to your personal success," McMonagle said. "Learn all you can. Everything you learn is important.

McMonagle also shared his adventures while in space during the Atlantis 3 flight in November of 1994. This was a joint mission with the German Space Program to take a satellite into space and then exchange the information.

"Don't limit your horizons. Learn all you can. Everything you learn is important."

> --Donald McMongale, NASA astronaut

While in space the scientists grew protein crystals that were totally pure due to the fact that they were grown in weightlessness. They also took pictures of

geological disturbances, hurricane Florence and the Southern Aurora.

McMonagle said from space, the Southern Aurora looks divine.

"It was like touching the hand of God," he said.

Aside from McMonagle's speech, the hall's new labs were also put to use.

The Anatomy Labs set up computers and skeletons of the human body; the Physics Department set up a mathematical computer to test how fast an individual walked; and the Biology Department set up experiments showing how transpiration, evaporation and photosynthesis work.

Children tested their science and math skills with Brain Bruisers, slime production and physics tricks. Guests could also try their hand at foreign games like China's Tic Tac Toe and India's Snakes and Ladders.



Money to burn? No, but as part of the Padnos Open House activities Saturday, Chemistry Professor Dave Tanis burns alcohol off a 50 dollar bill. (He did manage to save the money.) Photo By Jay Johnston.

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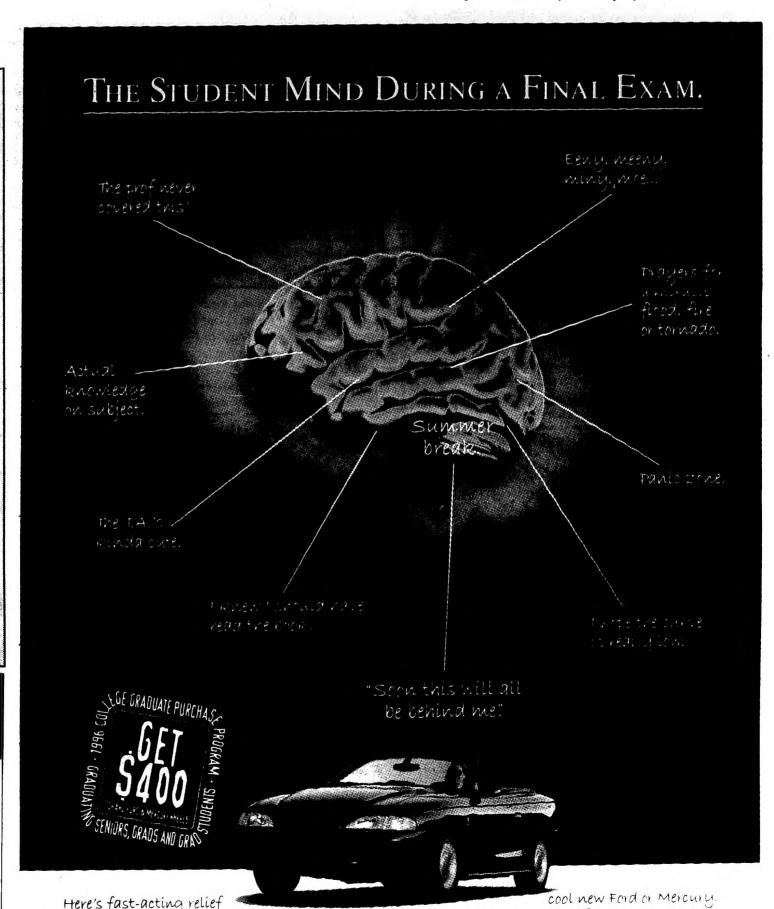
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GVSU student is going to Kuwait

Rob Kerr has had to learn Arabic in free time

For his ability to represent the Sudan, GVSU senior Rob Kerr will be getting a little too much sun this summer: in

Kerr was picked by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations to study for two weeks in Kuwait for his participation in the 1996 Midwest Model Arab League last month at Calvin College

GVSU students Satomi Adachi, Wendy Campbell, Kyle DeVries, Brien Homminga, Jill Johnson, Azaria Mbughuni, Tricia Peterson. Mihaela Popescu, David Rose, Stephanie Swor and Jeff Rundhaug also

Kerr said the Model Arab League resembles the real Arab League, and students act as delegates of the 22 Arab nations.

"The Model Arab League is

playing a big part in trying to put an end to negative image that Americans have toward the Arab nations," Kerr said.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance for Kerr to go. Kerr is verv lucky to go to see firsthand the Gulf War of 1991, which is kept as a reminder of what went on."

> --Roy Cale, Geography Professor

Geography Professor Roy Cole, who has been teaching Kerr Arabic, said Kerr was the best person to represent the Sudan at the league.

According to Cole, the only other Model Arab Leagues are in Washington, D.C. and Cairo, Egypt

Cole thinks the leagues

increase understanding of diplomacy, among other things.

"The Model Arab League is a good exercise in role-playing and gives a good understanding of the 'unknown' countries." Cole said. "It is important to see how the countries relate diplomatically and politically."

While in Kuwait, Kerr will have a chance to visit with the Amir and other Kuwaiti officials. He will also get an inside view of official buildings not normally seen by the public.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance for Kerr to go," said Cole. "Kerr is very lucky to go to see firsthand the Gulf War of 1991, which is kept as a reminder of what went on."

Kerr, who will graduate this year with a history major, has been a part of this mission to improve relations with the Arab nations. After graduation, he plans to continue his education and keep up with Arab

Mehler retires after 21 years

"I leave with a smile

on my face knowing

I've done the best I

can do."

Former Eberhard Manager

By Brian Donovan Staff Writer

His little office on the ground floor of Padnos Hall was almost empty. Two or three cardboard boxes sat on otherwise bare steel desks, along with an unconnected computer monitor.

Still, when Richard Mehler retired from GVSU in March, he left far more than office supplies-

Mehler retired after serving GVSU for 21 years. His latest job was Facilities Manager for the Grand Rapids campus. But that's

only the latest of several jobs he's had at GVSU over the years.

"I kind of filled the slots where the institution thought I would be the most value to them," Mehler.

Mehler came to what was then Grand Valley State Colleges in 1974 as registrar. At the time 7340 students attended Grand Valley, creating quite a hassle for one person.

"We had all these separate colleges at that time," he said. "It was a nightmare for the registrar."

During Mehler's tenure as registrar, Grand Valley consolidated its grading system.

Then, in the late 1970s, Mehler became Dean of Students.

"It was during the retrenchment period," he said, referring to the time when college enrollments dropped nationwide, and Grand Valley had to cut back on employees.

President Arend Lubbers put together a plan which set the stage for GVSU's meteoric growth in the 1980s and 1990s, Mehler said.

The number of deans was reduced, and Mehler transferred over to Systems Development. Mehler worked on establishing the computer and administrative systems still in use at GVSU.

"We got ourselves organized with systems that affected everyone positively," he said.

When Grand Valley built its Grand Rapids campus in 1987-88, Mehler was its first building manager. He and his secretary, Holly Kloostra, moved into the Eberhard Center before construction was completed. In fact, Kloostra said both had to wear hard hats to leave work.

Mehler is used to career changes. Trained as a food microbiologist Purdue University, he taught at Purdue --Richard Mehler, when the opportunity at Grand Valley arose.

> "People should be prepared for change in their careers and not be afraid of it. They should simply go for it," he said.

His wife, Barbara, recently retired after 21 years as secretary to the Director of Plant Services. With their children grown, they are planning to take "the best safari into the southwestern United States for two months you ever saw," he said.

"I leave with a smile on my face knowing I've done the best I can do," Mehler said.

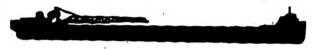
Mehler has been a great problem solver and very flexible in assuming different jobs, said Ron Van Steeland, GVSU's Vice President for Finance and Administration.

"I always knew that Dick had the best interests of the students and our other customers at heart.' said Van Steeland.

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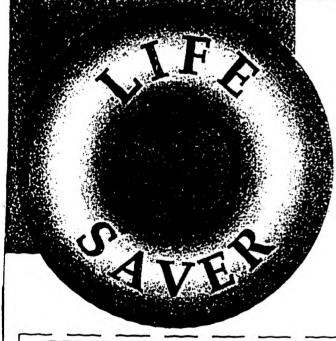


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At that point, funds raised by the fee might be used for completion of the Arts Center. Additional funds raised also might be used to remodel spaces in the Calder Fine Arts Center and the second floor of Lake Superior Hall being vacated by the departments moving to the Arts Center.

The decisions to pursue these projects and finance them

with the facilities fee has not been made yet, said Van Steeland.

'The Board of Control has to approve all the projects that we do, but it also has to approve expenditures from the facilities fee," Van Steeland said.

Bart Merkle, Dean of Students, attended the 1992 student senate meeting with Robert Fletcher, now Vice Provost for GVSU, when the facilities fee resolution was adopted. At the

"I think the senate is confident in its support of it. We've seen the facilities fee make great progress at Grand Valley."

-- Joyce Ohm, President, student senate time, the administration was trying to secure funding for the Bife Sciences Center, said Merkle.

"Anytime you can do things without incurring debt, you are better off not to incur debt," said Merkle. "I suspect when we gave a presentation, we talked about the possibility of going into the bond market and borrowing the money."

Merkle said the senate knew that the rules governing the facilities fee are not set in stone.

"We made it very clear to them that it was going to be subject to some changes," he said.

Joyce Ohm, student senate President, said the senate is making no move to alter or repeal its 1992 resolution.

"I don't think anyone's going to see it repealed regardless of how its financed," she said. "I think the senate is confident in its support of it. We've seen the facilities fée make great progress at Grand Valley."

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OUR VIEW GVSU administration needs to come forward with some "straightforward" talk on fees

The Lanthorn has run a seven-part series on the fees GVSU students pay, but it is clear that students deserve to know even more.

Fees are a hot topic for most students, but in order for students to make informed decisions about these fees, they need all the information at their fingertips.

And there's no reason they shouldn't have it.

The Lanthorn challenges the university to fully disclose the amount of money it takes in through each of its fees, what is done with the money, and what it plans to do with the money in the future.

If GVSU has the needs of its students at heart, as it should, its administrators should be happy to provide such information.

It's not necessarily that the university administration is hiding anything. VP's VanSteeland, McLogan, et. al. were in fact quite cooperative as Lanthorn reporters dug for information on the fees.

If the university had put out straightforward information on how much it takes in and what it does with student fees for all students to see, Lanthorn reporters wouldn't even have had to dig.

Because they had to dig, however, students can only assume the administration has something to hide.

Sciences Complex shows GVSU is making progress—and needs more

The university has finished another stage in its development, at least on the Allendale campus.

As the eyes of the administration fall upon the downtown Grand Rapids campus, it needs to ask what will the relationship between the Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses be in coming years?

The completion of the Science Complex indicates that the university is making progress, but what will happen in the future?

GVSU needs to make sure that progress benefits the students on both campuses and doesn't lead to any division or misdirection of resources.

It seems the administration would like to make downtown expanision its next project. As its focus shifts to downtown, however, it shouldn't forget why the Allendale campus is in Allendale.

Rural though it may be, Allendale does provide a place of repose and an area to concentrate on the larger issues—not just employment.

With all the talk about progress, we must not neglect one of the most important purposes of the university-to train people to understand the larger issues, not just the want ads.

Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibits in Calder Gallery deserve a look

Every April, senior art students put together shows at the Calder Gallery as a culmination of their work at GVSU.

The success of each student's show, combined with the quality of their work, as determined by the faculty of the Art Department, determines whether they receive their Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

This year Joleen Filkin, Mark Rumsey, Lori Kibbey, Laura Cope, Philip Hanson, Karen Heckman, and five graphic design students will put up their work so that art faculty can determine whether they have a sense of what they're doing and can produce as artists.

But what also matters to these student artists is the support from the GVSU community. If you haven't yet made a trip to the gallery, you still have the chance to catch two more shows in April.

For as much as The Lanthorn tries to capture the artistic expression of each artist and their work, nothing can make up for experiencing the exhibits with your own eyes.

Who knows, you might just learn to appreciate the hard work and dedication these artists put into their work.

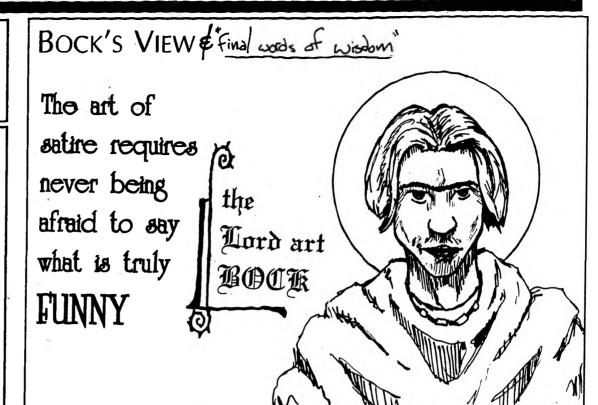
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Burge wishes all "A fond farewell"

...Well, just because I haven't done so all year, I decided to venture into the mailbag this week.

Hey Mr. Goetting (author of the letter to Pat Buchanan): I can understand you're mad, but an "oligarchic cesspool?"

You may have gotten a raw deal from the student senate, but read your letter over again. If you're not a racist, you sure as hell made yourself sound like one. At the very least, you and Buchanan have that in common. (That's sounding like one, not being

Plus, if I hear another person using weak arguments for WGRD's "Radio Activ" disk, I'm going to scream.

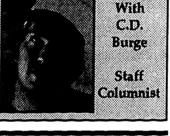
You may not agree with Glen Morren's review, but there are two arguments that don't wash:

1-It's for charity: So what? If it stinks, it stinks. The cause should not determine the merit of the content. To use that argument seems like you're making excuses. If Saddam Hussein put out an album and said it was going to charity, would you talk that up?

2-It was an incredible sales success: So was Hole's first album, and I know tons of people who think that they're terrible.

I'm not saying I agree or disagree with Glen, but don't argue those points. Okay, off my soapbox...

...This year has been so much fun, just because this newspaper allows me to spout off about whatever issue might be in my brain that week.



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One of the truly great things about the Ed-Op page in a college newspaper is that it gives all of us a forum to say our piece to people our age.

Whether you thought I was a wise sage or a blithering idiot, as long as there was discussion, the goal has been achieved. I would hope that further columns by the Lanthorners here continue to attempt that.

Now, on to thanking all of the people that made it the thrilling ride it has been:

•The All Knowledgeable
Newmster: Heck, the guy wasn't even
a student here when I started putting
his quips in. But it certainly makes me
feel better to know that the dumb
things we talk about have someplace

get into the open. You know he must be a philosophy major.

In fact, only this guy would have a brother whose initials (Daniel Andrew Newman) are his name!

•The Staff Writer Supreme, Amie from Auburn Hills: She may just be the only female in the world that thinks remotely like me at all.

Unfortunately, I may have just killed off her social life for a while by saying that.

*Tom the Photomack, and Jen the Photomackette: Jen's always witty, and Tom did manage to get a picture of mine in the paper, even if he did put in my real first name!

•The Fabulous Fullback, Scott Kuderick: You keep my job at the library from getting too mindless. No dumb football players here.

•Tim and Michelle Disler: I'm still trying to figure out how they're related. Still.

•My "Man on the Inside," Mike Allore: Just having your girlfriend be Jen Halash is reason enough to be in the newspaper (see the sports bra letter).

•The rest of the Lanthorn Staff: Just thanks for letting me vent, and Shane for allowing it to be printed.

•To YOU, the readers: Thanks for all of your feedback and ideas, both positive and negative. Without you guys, I would have no direction in which to go. And thanks for not attacking me or anything.

So, keep the peace, all, and I hope you continue to "figure it out."

What I have learned as editor...

My favorite professor suggested that I use this opening for my final Lanthom column:

"As editor of The Lanthorn this year, I found myself hopping around like a horney toad."

In deference to this professor, who shall remain nameless, I used his opening.

But I wasn't really sure where Batch (Oops) wanted me to go with the opening, so I'm going to get away from it as quickly as possible.

To wit, in addition to finding myself hopping around like a homey toad, I also found royself learning quite a few things during my year as editor of The Landsom.

You see, last May I graduated from GVSU, but that's only what the diploma says. In my own mind, I haven't come close to graduating.

So, I came back for another year. Why? Several reasons really: to

Why? Several reasons really: to get smarter, to make The Lanthorn better, to row my fourth year, and maybe, just maybe, to decide what I want to do with the rest of my life.

And that's probably not a decision to be taken lightly, but I take most things lightly. It's part of my being, I suppose.



With Shane P. Szalai Lanthorn

Editor

(One of my best friends has even nicknamed me "Mr. Detachment," and I wasn't offended in the least. It set me back a bit when he said it, but to be honest, he was probably right. Most people take life much too seriously. Not me, pal. Why take it seriously? You just the at the end anyway.)

Furthermore, why shouldn't I take the question lightly? I mean really, at 22-years-old I'm supposed to decide what I want to do for the next 50 years?

No pressure though. I mean, it's only 50 years.

I don't know what I want to do for the next 50 years, and I'm not ashamed to admit it.

Some people are though. Because they're assistanted to tell Aunt Bessie they don't know what they want to do, they act like they know, sometimes

even convince themselves that they know, and then embark on this fabricated life's work-and end up having a miserable life.

Not me, I might have a miserable life, but not because I decided I wanted to be an accountant at 18 years old.

What's wrong with admitting that you don't know? At my graduation party, my relatives could hardly believe that I had graduated and was not yet sure what I wanted to do. The average conversation went like this:

Uncle Inquisitive: So, Shane.
what are you going to do now?"
Me: "I don't know."

Uncle Flabbergasted: "Don't know? How can you not know?..."

I don't know "how" I can't know, but I know I don't know. And I'm sure of myself even though I don't know.

Here's the simplest way I can put it: I don't know what I want to do with the rest of my life, but at least I do know that I don't know, you know?

In all seriousness, though, I believe I am the better for having returned to GVSU for another year.

It is my sincere hope that the Grand Valley community is as well GO GV CREW!

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Campus Concerns

"Listen to other side of the story," student writes

After reading Nathan Goetting's letter to Mr. Buchanan, I was immediately angry and thought of all the things I could say to somehow "put him in his place."

But then I realized that putting someone on the defensive only serves to further close his mind.

I am only asking that he will listen to the other side of the story.

It probably won't change his mind, but hopefully it will cause him to consider that those who hold different views might not be "evil" or trying to "tyrannize" conservatives. They have valid reasons for believing as they do.

When I first came to college, my views were similar on many of the issues Goetting wrote about, and I, too. considered myself a conservative. But at college, I met people from different backgrounds who held to their beliefs just as firmly as I did to mine and who were just as devoted to their religions as I was to mine.

Because I was convinced that the beliefs I and my family held were right, I had never realized that others might be offended by my attempts to "save" them, or by allowing my religion to be instituted by the government.

Here at GVSU, I also met people from different racial backgrounds than

my own. Being from a small town with virtually no minorities, in my own naiveté, I hadn't realized that racism is still a problem in our nation today.

I was not aware that the mortality rate for black infants is twice that of white infants. It is hard for me to event think about that without getting angry. It makes the "persecution" that my ultra-conservative family complains about seem extremely petty.

Another issue I have reconsidered is homosexuality. Throughout the past two years, I have learned a great deal about this subject. For example, scientists still have no idea what determines a person's sexual preference.

I was so sure of my own beliefs that I had no doubts about the morality of homosexual relationships, and I was not afraid to let those beliefs be known.

I thought homosexuality was a perversion the devil used to corrupt people's minds. Something happened that led me to re-examine my views. For several years, someone very close to me had been living an actively homosexual lifestyle. Because of my intolerance, he was unable to share a very large part of his life with me.

When he finally told me, he also told me that he had gone though months of contemplating suicide. His

family still doesn't know, and he can't tell them because of their intolerance. Many people who are very dear to him do not know who he is in love with and wants to spend the rest of his life with.

Can you imagine what it would feel like if you could never tell your family or your close friends that you were engaged to be married? Do you think that this person would choose this sexual preference because he wants to be different or for the sexual pleasure it brings him?

I am happy for my friend because I can see the peace and happiness he feels when he is with this person. I can't tell him that it is wrong for him to be happy because of my religious

My beliefs are my own personal beliefs and are not criteria for judging the rest of the world. I wish others would leave judging up to a Higher Authority. I don' think people realize the damage they do to others with their intolerance.

Liberals are not trying to victimize you, Mr. Goetting. They are just trying to help out those who truly are victims.

> Nicole Ellet Student

Student extends olive branch to fellow conservative

This is a letter to Mr. Goetting.

My name is Elena Garcia. I am twenty-one years old, an honor student here at GVSU and a proud Sunday school teacher of first and second graders

Like you. I am a strong believer in our great nation's Constitution. especially the First Amendment. Maybe you've heard of it? Freedom of religion? Freedom of speech?

Because of my strong faith in the values this country stands for, I will restrain myself from expounding on how incredibly ignorant, racist, and offensive I find your beliefs.

Instead I am extending the olive branch by offering you some friendly advice. You see, there is this college twenty minutes down the road where you can learn all about St. Thomas of Aquinas-it's called AQUINAS

COLLEGE!

Also, in the future you might want to avoid "Liberal" arts colleges. If you had taken more time in researching your college choice, it might have saved you all this persecution and suffering.

> With Love, Elena Garcia

Goetting's letter changes student's opinion...

I followed your quest for, and later denial of, a seat on the student senate. I took your side, and after hearing the details, I thought a great disservice had been done unto you.

I no longer feel that way.

After reading your letter to Pat Buchanan, I now feel that, though the means of keeping you off senate were not proper, the ends justify them.

More specifically, your strong, conservative ideals are not shared to

your degree by many students. That would make you poorly qualified to be a speaker on their behalf, as senators are intended to be.

I think you will be happy to know that next year I will be a member of the "Oligarchic Cesspool of Liberals," and I am VERY liberal.

My stances on campus politics do not in any way condemn individuals for where they are from, by which name they call Allah, or which sex a person chooses to have a relationship

My only hope is to try to better their lifestyle, whichever it may be.

I want to get better housing, make ours a safer campus and provide quality programming.

However, I do NOT want to wage a battle against people's ability to choose. That is something I leave to Stalinists and Fascists

> Richard M. Rossow Student/Head Liberal

"Overcome Ignorance through Education," student writes

I am responding to Matthew Burnell's response in last week's Lanthorn because his ignorance about gay/lesbian/bi/transgender issues is tremendously overwhelming.

I know many people are ignorant gay/lesbian/bi/transgender issues, so I am going to take this opportunity to clarify some of those misconceptions that have lingered throughout history, plaguing the homosexual community.

First, homosexuality is not a choice and homosexuals are not sexual deviants or perverts.

I take great offense when Burnell categorizes homosexuals with "nymphos!" It is ignorance like that that makes homosexuals have to struggle even harder.

Second, homosexuality is not just about WHO one is having sex with. There is a lot more to homosexual relationships than sex (just like

heterosexual relationships).

It is so easy to look at homosexuals and think who they are sleeping with, but there are a lot more emotions involved that have nothing to do with sex.

Third, excerpts from The Bible that say homosexuality is or is not a sin can be debated without end because different there are many

However, God made me who I am for a purpose and I do not believe that God hates me or any other homosexual.

I am angry with all those Biblebeaters because that is what they are doing. They are taking a book that is supposed to teach lessons of love and good, and twisting those lessons to fit their beliefs and to preach HATE.

God is not hate. God is love and love is for everyone.

There are so many other things

Retiring Prof writes, "I love you, man!"

I am retiring from Grand Valley after 24 years in the Biology Department and would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to the many, many students, faculty colleagues, COTs, administrators, and others who have contributed so much to making my years here a rewarding experience.

It has been memorable participating in and being a small part of the evolution of Grand Valley from a new, small college to the major

educational force that it now is in West Michigan and beyond.

To each of you who has added to my pleasurable experience here, a heartfelt "thank you." You will be remembered more than you realize.

To the students who I have been privileged to guide, help, and to all my friends-to borrow a currently popular phrase: "I love you, man!"

> Norm Leeling Professor of Biology

concerning homosexuality that people need to become aware of. I urge you, Burnell, and all others to pick up a

book, talk to people, or make a few

homosexuality can only be overcome

phone calls, and educate yourself about homosexuality. The fear and ignorance of

through education.

Joanne M. Catania President, 10% of U and Friends

The "New Russians"

Russians" are successful business people from the Soviet Union who built their capital from the lare 1980's to

the early 90's. Russians divide these "new people" into three groups, according socialist society.

first The level of government administrators and communist

workers. In the last two to three years, the rate of growth of this group has greatly increased. This increase can be explained by the process of privatization. The old economic structure disappeared and has been replaced by new markets, joint ventures, and financial enterprises, but often managed by the same old leaders and directors.

The next group are businessmen of the second wave who started their activities during the first two or three years of Perestroika. The majority of this second wave includes talented people who earn money with their own brains and effort. These first two groups have established the so-called 'business-clite" of present-day Russia.

Finally, the third group is a younger generation of crafty, forwardthinking entrepreneurs who have built their capital during the chaos and anarchy of today's Russia. This clique is very fresh, less-educated and likes to spend money-as well as flaunt it.

The "New Russians" vary in background, educational level and lifestyle, but most of the rich people in today's Russia come from established families. They are well-educated, interested in politics, world events, and the economy. To conduct business today in Russia requires strength, persistence and great endurance. The natural selection process in the Russian market is effective. The weak, the dull, and the lazy falter and usually fail.

The families, hobbies, activities, and living conditions of the "New Russians" are quite similar. They typically want to live in their own houses, away from big, industrial cities, But to do so is not an easy task in Russia. Crime is frequent and the wealthy are a natural target. That's why most "New Russians" still live in apartments: partly to obscure their wealth.

A nice car is a symbol of business success in Russia. The most popular cars for the "New Russians" are "Mercedes Benzes" and "Lincolns." More brand-new "Mercedes" were sold last year in Moscow alone than in all of Western Europe! Family members usually have Russian brand cars, which are less expensive and easier to care for in the Russian car market.

The style of clothes of the "New



Guest Opinion With Marianna Althremenko Russian Exchange Student

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girlfriends or wives.

The offier two groups prefer t more elegant style. They don't use clothes to demonstrate their wealth, They are quite conservative and prefet a family lifestyle. The businesspeople of the first and second groups don't change their wives as a result of increased wealth

Statistics show that over 85 percent of the business elite's wives have a college education. These women usually work in their husbands' companies or in some related businesses Some of them quit working as their family's financial situation improves.

Most families have just one or two children. Parents prefer economic or law degrees for their children and usually send their children to Europe or overseas to get an education and study a foreign language.

The "New Russians" typically devote most of their time to their business. They cannot imagine their lives without work, but when they do get free time, their favorite activities include tennis, skiing, car-racing, and soccer. Like all Russians, they also love hunting and saunas.

Honesty, professionalism, and punctuality are highly valued among the business elite. Many middle and lower class Russians think the 'New Russians" gained their wealth by crime. To some extent, that is true; some wealth was exploited from the old socialistic economy.

Today, however, most Russian businessmen try to follow the law. The problem is that the laws are not settled Old laws don't work anymore, and new business legislation is not yet clearly defined.

The "New Russians" work hard for the wealth of the country and seek a healthy and stable economy. They want to improve not only their lives but the life of the average person in Russia. They're involved in many charity organizations and help senior citizens, handicapped, and orphans.

I hope that as the years go by, traditions of Russian business will stabilize and those high-valued features will remain a part of it. When I think about the "New Russians," I have more optimism for the future of my

professional transformation

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Students win big at Las Vegas Night

By Tammy Nicolen Staff Writer

Gambling, food and music combined to make the annual Las Vegas Night a success and generate a large crowd Friday.

Major Campus Activities sponsored the event, held in the Commons Atrium, which featured entertainment from WCKS as well as plenty of gambling

"It gives us something different to do on a Friday night besides going to parties," -- Kevin Schueler.

Blackjack was the biggest draw for GVSU students, and even the dealers were enjoying the competition.

Blackjack dealer

"It gives us something different to do on a Friday night besides going to parties," said blackjack dealer Kevin Schueler.

"I didn't end up winning anything, but I had fun losing," -- Jessica Zender, GVSU freshman

Starting at 8 p.m., each student was given 30 chips in souvenir cups. They could get one more cup full, but after that. they were done.

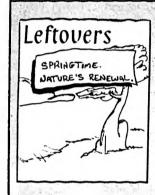
Outside the atrium non-alcoholic daquiri's and piña colada's were available courtesy of the Wellness Educators, who provided the drinks for free.

The auction started at 11 p.m. and students used their chips to bid on 24 prize packages that included gift certificates, oil changes and movie passes.

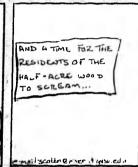
"I didn't end up winning anything, but I had fun losing, commented freshman Jessica



GVSU students try their luck at the craps table last Friday at Las Vagas Night. Photo by Jennifer Seck.









For Spanish Prof, all roads led to GVSU

By C.D. Burge Staff Writer

GVSU's Foreign Language department is filled with professors with all types of backgrounds.

Perhaps none, however, is more interesting than third-year Spanish professor Benjamin Agawu-Kakraba.

Fluent in six languages, Agawu-Kakraba would prefer you called him Yaw (pronounced EE-OW), which is the name given to him in his native Ghana. It is given to males born on Thursdays.

Chana is the type of place where you could travel five miles down the road and find someone speaking a totally different language," he explained.

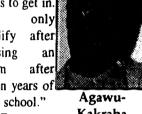
Agawu-Kakraba, who spoke three languages by the time he was five years old, speaks French, English and three other African languages in addition to

His forte into Spanish, however, didn't come until college. "I began learning Spanish after high school, which was not taught at that level. Spanish is not spoken widely at all in Ghana."

Agawu-Kakraba received his B.A. from the University of Ghana and is the only one of six siblings to go to college.

"Education very competitive in Ghana because it is free," he said.

are very few spots to get in. You only after qualify passing exam after seven years of high school."



Kakraba

FromGhana, he received a scholarship to study at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada, where he received his M.A. in Spanish.

"To come to the U.S.

was more exciting because of the types of institutions that are here. A quest for knowledge brought me here," --Benjamin Agawu-Kakraba, Spanish professor

But there was still much for Agawu-Kakraba to complete and Cornell University offered that opportunity.

"To come to the U.S. was more exciting because of the types of institutions that are here. A quest for knowledge brought me here," he said.

After earning his Ph. D., Agawu-Kakraba entertained offers from Murray State, Utica College of Syracuse and the University of New York, GVSU

won out because the school's offer was more exciting to him.

"I think I bring in a dimension completely different from anybody else's because I'm not Hispanic," he said. "I think the students see me as someone who has accomplished something in both language and literature. It helps students understand that Spanish is not something you go through and forget."

Part of that dimension, on the other hand, brings cultural adjustment with it.

"In Ghana, you wouldn't call professors by their first names. Here, that line is sort of blurred. I like the informality here, but I've had to grow accustomed to it."

"There seems to be an attitude that you have to take Spanish to get it out of the way. The new crop of faculty are trying to encourage students by pointing out that Spanish is becoming a second language in this country."

With the Spanish Department set to lose important veteran faculty members in the coming months, the torch must be carried on by professors such as Agawu-Kakraba.

"Spanish has become so important and vital in American social and economic life," he said.

"I think we'd like to turn out people who learn Spanish, and can go out and effectively teach in the high schools."

The Aura of nothing in particular

By Amie Million Staff Writer and

> C.D. Burge Staff Wiseass

Just to give you an idea of how egocentric we are here at The Lanthorn, Amie and C.D. could not stand to let Jen Vanse and Michelle Disler get all of the glory with their columns.

When Amie was nice enough to post C.D.'s bail so he could write this with her, they realized that their constant griping could be converted into a column. This is their version of The Aura of..."

Of what, you ask? Well, nothing in particular, it turns out. DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN...

A: You're lying on the couch at 2 a.m., watching TV, and you keep telling yourself to go to bed, but you're convinced that you just can't. You're so tired, you can't go to bed.

C: And when you finally get up and get ready for bed, you're not tired! I know a guy who studied 124 straight hours for finals simply by brushing his teeth enough times.

A: I hate it when your boy/ girl friend leaves the room and you're stuck with someone you liust met. Even worse, they often don't even introduce you...

C: I can start a conversation with anyone, but the people you get left with in these situations usually act like you have leprosy or something.

WHY DO WOMEN ALWAYS...

C: Turn things around on guys? It seems like this campus is full of women who are experts at that sort of thing. No wonder I know so many female lawyers.

A: That was almost funny, but it's all right, 'cause we know they started out making more

money than you ever will...

C: Yeah, but look how soon they get married... What is Marcia Clark, 80?

A: She's already been married. Get your facts straight. Anyway, she doesn't need a man to define herself. Tell me this: WHY, if a guy wants the channel changed, he'll get up to look for the remote for 12 hours instead of getting up to change the channel?

C: It's in-bred in all men. You wouldn't understand.

WHY DOESN'T GVSU...

A: Put more pay phones on this campus? One in Mackinac would be nice, or at least a light by the one in Manitou, which you have to use if you're in Mackinac.

It would also be nice if I could see the keyhole on my car door past 7 p.m. There are lights lining the Lake Michigan Hall parking lot, but who parks by the woods for a 6 p.m. class?

C: How about the classroom temperatures here? Au Sable must keep the cadavers for the science classes in one of those rooms, it's so cold.

JEN AND MICHELLE SHOULD...

C: Go on tour with their act. I'm sure the Lifetime TV network would absolutely eat it up! Why do they call a channel for women Lifetime? If there's BET (Black Entertainment Television), why not WET?

A: Hello? That could be taken a number of ways. And to go back to the subject, yes, they should go on tour.

C: What are you saying, Amie, do we actually agree?

A: I disagree...just kidding. I had to keep up with tradition. Well, C-ya Burge.

C: Later, I hope Jabaar, I mean Jabbar, the door when you

A: Well, that was almost funny, too.

TOP ELEVEN STORIES THE LANTHORN SHOULD HAVE RUN (... BUT DIDN'T)

- 11. A day in the life of Jim Class: a student senate stripper.
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- Harn radio club decides to eat pork; WCKS decides they like bacon.
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- Jen Vanse and Michelle Disler take to the Cook-Carillon
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- GVSU Women "become visible" by streaking through campus wearing nothing but sports bras.
- 5. The Lanthorn's Man of the Year: Alan Fee
- Loch Ness Monster reported in Zumberge Pond, possible link to missing Shakespeare statues. President Lubbers confirms sighting.
- 3. Lanthorn actually printed on recycled "Huggies."
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- That one story on that thing about two months ago on a page somewhere written by that guy that works for that place.

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Dean of Minority Affairs Don Williams (left) accepts the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award from President Luibbers and William Pickard at the 1996 President's Ball. Each year the student senate honors the faculty or staff member it thinks went above and beyond the call of duty with the award.

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THE LONG ROAD BACK

 Laker running back continues recovery from multiple fracture

By C.D. Burge

It has been five months since Bruce Calhoun could walk normally.

The sophomore fullback hasn't been able to participate in spring practice this year; he is still recovering from a multiple fracture he suffered against Northwood in the last game of the season.

Calhoun was blocking on a third-quarter play, when another player rolled over on his leg.

"I felt it crack," he said. There was a lot of pain, right

"The first thing that came to my mind was that my leg was broken, and I would never play again."

Calhoun actually suffered a multiple-fracture dislocation, as he broke both bones in his leg and dislocated his ankle. He had one surgery the night of his injury and one the next day. He had six screws and a metal plate put in his leg to stabilize it.

For most, it was out of sight, out of mind. It was an injury that happened towards the end of a blowout game. For Calhoun, the road back had only just begun.

The trainers and doctors told me that I'd be back by August, and the coaches expected me to come back strong," he said. "They know I'm a hard worker"

That work consisted of numerous hours of physical therapy and exercise. Calhoun was on crutches until January, after a third surgery removed a screw that stabilized his ankle.

"Basically, the biggest thing is trying to work on his range of motion," team trainer Doug woods said. "Once, that happens, you can begin light resistance on it. He's done real well with an injury that is very serious."

Now, after several months of healing, Calhoun is relegated to toe raises, light jogging and stairmaster work. Continuing to do the things necessary is what keeps bim optimistic.

"I feel that by August, I should be 90 to 100 percent easy," Calhoun said. "I've made so much progress rehabilitating and everything else."

But, for Calhoun, the progress has not been fast enough.

You see your teammates going into battle, but you think, 'I can't do anything like that.'

Men netters ending season on a positive note

• Laker tennis team has surged, winning four of their last five matches

"We are in the right

position now. We are

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game."

--Tim Sutherland,

GVSU tennis coach

By Molly Burns

The GVSU men's tennis team is ending the season on a winning note. They have won four of the their last five matches and have only two league matches before the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament next Friday.

The team competed against Hillsdale College last Wednesday and defeated them 8-1.

"We are playing really well right now," coach Tim Sutherland said. "The team has reached a really respectable level by playing good tennis."

Senior Amar Arslanagic is

one of those players, easily defeating his first singles opponent 6-1, 6-2. First doubles, Brian Ferguson and Tony Ries,

beating their challengers 6-1, 6-0.

"We in the right position now," Sutherland said. "We mentally focused concentrating on the game."

The team traveled up north over the weekend to compete against Michigan Technological University and Lake Superior State University.

In a tough loss to Michigan against his second singles opponent 3-6, 7-5, 6-0. Scott also did not have a problem Damp and Terry Gilliand also

> won their third doubles match 6-2, 6-4.

"Our third doubles playing great right now, as is the team," Sutherland said. "We started the season slow and

• GVSU's golf and rowing teams show promise

we're pulling it around with distractions is a real tribute to the team.'

The Lakers ended the weekend on a positve note, defeating LSSU 7-2.

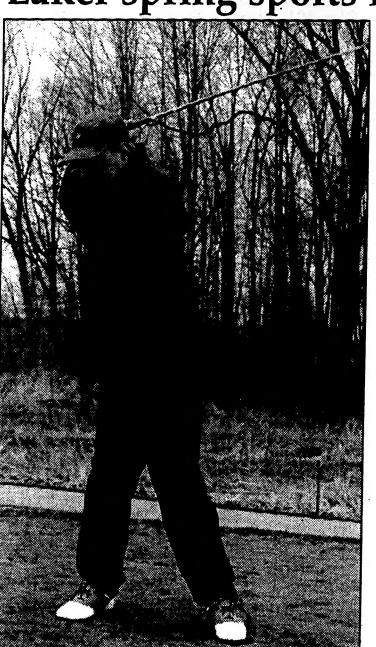
"We came back to beat Tech, Matt Toth pulled out a win LSSU in the toughest conditions, on their gym floor," Sutherland

> Damp and Gilliand beat their challengers 6-3, 6-2 in third doubles. Ries was victorious in fourth singles 6-4, 6-3; Mike Yee pulled out a victory in a tough fifth singles match 6-4, 7-6(2).

"We're having this surge at the end of the season. We are feeling good mentally and physically and are looking forward to the (conference) tournament," Sutherland said.

The Lakers have moved to 3-3 in the GLIAC and will take on Ferris State and Mercyhurst on Tuesday and Wednesday. The GLIAC Tournament will be held in Midland, April 26 and 27.

Laker spring sports finish busy weekend



GVSU senior Brian Furst, who shot a tournament-low 72 in the opening round of the Laker Invitational, prepares to hit a tee shot. The tournament was held at The Meadows Saturday and Sunday. Photo by Jennifer Seck.

By C.D. Burge

Staff Writer

GVSU's golf teams and crew are running full-steam into spring competition after a busy weekend of action.

The Laker men's golf team hosted its only home tournament, the Laker Invitational, this weekend. GVSU took fourth, 19 strokes off of the winner and conference foe Saginaw Valley State (614). Perrenial league powerhouses Ferris State (617) and Oakland University (619) finished second and third, respectively.

The event boasted a number of teams from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference: including Northern Michigan, Wayne State, Northwood and Hillsdale.

Individually, Laker senior Brian Furst had the 18-hole tournament low of 72 on Saturday, while Oakland's Kevin Manninen had the two-day low of 149 strokes. Junior Gerard Gessner and sophomore Eric Hartman had two rounds in the 70s for GVSU

On the women's side of things, Friday and Saturday showcased a fourth-place finish by the Lakers at the Tri-State University Spring Classic in Indiana.

GVSU finished only three strokes behind a strong Oakland team, with freshmen Jen Lackey

and Liz Zainea shooting teamlows of 172 and 174 for both days. Host and first-place finisher Tri-State University sported the best individual score, as Sarah Brown had a 161. Ferris State finished second.

The women played host to Ferris State Sunday, but results were unavailable at printing time. Meanwhile, the Laker men will take their game to Tri-State Friday and Saturday and follow with the District IV NCAA tournament the next two days.

Meanwhile, Grand Valley 'Crew continues to make a mark nationally, as they took six gold medals at the La Salle Invitational in Camden, N.J.

On the varsity side, the Men's Open Four established itself as a boat to beat nationally by taking gold. The Women's Lightweight Four and Open Pair, a boat the team doesn't usually row, also earned gold medals.

The races, with preliminary heats followed by finals, had six lanes of competing boats. Over 20 teams competed at the regatta.

The Novice boats, which did not have finals, showcased victories by the Men's Four and Women's Four, as well as the Women's Eight.

Up next for the Crew is the Governor's Cup, held in Charleston, W. Va. GV Crew will also compete at the Dad Vail Regatta, considered the small college national championships, held May 10-11 in Philadelphia.

Varsity, club and intramural athletes earn some respect

By Joe Schaefer **Sports Editor**

Whether you're a varsity athlete, a club sport athlete or an intramural athlete, you have earned my respect.

Most varsity athletes practice several hours each week; those who excel often put in even more time than their coaches require. Why? Simply to be the best they can be.

Varsity athletes maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.0 and take at least 12 credits. I have a difficult time doing that, and I don't participate in intercollegiate athletics.

While athletes from club sports do not receive as much attention from the university (and sadly to say, this publication), they deserve a tip of my hat, as well.

Participants in club sports also practice and compete for long hours. These athletes have to schedule and drive to their contests; they also have to hire their own coaches.

Club sports are open to any student, but certain clubs maintain specific rules for participation in events. Most of these athletes participate simply for the love of a sport.

Intramural athletes deserve

respect, too. They are normal students looking for some fun and a chance to be involved on campus. Hey, it beats sitting on the sofa and watching television.

Now, some people cannot participate for a number of reasons. Jobs, families, hobbies, studying, whatever. Those people deserve respect just as much as any of these athletes, or even those who watch more television than they should.

Lady Lakers improve league play

By Dan Moore Staff Writer

The women's softball team returned to their winning ways last weekend as the team picked up five wins in six league games.

Improved fielding and timely hitting helped the team to victories over Ferris State, Lake Superior State, and Saginaw Valley State.

Their only loss came in game one of the doubleheader against SVSU.

"We really bounced back these five wins. with Attitudewise we were up for these games," coach Doug Woods said.

After a scoreless first in game one against FSU, the Lakers picked up two runs in the second inning. The Bulldogs came back with a three-run fourth inning.

After two quick outs in the

fifth, the women smacked Ferris for 12 runs. Each GVSU player scored a run, and three players scored twice in the inning for the 14-3 victory.

In game two of the doubleheader GVSU scored three runs in the fourth to go up one and take a 4-3 victory.

Saturday the team took on Lake Superior. Pitcher Candy Babyack earned her sixth shutout of the year in a 1-0 GVSU win in game one.

The ladies blanked the LSSU Lakers in game two, scoring nine runs off 14 hits and with no errors. Pitcher Allison VanHorn, 7-2 on the year, earned her fifth shutout in that game.

Saginaw Valley visited the Lakers on Sunday and came away with a 3-0 victory in game

In a game two tiebreak in the eighth. GVSU scored three runs to pull away with a 7-4 victory.

Tonight the team travels to



GOING HOME. GVSU's Jill Folland rounds the bases on her way to score a run in the Lakers' 7-4 victory over Saginaw Valley State. Photo by Jennifer Seck.

Kalamazoo to take Kalamazoo College. Saturday the team will travel to Midland to face Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Northwood University in another doubleheader.

Soccer gears up for summer

By C.D. Burge Staff Writer

While the women's varsity soccer team and men's club team are not starting their season until fall, there are still plenty of things going on this summer.

Foremost among them will be a tryout for the women's team, which will be a mix of recruited players and those who just want to play.

"I'm looking for the best players," coach Dago Cortes said. "I like to see players with skills, not necessarily the best

That tryout will be the first of two, with the second taking place Aug. 17. Cortes said he expects between 15 and 20 players, about half of which played on the club team last year. The men's tryout will take place Aug. 28.

Now, with a definite Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule, the team can focus on the players it needs to compete. Games against Division powerhouses Ш University Mercyhurst College will require good talent.

As far as the men's team is concerned, the new women's varsity program will help the club's cause.

"The fact that the women's team has gone varsity has given us more opportunities," the men's club president Steve McInally said. "When Dago became a varsity coach, he really got his foot in the door."

While the men have only managed to schedule three games, they will practice at 4 p.m. Monday through Priday after April 28. Practice is open to whomever wants to attend.

Also. Cortes has organized several soccer camps for the summer, with boys and girls camps being offered. The ages range from eight to high school.

BRUCE, from p.10 You want to go in and get the

like that," he said. Especially because of the atmosphere of spring practice, Calhoun's absence is all the more

rehab done, but it doesn't happen

visible. "The injury really takes away from Bruce's preparation," GVSU running backs coach Rob Odejewski said. "It's going to knock us off our game plan a little bit, and spring is an important opportunity for guys to

The coaching staff thought

get a look at each position."

that the wiser choice was to hold Calhoun out of the spring practices rather than risk another injury. Support from his been key, teammates has however.

"The guys ask me every day how I'm doing," Calhoun said. "They make me feel as if I'm still part of the team."

"I know Bruce will be back," Odejewski said. "If there was an individual that would come back, it would be him. He's a team leader, and the guys all look up to him."

Calhoun still plans to return home for the summer, where he expects to be put in a more strenuous workout program to prepare for fall.

Regardless of whether Calhoun is ready by that time, the progress he can make in getting around is the most important.

"The hardest part was thinking whether I would walk again," he said. "I didn't know if I would always walk with a limp, if I would ever run like I did. I didn't know if I'd ever be normal



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BFA shows culminate work for senior art students



A ceramic piece from Karen Hekman's clay series, "Series of the Whole." Photo by Jennifer Seck.

• Kibbey and Cope tell "A Truth of Silence" with humor and self-portraits in Calder BFA show

By Michelle Disler **Entertainment Editor**

GVSU artists Lori Kibbey and Laura Cope projected their element of a truth with their BFA show in Calder Gallery last

Titled "A Truth of Silence," Kibbey said their show is their "first chance" to speak out as females and artists in their five years at GVSU.

They had a lot to say.

Between the contradictions in size, color and technique, Kibbey and Cope's dry points and wood cuts worked on different levels of meaning to give their show an expressive multi-dimensional feel.

Kibbey featured dry points and oil pastels based on a cynical humor through take-offs on old Mother Goose nursery rhymes.

Kibbey etched dozens of self-portraits on coffee-stained papers and gave a cynical twist to the nursery rhymes etched beside images of herself.

In one of her etchings, Kibbey gave the old adage Sugar and spice and all things nice" a cynical twist by titling it not what Little girls are made of, rather, "What Little Boys Like."

"Humor is important to me," Kibbey said. " If I can get a little chuckle, that's what I'm looking for."

Dellas Henke, Kibbey's primary, instructor, said Kibbey gives viewers something they don't expect with her tounge-in-

"It's clear through her plaintive self-portrait that she's trying to discover who she is," Henke said.

"It's clear through her plaintive self-portrait that she's trying to discover who she is." -- Dellas Henke, GVSU Professor of Art

Cope said that she and Kibbey talk about a lot of things in the same way and both express the condition of humans from a subtle feminist perspective in their work.

"Lori is pointing out what society teaches us," Cope said. "I look at the way society teaches us not to express all of that."

"Lori is pointing out what society teaches us. I look at the way society teaches us not to express all of that."

--Laura Cope, GVSU student

"You want to stand up and say 'I am worth something and I have something to say. I have experienced life to some extent," Cope added.

Cope displayed primarily wood cuts which combined color combinations of brown, green, black and white that Calder Gallery director

Nowakowski said were probably not meant to be harmonius.

"She creates a stridency, and I think that is what she wants," Nowakowski said. "The color scheme makes you deal with a stronger psychology."

Don Kerr, professor of painting, described Cope's work as "highly personal."

"Laura is very sensitive and aware of how people interact, as opposed to how man relates to the environment," Kerr said.

"She goes from full color range from harmony to disonance but that's part of the communication of her work," he added.

Both artists plan to attend graduate school in the future. Kibbey said she'll switch her emphasis from art photography and has a few graduate schools in mind after she takes a year off from school.

Cope plans to apply to graduate schools next fall and work towards an MFA in printmaking.

Senior Graphic Design students conclude the April BFA shows next week in Calder Gallery. Look for projects by Kristi Brenner, Danielle Hiar, Duane Huismann, Matthew Jarka and Shane Harris April 22-26.

I didn't ever walk over and say hi The signs were pretty clear. Heart pounding palms sweating mind wandering I didn't have the nerve. Why didn't I approach her? The thought of failing doesn't enter my mind

• Themes of nature influence Hanson and Hekman's artwork

By Michelle Disler **Entertainment Editor**

Take your imagination with you to Philip Hanson's and Karen Hekman's BFA show in Calder Gallery this week because both artists like to let their work speak for itself.

The rest is up to you.

"Part of the fun for me when you look at something that's not objective is to contemplate and wonder what it's all about," Hanson said.

He created his collection of oil on canvas, oil on linen and monotypes with some unconventional tools that created the same effects in ancient cave paintings. "echolalia," "fields on fire," oils on linen, and "soliloquy" and "anima mundi," oils on canvas, were created with hollowed out bamboo stick and a sponge, and later brushed over with a paint brush to bring out volume and

"Blowing is a crude effect and you have to work on it a long time to get a smoother texture," Hanson said.

Hanson describes pieces like his "soliloquy" as a "discourse with himself" that are just meant to make people wonder.

"It's a comment on the fact that art is made in solitude but also when you look at something it's a way of looking at yourself," Hanson said.

Hanson said the texture cre-

ated by the use of such unconventional tools is an important aspect to his work. Texture groups like those in "echolalia" have the effect in painting the way a drumbeat does in music. Repetitive visual textures operate the same way. He noted that

echolalia is a disorder in which people affected by it uncontrollably repeat what other people say, and the painting reflects that in its texture.

Hanson also has mixed media pieces and gouache, a technique of opaque water color.

Hekman's show is a ceramics series of clay called "Series of the Whole" that includes graphite drawings she calls "details" of the whole and represent up-close views of ceramics pieces mounted on stands and on the gallery

Nature is a major influence in her work that gives her show an organic, ocean-like theme.

"My pieces are organic and living," Hekman said.

She also described her pieces as having a uniqueness that makes each one beautiful and in a sense familiar.

Despite the fact that these sea-like ceramic creatures don't really exist, Hekman added that their familiarity also makes them easy to read.

"The forms I create are true to the material and true to my hands," she said.

Hekman's show also has a cyclical quality to its organic theme that begins with what she calls her "birth piece" and ends on a death theme with a ceramic piece that resembles driftwood that has been dried by the sun (top photo). Out of the birth piece spills what Hekman called a "cornucopia of babies."

But Hekman invites you to call it what you like because she'd rather people just look at her work than describe it to them.

"I want them to look at it and think about it for themselves." Hekman said. "I don't want titles to lead them into thinking 'this is it," Hekman said.



"anima mundi," oil on canvas by Philip Hanson. Photo by Jennifer Seck.





By Rob Chevalier

A glance A wink A raise of the eyebrows A swaying of the hair What should one say? To the lovely lady across the way. "No guts

No glory."

What is my story?

I constantly ask why?

It's the thought of not trying at

Voices of GVSU concert more than just a melody

By Lisa Brink Staff Writer

The Voices of GVSU concert, held in the Louis Armstrong Theater last Saturday, was a success despite a late start due to technical problems.

The concert, which began about 45 minutes behind schedule, drew a crowd of loyal listeners willing to wait until the technical difficulties resolved.

After an introduction by Jean Jones, the Mistress of Ceremony, two members of Grand Valley's Praise Team performed two songs, the first one called "Alleluia."

second, announced The as a song declaring warfare on the devil, earned a strong reaction from the audience, with clapped to the beat from beginning to end.

Directed by Cassonya Carter, The Voices of GVSU followed with a song entitled "I'll Stand," followed by three "Welcome," others. "Now Behold the Lamb," and "Talk It Over With Jesus," all of which included solo performances.

Jones also welcomed guest singers and gospel recording artists, Kirk Johnson and Birdie Tate, both of Grand Rapids. Following a brief introduction, the two performed a duet titled, "Up Where we belong."

The Voices of GVSU returned to start the second portion of their program. They began this part of the performance with one of the favored songs of the afternoon, "Worthy Is the Lamb."

A young man acting as Jesus on the cross was led onto the stage with two women on either side of him. He stood, head bowed and arms extended, as the members of the Voices of GVSU walked in processional through the aisles of the theater and onto the stage.

As the Voices of GVSU sang, the two women who had taken the stage earlier returned to perform a dance, impressing the audience with movements. The performance moved singers and audience members to tears.

The choir followed this performance with four more songs, "I Am God," "Another Chance," "He That Believeth," the final selection, "Faithful," all featuring soloists.

At the end of the program the Voices of GVSU found grateful fans who felt the concert was worth the the late start. Jones said many hours of practice on the part of the singers was a major factor to the concert's success.

"They put in a lot of hours," Jones said. "This is in addition to studying for classes. They have to put in extra time."

Showing of Student Works on Monday Film and video students show past projects

By Mary Graff Staff Writer

School of The GVSU Communications will showing student films videos in Lake Superior Hall next Monday at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome encouraged to stop by Room 174 and take a look at what Film & Video students have been working on for the past four semesters.

The night will begin with the final film projects from professor Jim Jordan's 16 mm I Even if people are undecided about going, they should check it out... and buing munchies."

-Mike Augre Event organizer

film class. Students can also bring in videos and/or films produced for Communications classes to be shown but are not limited to just one per student, said Mike Allore, who is organizing Monday's showing.

"Anyone who is proud of more than one video or film can bring both, or all of them,"

"This is also a farewell to graduating film students so we hope to get a lot of people interested in seeing their work. Even if people are undecided about going, they should check it out...and bring munchies."

Book Review: Outside the Dog Museum

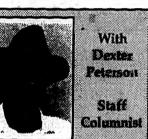
"Outside The Dog Museum" proves once again that the fiendishly inventive mind of Jonathon Carroll is one of the wildest, weirdest wonderlands our modern literature has produced.

Mixing elements of fantasy, horror, and satire in that uniquely post-modern blender called Magical Realism, Carroll's words evoke a world constantly new and strange, as inviting as it is forbidding.

"Dog Museum" presents us with Walker Easterling, genius architect, lover of two very different women, self-described son of a bitch.

An Arabian prince comissions a unique work from Easterling: a museum in honor of the common mutt, which just happens to give Easterling a reason to start work on the dream building that literally appears in front of him at times.

This novel has the best and the worst of Carroll's style in it:



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an amazing insight in human frailty and strength, a loving description of the natural ambience of various cities and settings, and sequences of such surreality that they boggle the

However, the characters,

though believable, are hard to understand and sympathize with. (We are not convinced that any of the women he is seeing wants to be with him, or he with them.)

Characters, events and entire sub-plots seem to be forgotten by the author by story's end, and the novel just sort of ends without resolving anything.

There is a profound difference between works which leave conclusions to the readers' imaginations, and works which fail to resolve their themes, and I'm afraid that Carroll has fallen into the latter category many times (a habit which Neil Gaiman seems to have picked up as well).

Still, no one tells a story quite like Jonathon Carroll.

The reader will have to decide for themselves whether the above shortcomings sabotage the sheer joy Carroll obviously takes in the magic of storytelling, partially shown by his unwavering dedication to the first person voice.

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The March Hare would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for whatever it was that they did. I'd also like to take this opportunity to say hello to the tiny mites and request that they take a look at the cartoon to the right. (After all, it is dedicated to them.)

Also, a very special thanks to the people that help to preserve my insanity - you know who you are and what you do. SCHPOOT!





Jen and Michelle's guide to SEX!



After their illustrious Lanthorn careers, Michelle and Jen take one last look back at their loyal followers. Photo by Tom "the photo mac" Hoffmeyer.

By Michelle Disler **Entertainment Editor**

and

Jennifer Vanse Campus Life Editor

The end of an era is near.

This is Jen and Michelle's last column together. We wanted to go out with a bang, and what better topic than SEX?

Actually, this column is about the different interpretations men and women have on certain subjects.

We used sex as a cheap ploy to get your attention and make you read our article. We hope you have enjoyed our little ditties as much as we have. All of the hate mail, death threats and even those marriage proposals, have all been appreciated and duly noted.

We will be having a going away party next April 25 at, where else, Laguna's, so please stop in and buy us a beer. We might even dance with you. In response to the accusations that we hate men and are one-sided in our opinions, let it also be noted that we consulted not one, but four bona fide males in the construction of this article. So here it is.

Girls on Guys: "Date"

J: For any man who may be confused on this issue, let me clarify. If you ask a woman out, have a plan in mind. Repeating, "I don't care, where do you want to go" ad nauseum makes a screaming.

M: On that note, I sometimes wonder if every guy has attended the "Duh, I dunno, what do YOU want to do" school of dating.

If they're lucky, the ONLY thing the girl will do is to run away screaming if they hear this.

"I'll call you"

J: I'll just say, "Don't call me, I'll call you first." Do guys have some little secret spot where they hide all of these numbers they collect, but never call? I swear sometimes its a conspiracy.

M: Well, far be it from me to just crudely lump all men together, but Jen, I think you're on to something. And without actually having seen one, I think that secret spot would be the walls in the men's restroom. Or as our source says, that's if he wrote it down and didn't accidentally wash it with his laundry in a drunken stupor the next morning.

"Love"

J: Beware the wily ways of this four letter word. Girls think, "He really cares about me." Guys think, "Now will you have sex with me?"

M: "Smart ass." "Dumb ass." "Bite me." This is what I hear from our male sources in conversation with each other.

woman want to run away And girls want to know about love? According to one of the said sources, chivalry isn't dead, but it was coughing up blood last night. Again, I ask what this has to do with love and cannot get a straight answer. Sigh...

Guys on Girls: . "Feelings"

J: One of our male sources explains it this way: "Guys think. of feelings as a collective unit; think of feelings individually." When I figure that one out, I'll get back to you.

M: Our source lends credibility to the "Men are from Mars, and women are from Venus" theory. The question remains though, is there intelligent life out there? The evidence is as yet inconclusive, but we haven't given up trying to find out. "Men are not deep creatures," one of our sources says. "Give us food and alcohol and we're happy." Go figure.

"Committment"

J: Why bother? This is the attitude of many men, according to our sources. For girls, it is security, for guys, it seems irrelevant. If he wants to be with you, why complicate things?

M: "Instead of cherishing the moment, you subjugate it to your anxiety," our male source says. Loosely translated, there is no use worrying about something

you have no control over, girls.

"The Future"

J: For guys, this means that afternoon; for girls, this is twenty years from now. Girls must understand this, or we will kill ourselves in frustration.

M: It's a curious thing how a guy's idea of the future usually amounts to hours from now when the "I'll call you" factor can stretch into days and weeks with no call in sight. Or, in the words of another one of our sources, "Hmmmm, well..." Thought so.

"Just Friends"

J: Guys know this is impossible. Girls delude themselves and try to make it work. It won't.

M: Unless you were friends to start out with, use of the "f" word usually doesn't elicit a positive response on either end. "Who do you hear the 'Let's just be friends' speech most often from," one of our sources asks. Drumroll please: women. Not that he's cynical, but this source has also been known to carry a plastic knife on his person in case his dumper is without hers.

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