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GUARANTEED TUITION PLAN

Committee backing Promise

Morrison: Plan has its faults,
but it still treats everyone fairly

By JJ JACKSON
SENIOR REPORTER

No exceptions.
That's the message the committee that initially developed the CMU Promise plans to recommend to CMU's Board of Trustees when the Board meets on Sept. 15.

The committee decided in a closed meeting Tuesday that no exceptions should be made to extend a fixed tuition rate for about 1,000 CMU seniors who had completed more than 100 credit hours prior to the Promise taking effect.

"We're recommending that no exceptions to the five-year limit be made," said Rich Morrison, associate vice president for public relations and marketing. "We feel it's (the cost per credit hour) still a competitive rate."

Those seniors now are paying the current incoming freshman rate of \$251 per credit hour — a more than 40 percent increase from their previous hourly rate of \$179.

This decision does not address those students who were not granted five years of fixed tuition after completing 100 credit hours in just three years.

"I'm really disappointed in that decision," said Kristin Lennon, a fifth-year senior from Midland who is in the aforementioned group. "I wish that they wouldn't focus so much on the group as a whole."

"Just because it's better overall, doesn't mean they should forget everyone else."

Morrison said many of the students, who had completed more than 100 credit hours prior to the Promise taking effect, have graduated.

"Because the vast majority, in fact, did gradu-

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CRIME

Police looking for alleged gun-wielder

Lapeer senior recovering after
mugging outside Beddow Hall

By BEN LAMOTHE
STAFF REPORTER

CMU Police is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a man suspected of assaulting a student on campus with a hand gun.

The alleged victim, Lapeer senior Cyle Newton, is recovering after he said he was attacked at about 3 a.m. Sunday as he was walking back to his residence hall room in Saxe Hall.

The suspect, who is described as a 5-foot-11-inch Caucasian with a medium build, pointed a 9 mm Beretta at Newton and demanded money, Newton said. The suspect was described as wearing a short-sleeve T-shirt and a black ski mask.

"(The attacker) yelled for me to stop as I was walking, and when I turned to him, he appeared from behind the (Beddow Hall) dorm sign with his gun already pointed at me," Newton said.

CMU Police Chief Stan Dinius said Sunday's incident is the first of its kind on campus in the last two school years.

"There is no progress on (the case). However, we have issued a crime alert to the residence halls," Dinius said.

Despite claiming he had no money, the man put the barrel of his gun against Newton's chest and searched his front pockets.

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OLD SCHOOL | workout room

The weight room in the basement of Trout Hall is miniscule and outdated compared to the new exercise facility in the East Area Residence Halls. Trout desk attendant Christina Allen, a Madison Heights sophomore, said that students pay the fee to use the weight room but it does not get a lot of use.



OLD SCHOOL | common area

The kitchens in the older residence halls usually are cramped and show their age in condition. Newer stoves, microwaves and refrigerators help, but the recently-built residence halls allow students to have microwaves and refrigerators in their rooms.



NEW SCHOOL | workout room



The state-of-the-art exercise facility in the East Area Residence Halls has brand new equipment, much of which has televisions attached for residents. The screens can be used individually or for exercise classes.

NEW SCHOOL | common area



The kitchens in Celani and Fabiano Halls are spacious, with a laundry room and plenty of cupboard space. With the extra room and seating, the kitchens may rival the lounges for hangout places on the floor.

Times a changin'

South Quad getting modern, North Quad dwindling

By DANA DEFEVER
SENIOR REPORTER

CMU has had its share of construction, remodeling and renovation during the past five years.

But with all the changes and additions, the campus now is a mixture of contrasts.

North Campus sticks out as the older, historical part of CMU, while South and

East campus feature newer, more modern buildings.

"I think each part of campus offers its own set of uniqueness," said Jason Bentley, assistant director of Residence Life.

North Campus — the oldest section of CMU — evokes the historical part of CMU, Bentley said.

It plays host to Grawn Hall, which is the

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OLD SCHOOL | stores



Portugal senior Jose Goncalves rings up Bloomfield Hills freshman Billy Kang Tuesday night at The Muncherie. "It's a lot easier for me to get to," Kang said about the location of The Muncherie.

PHOTOS BY RYAN EVON | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

NEW SCHOOL | stores



Lambertville junior Sommer Reed works check-out Tuesday at The Market. Reed used to work at the Woldt Snack Attack, but said the new facility is really nice and makes her wish she was a resident of the East Area Residence Halls.

FOOTBALL

Coach responds to critics, fan base

Kelly says shoddy
play calls were his
responsibility

By NATHAN MUELLER
SENIOR REPORTER

Football coach Brian Kelly isn't backing down from his decisions made during CMU's 31-24 loss to Boston College last Thursday.

In fact, he is taking full responsibility for what took place.

"It's unfortunate that those plays in the game had something to do with the final outcome," Kelly said. "Nobody feels worse about it than a guy who spends 90 hours a week of his life away from his family putting together a system to be successful."

I think you can look at everything that you do and think 'If I had to do it all over again, would I do it differently?' Certainly."

The two plays that raised controversy were Kelly's decision to keep the offense on the field on fourth and eight from CMU's own 27-yard line in the second quarter and the final play of the game when the offensive line was lined up on the hash mark opposite center Drew Mormino and quarterback Dan LeFevour.

The second play will be remembered most.

It was a topic on ESPN's Pardon the Interruption Friday, with hosts Jason Whitlock and Dan Le Batard. Whitlock said the play call was a fireable offense, while Le Batard said it was the worst call in sports history.

With less than two minutes remaining and CMU at BC's 34-yard line, LeFevour lined up



Kelly

Sports

Kelly names freshman LeFevour starter for Saturday's game at Michigan, 6A

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SEPT. 11, 2001 || FIVE YEARS LATER

Some Americans still showing their true colors

Patriotism more than
just red, white and blue

Editor's note: This is the first in a four-part series that chronicles a changed America five years after the worst terrorist attack in the nation's history.

By BETH KIEDA
SENIOR REPORTER

Red, white and blue. Those colors were just about every American's favorite in the months following Sept. 11, 2001.

But they haven't been as prevalent to Greg Leymon since.

The Rockford freshman said while patriotism in the form of flags and clothing were at a high following the attacks that leveled the World Trade Center, overall patriotism seems to have dwindled since.

"As we get further away from what happened, it's easier for people to forget," Leymon said. "Everyone needs a little reminder."



ALEXANDER STAWINSKI | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

A pickup truck drives through downtown Mount Pleasant Tuesday afternoon with a patriotic decal displayed on its back window. Car decals and flags are a popular way for people to express their patriotism.

For Mount Pleasant junior Becky Wang, patriotism is as much about getting involved in the country's political process as it is about sporting the red, white and blue.

"I'm involved in the governor's (Jennifer Granholm) re-election

campaign," Wang said.

The terrorist attacks played an integral role in Wang's pursuit of the political life, she said.

"I recognized my civic duty," Wang said. "I'll always remember what happened."

Leymon said he also shows his patriotism by supporting the troops and voting.

But not everyone feels it is necessary to wear their patriotism to show their support for the U.S.

"I don't go around wearing red, white and blue," said Grand Rapids sophomore Bob Linabury. "But (Sept. 11) is a day to remember."

After Sept. 11, many businesses and families created patriotic displays to publicly show their support for America.

Port Huron senior Kristen Thornton said her family has an American flag to show their support.

Some students share a different view.

The patriotic apparel, including window stickers and other red, white and blue items that became popular following Sept. 11, did not have any special significance to Burton senior Ashley Brandon.

"Patriotism has become commercialized," Brandon said. "It was a stupid reason to suddenly become

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PHOTO OF THE DAY



The west stairway of Fabiano Hall is high enough to overlook a section of campus, while at the same time offer scenes of clouds and sunsets.

RYAN EVON | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

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Today's Question:

What do you think should be done with the old buildings around campus?

- A. Restored
- B. Replaced
- C. Nothing

Friday's Question:

Should 18-year-olds be able to get the Plan B pill over the counter?

Yes 75% • No 20% • No opinion 5%

Total votes: 60

Web-only content

► Employment Services teaming with Career Services to provide jobs Web site

► Evaluations required for Central's staff members

IN BRIEF

Man arrested for allegedly killing over price of taco

RACINE, Wisc. — A man wanted for allegedly killing a 7-Eleven clerk in Michigan over a taco has been arrested in Wisconsin, the U.S. Marshal's Service said Tuesday.

Kenyatta Davis, 35, was arrested late Friday, the agency said.

Marshals and Racine County sheriff's deputies, acting on a tip, found Davis at a home in downtown Racine, according to Deputy Marshal Paul Koenig.

Davis, of Shelby Township, tried to escape through a basement window but was unsuccessful because the house was surrounded, Koenig said.

Davis allegedly argued with 7-Eleven clerk Wajed Ali Baig on Aug. 24 in Sterling Heights, over the price of \$1.16 taco before Davis returned to his vehicle, got a gun and shot Baig four times, the marshals service said.

Baig was a father of three.

Davis was being held Tuesday in the Racine County Jail awaiting extradition to Michigan, Koenig said.

Calderon named Mexico's president-elect

MEXICO CITY — Felipe Calderon was declared president-elect Tuesday

after two months of uncertainty, but his ability to rule effectively remained in doubt with rival Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador vowing to lead a parallel leftist government from the streets.

The unanimous decision by the Federal Electoral Tribunal rejected allegations of systematic fraud and awarded Calderon the presidency by 233,831 votes out of 41.6 million cast in the July 2 elections — a margin of 0.56 percent. The ruling cannot be appealed.

—The Associated Press



Calderon

EVENTS

Today

► The CMU United Way kick-off and fund drive will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Charles V. Park Library.

► The teacher education program pre-admission orientation will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Warriner Hall's Plachta Auditorium.

► Wares Fair will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in Finch Fieldhouse.

► Standing in the Gap Christian Fellowship will take place at 7:30 p.m. in IET 116.

► A performance of "Star Spangled Girl" will take place at 8 p.m. in Moore Hall's Bush Theater. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$7 for all others.

► Meet the Greeks will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Real Food on Campus.

► A College Republicans Meeting will take place at 9 p.m. at the Isabella County Republican Headquarters, located next to Pita Pit, 1620 S. Mission St.

Thursday, Sept. 7

► National Payroll Week celebration with direct deposit promotion will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bovee University Center's lower level lobby.

► Meet the Greeks will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. between Pearce and Anspach halls.

► A CMU Toastmasters Club meeting will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Rowe 229.

► The CMU 2010 Second Call Open Forum will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the UC's Gold Room.

► His House's Thursday Gathering will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Pearce 127.

► Auditions for Central Audio Theater will take place at 9:30 p.m. in Moore 182, studio A.

Friday, Sept. 8

► Bringing Life to Scholarship will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Health Professions Building room 1255.

► The Women's Studies program fall social will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Multicultural Education Center in the lower level of the UC.

To have your event listed, e-mail events@cm-life.com. Please keep all submissions to less than 30 words.

WEATHER

Today 9/6

PM Showers
High: 77°
Low: 52°

Thursday 9/7

Isolated Storms
High: 78°
Low: 58°

Friday 9/8

Scattered T-storms
High: 79°
Low: 56°

IN THIS ISSUE

► Deja Norm'al performs after Mount Pleasant High's first day News, 4B

CORRECTIONS

In a story "MCRI cleared for Nov. 7 vote" in Friday's edition of Central Michigan Life, a quote incorrectly identified CMU graduate Sean Novak as accusing the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative of fraud. The quote should have read, "He (U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow) accused us of widespread fraud, which is just not the case," said Doug Tietz, campaign manager for MCRI.

Also in that story, Topinabee sophomore Dennis Lennox II was incorrectly identified as being from Midland.

In Friday's article "Absentee ballots a convenient alternative for some students," CM Life incorrectly reported voters should bring absentee applications to their local secretary of State office. Those applications should be brought to voters' city or township clerk's office.

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Stingray ends Crocodile Hunter's life in final animal encounter

By KATIE MAURER
SENIOR REPORTER

Steve Irwin made a living out of escaping death-defying situations.

But it was a seemingly routine ocean dive that offered no escape to Irwin, the man who made "Oh Crikey" a catch phrase and wowed audiences while wrestling crocodiles and alligators.

Irwin, better known as the "Crocodile Hunter," died Monday after being stabbed through the heart by a stingray while filming a new TV program, "The Ocean's Deadliest," in Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

Riverdale senior Amanda Best said she couldn't believe it when she heard the news.

"I thought it would happen eventually because he's always playing with dangerous animals such as crocodiles, but I

was still in shock," Best said.

Best said she had a calendar from The Onion, a weekly parody newspaper, which featured a story about Irwin's work on Friday and then found out Monday he had died.

"Me and my friends were just a little freaked out by seeing the story three days before he died," she said. "It just seemed to be a little ironic."

Irwin's death was caught on tape and his manager, John Stainton, was among the crew at the reef.

Stainton said the tape shows how Irwin came over the top of the stingray when the tail came up and spiked him in the chest. Irwin then pulled it out, but died in the following minutes.

James Gillingham, a CMU biology professor, said stingrays typically are not dangerous.

He said most of the 480 species have a spine on their tail which contain venomous glands, but they only use the spine in defense if they feel provoked.

"It's a fearful thing, not aggression," Gillingham said. "They usually don't attack unless they are cornered or in unusual situations."

The ray that stung Irwin was about six feet long, which is larger than most species. Gillingham said larger ones can produce a lot of venom.

Gillingham, who has handled stingrays in the past without problem, said if Irwin was stung in the leg or somewhere else on the body he would have survived the attack.

Harrison Township sophomore Jon Swanson said he couldn't believe a stingray — of all things — killed Irwin.

"It's kind of ironic, especially since he was trying to show how harmless they are," Swanson said. "I think his death will show people they need to be more careful especially when dealing with live animals."

Gillingham said Irwin took some unnecessary chances in hopes of gaining notoriety in many cases.

He is survived by his wife Terri and their two young children who returned from a vacation Monday to their home at the Australia Zoo.

The zoo was open Tuesday, while most visitors paid their respects at a makeshift shrine of bouquets and handwritten messages at the gate.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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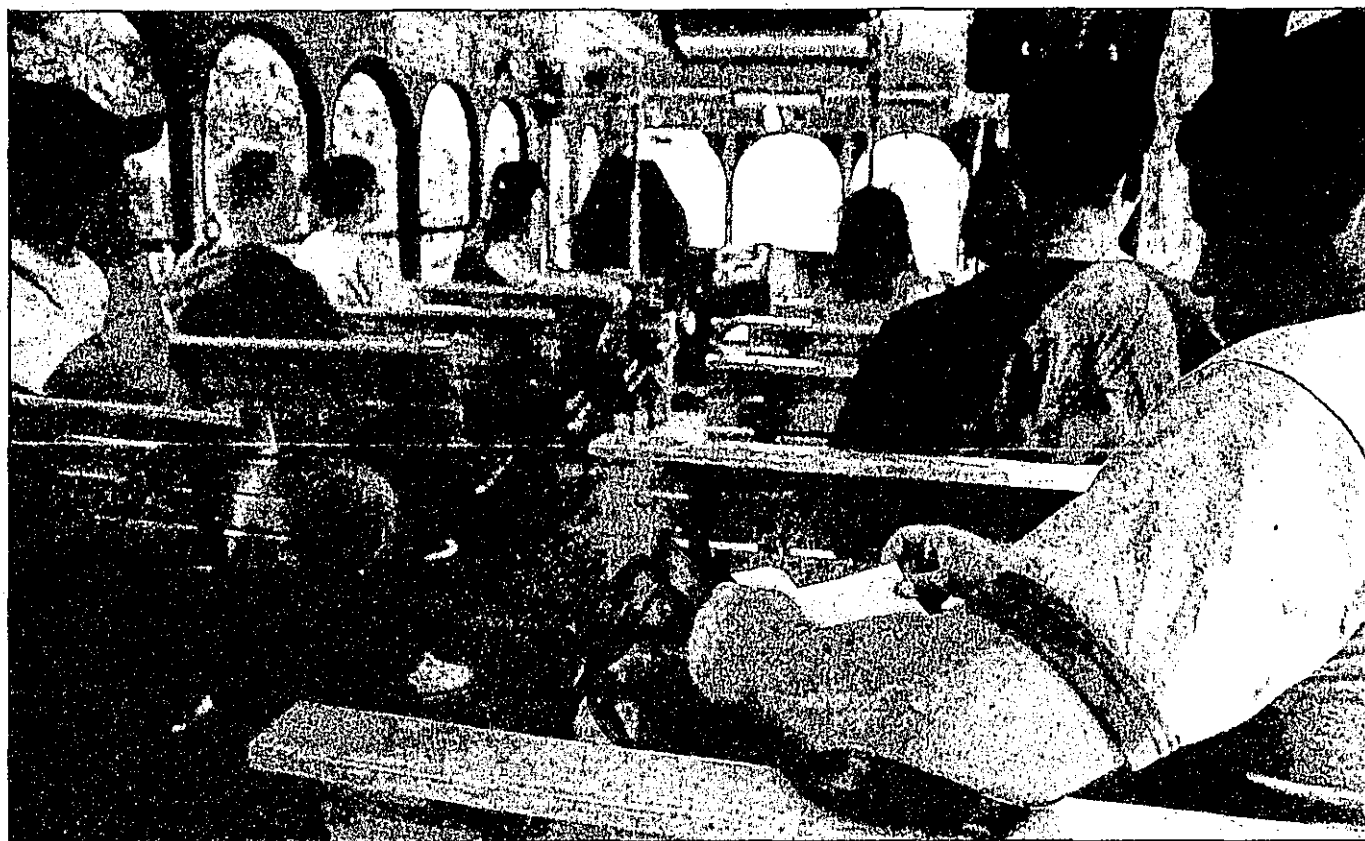
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"I don't want to pay \$175 to park in the parking lot. Plus, it isn't bad during the winter months because I don't have to scrape ice off of my car."

Steven Welling, Novi senior



PHOTOS BY RYAN EVON | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Dewitt freshman Casey Curtis reads while riding the Isabella County Transportation Commission shuttle bus from campus to Sterling University Meadows, 4310 Sterling Way. Curtis, who has not yet purchased a parking permit, said he rides the bus because "you can't park on campus."

Hurry — don't miss the bus

ICTC sees 250 percent increase in ridership

By JEN MARCKINI
SENIOR REPORTER
AND BEN LAMOTHE
STAFF REPORTER

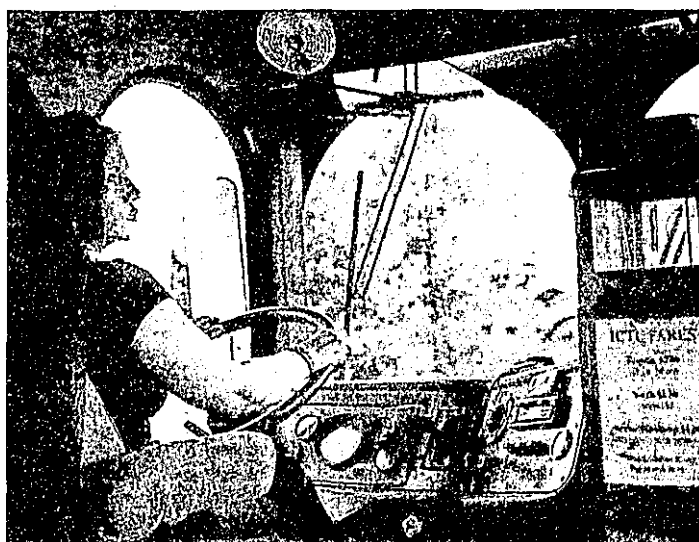
More CMU students are turning in their car keys and waiting at bus stops this semester.

A lot more, in fact. Student ridership has increased more than 250 percent during the first week of the semester, according to the Isabella County Transportation Commission, E. Transportation Drive.

There were 5,148 rides given this year in comparison to last year's 1,453 rides.

"We're very excited about the changes that have occurred this year," said Denny Adams, ICTC public relations and marketing director. "We're happy to see students making use of this service."

The boost in shuttle bus rides has tripled because of additional routes to Jamestown, Union Square, Deerfield Village and Lexington Ridge apartment complexes, while continuing to serve Tallgrass Apartments, The Village at Bluegrass, Copper Beech Townhomes and



Rosebush resident Jennifer Prout, a driver with the Isabella County Transportation Commission for six years, drives the route Tuesday between East Campus and Sterling University Meadows. "I think it's really good for the students," Prout said of the shuttle service. "It can get a little hairy with traffic, but once the construction is done it will be really good."

University Meadows.

"I don't want to pay \$175 to park in the parking lot," said Novi senior Steven Welling. "Plus, it isn't bad during the winter months because I don't have to scrape ice off of my car."

Construction on Bluegrass Road and high gas prices also have contributed to an increase in ridership this year, with an estimated 1,500 people choosing to ride the bus each day last week.

"I'm trying to save some money on gas by doing this," said Grass Lake junior Stephen Howe.

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ICTC Bus Rides Per Day

- ▶ Lexington Ridge Apartments, 3700 E. Deerfield Road, 300 rides a day
- ▶ Deerfield Village Apartments, 3400 E. Deerfield Road, 200 a day
- ▶ University Meadows, 4310 Sterling Way, 200 a day
- ▶ Tallgrass Apartments, 1240 E. Broomfield Road, 150 a day
- ▶ Jamestown Apartments, 4075 S. Isabella Road, 160 a day
- ▶ Copper Beech, 4750 E. Bluegrass Road, 100 a day
- ▶ Union Square Apartments, 4171 E. Bluegrass Road, 100 a day

Gas prices nearing \$2.50 per gallon

By STACEY ASHCRAFT
AND BEN LAMOTHE
STAFF REPORTERS

Tuesday was a good day for Sarah Tithof.

While it recently has taken anywhere from \$40 to \$50 to fill the gas tank of the Chesaning sophomore's Pontiac Sunfire, on Tuesday it only took \$10 to fill half her car's tank.

Gas prices have decreased steadily at stations throughout Mount Pleasant, but

Tithof said she doesn't expect them to stay low.

"I'm working right now, so it really doesn't matter because I have money, but it's a problem when I'm tight for cash," Tithof said.

Prices ranged from \$2.58 per gallon Tuesday morning to about \$2.54 Tuesday afternoon, according to michiganprices.com.

Concern over reports of a more active hurricane season, combined with current

events in the Middle East, caused prices to remain high throughout the summer, said Philip Thompson, associate economics professor.

"I think there was a lot of concern and fear about the hurricane season," Thompson said. "When it didn't turn out to be so bad, prices began to fall."

Diesel prices, however, remained largely intact over the summer months and throughout Labor Day weekend, which suggests

some concern still remains, Thompson said.

The end of the summer — what Thompson refers to as the "driving season" — also causes prices to drop, mostly because there is more gas available for consumption.

Prices are expected to remain constant for the next couple of months, however any significant event can signal a change, he said.

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CITY COMMISSION

Residents ask for second Borden vote

Changes in project details leave some citizens skeptical

By JJ JACKSON
SENIOR REPORTER

Keith Shaw wants to vote on the West Broadway Revitalization Project — again. And he's not alone.

About 50 Mount Pleasant residents were given a status report on the West Broadway Revitalization Project Tuesday night at a special meeting of the Mount Pleasant City Commission.

The project initially included renovation of the Borden Creamery building, 320 W. Broadway St., and construction of a building next to it containing about 30,000 square feet of retail space, as well as condominiums.

The project details have changed since voters approved it last November. The 30,000 square feet of retail space will not be included in the new project.

"They (the city) were coming out, telling people it was going to revitalize downtown," said Shaw, a local certified public accountant. "One of the big reasons (the retail space) is completely gone, and they don't think they need to come back to us and say, 'let's re-vote on the issue.'"

City staff, however, have said the changes should not affect the overall project.

"The overall impact to the taxpayers hasn't changed," said Kathie Grinzinger, Mount Pleasant city manager, who presented the status report to the commission.

City Commissioner Jon Joslin said it wouldn't be beneficial to have a re-vote.

"It was a good vote," Joslin said. "People knew what they were voting on."

Joslin said the revitalization of Mount Pleasant's downtown is necessary.

"You've got to have a strong downtown to have a strong community and this will

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Final pre-trial hearing could result in plea

Former receiver may face trial

By PHIL HORNshaw
NEWS EDITOR

The next phase of former CMU wide receiver Justin Harper's future will be determined Friday.

That's when Harper and his attorney, John Lewis, and Isabella County Assistant Prosecutor Roy Kranz, will discuss a possible plea agreement to resolve the six charges of criminal sexual conduct Harper is facing at his final pre-trial conference at the Isabella County Courthouse.

If no agreement is reached, Harper will face trial before a jury. Lewis said he doesn't know how things will turn out following the conference.

"I'd like to say we're not accepting any plea offers because Mr. Harper is not guilty in this matter," Lewis said. "However, you never say never."

Kranz said he thought the case would likely see trial.

"I think it probably has a better chance of going to trial than most cases," he said. "There's a lot at stake — like (sex offend-

er) registration and the time he could serve. There's not a lot of middle ground (where an agreement could be reached)."

Lewis said he was prepared to go to trial, but Friday would be an opportunity for both parties to reach an agreement.

"When we defend cases like this, we do it with the expectation that we're going to trial," Lewis said.

Harper was charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree and three charges of CSC in the fourth degree, against a total of three complainants, at his preliminary examination Aug. 10.

The three CSC third-degree charges were against a single complainant; two of the three CSC fourth-degree charges against a second; and the final CSC fourth-degree charge against a third.

CSC in the third degree is defined as using force or coercion to accomplish sexual penetration. It is a felony and carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

CSC in the fourth degree is defined as using force or coercion to accomplish sexual contact. It is a misdemeanor and punishable by up to two years in prison and/or a \$500 fine.

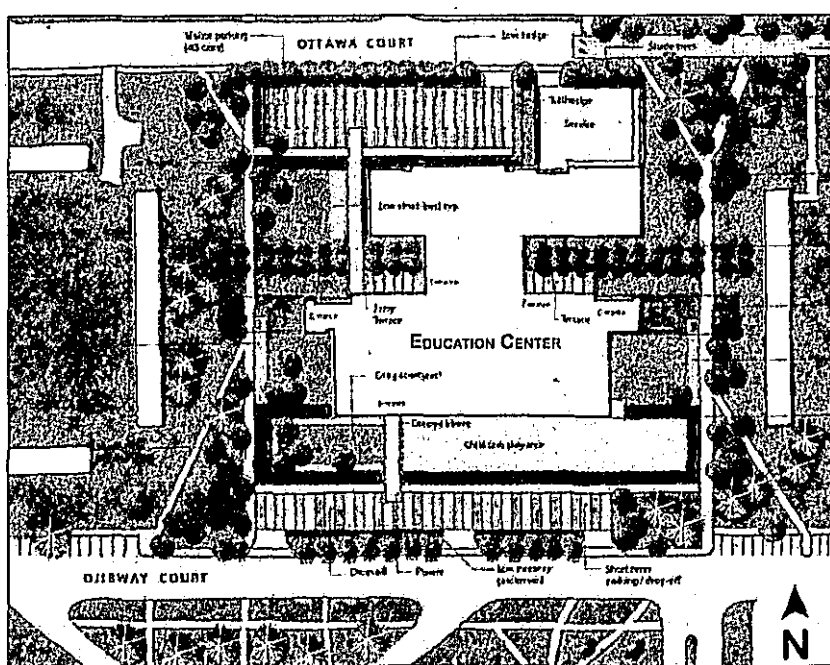
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Harper

The new Education and Human Services building, projected to be completed in 2009, will replace the middle quad of Washington Street Apartments. The building will be fully mediated and include a 200-seat auditorium and several classrooms where students can observe one another while teaching.

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New Education Building schematic unveiled

Department plans to extend doors nationally to students

By PHIL HORNshaw
NEWS EDITOR
AND DAVE WHITE
STAFF REPORTER

Connecting education students in Georgia with those at CMU is a major goal of the new Education and Human Services building.

But perhaps more important, the building will bring several aspects of the department

under a single roof — a fairly large and green roof.

"The new building is at least twice, if not three times, the size of Ronan (Hall)," said Karen Adams, dean of EHS, in an e-mail to Central Michigan Life. "Joining the programs currently in Ronan will be the department of Counseling and Special Education, which is currently in Rowe Hall. The Human Growth and Development Lab for pre-kindergarten children will also be moving from Wightman and will increase its numbers of children served."

Like the Health Professions building added to the northeast

end of campus in fall of 2003, the new EHS building will be fully mediated with the intent of linking students from campuses across the country into the same classes.

"We will be incorporating significant audio-visual technology that will allow us to connect with our many off-campus students, so that we might actually be teaching a class on campus with two other sections of that class actively involved from distant locations — such as the Upper Peninsula, the northern part of the Lower Peninsula, Port Huron

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OUR VOICE

Fans show support

Last Thursday's football game against Boston College was a first for Central Michigan University. It was the first time an Atlantic Coastal Conference team made the trip to Kelly/Shorts Stadium. It also was the first game of the college football season.

Although the Chippewas lost 31-24 (after what some are calling one of the worst coaching decisions in sports when their final trick play resulted in a Dan LeFevour game-clinching interception), Central showed the nation it can compete with the big boys.

CMU nearly erased a 21-point deficit in the fourth quarter before LeFevour's untimely mistake. Lowly teams from the Mid American

Conference aren't supposed to do that to ACC teams.

Granted, BC is no Florida State or Miami, but nonetheless, Central's performance Thursday night before a national TV crowd was nothing short of impressive.

And, for once, the team got some added support from its fans — 25,418 fans, to be exact.

Ever since the Board of Trustees gave the Athletics Department \$650,000 to light the 30,199-seat stadium and CMU booked the Eagles for its opening game back in February, the department did everything it could to promote the game and make sure attendance numbers would spike.

But what worried CMU was the student turnout.

An alarming trend has presented itself at home football games over the past few years — a trend where students put their game-day focus on tailgating and getting drunk more than they do on

rooting for their home team.

By game time, half those students are too drunk to walk straight, and the other half who do make it into the stadium rarely stay until half time, let alone past it.

While Thursday's game still fell almost 5,000 fans short of a sellout, the crowd that did show was loud and boisterous when BC had the ball, and the majority of it stayed through half time.

Kelly/Shorts hasn't seen crowds like Thursday's, except when CMU hosts Western Michigan, since the tail end of Herb Deromedi's tenure in the late 90's.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter Thursday when fans started to file out because of the 21-point deficit. Little did they know the fantastic and heartbreaking finish they would miss.

Even ESPN2 analysts John Saunders, Craig James and Doug Flutie were impressed, applauding the fans and student section for their support.

The students should be proud of themselves for showing that football fever could be on its way back to Mount Pleasant.

But unfortunately for Central, Saunders, James and Flutie were not so applauding with their comments toward coach Brian Kelly for his final play call that had everyone, CMU fan or not, scratching their heads.

Three weeks longer

Three weeks. That's how long it will take the construction on Bluegrass Road at the intersection with Mission Road to be complete. Assuming, that is, that too much water isn't discovered in the sand that goes below the pavement.

Construction on Bluegrass is expected to be completed in late September. It was originally slated to end Aug. 27, the Sunday before classes, in order to beat the rush of students returning.

But "unsuitable" sub-grade material, the sand that lies beneath pavement on a road, has delayed the construction.

Jeff Loomis, operations manager of Crawford Contracting, Inc. of Alma — the company in charge — said the moisture content of the sand already on the road was too high.

"You never know when you get underground what will happen," Loomis said.

Rain and traffic also were cited as adding to the delay, said Isabella County Roads Commissioner Jim Miller.

Three weeks. The construction was expected to finish Aug. 27, but wet sand — apparently discovered at the last moment — and extremely predictable traffic have delayed

the project by nearly a month.

Is it possible that something as seemingly important as sub-grade material, which could potentially delay this massively inconvenient construction project, could be discovered at the last moment?

It seems unlikely. And traffic through the area is always high — one would expect it to be worse when the road is reduced to a single lane.

Missing the deadline by three weeks seems

too implausible to just have popped up. It seems more likely that this inconvenient bad news didn't need to be made public until it was absolutely unavoidable.

Already residents of Mount Pleasant, including returning students, are dealing with the problems resulting from Bluegrass. It delays many area residents from getting to class and work on time. It makes it harder for residents to get to local businesses, which in turn makes those businesses struggle. Three weeks is a long time to these people.

Still, delays in construction happen. They're unavoidable. Most residents would agree that a road should be well-constructed rather than finished quickly.

Just level with us next time, Mr. Miller.

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MCRI should be decided by voters

U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow announced on Aug. 29 the end to all state-sponsored affirmative action programs in Michigan.

Proponents of affirmative action have one final chance to appeal the decision before the state Constitution is amended to ban racial and gender preferences in public university admissions and government hiring.

Wait, I think I'm missing something. Oh, yes. Tarnow announced that the amendment — known as the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative — would have to be decided by voters Nov. 7.

With all these claims of fraud, deceptive ballots and conspiring petitioners, I must have forgotten that the decision of whether affirmative action is good for Michigan is supposed to be decided by the people of Michigan.

Apparently members of By Any Means Necessary, and other organizations in favor of affirmative action, have forgotten this point.

These groups have so adamantly fought to strike the initiative from the ballot — in both state and federal court — they must believe a judicial decision is only thing that can stop the MCRI from passing.

They are right. On merit alone, advocates of affirma-

Phil Wagner
Columnist

tive action know that the majority of the state will not accept their argument.

Most Michigan residents do not believe racism and sexism is embedded in our culture and our government.

They believe that regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or national origin, an individual can achieve based on their own virtues.

Most importantly, an overwhelming number of Michiganders do not see women and minorities as inferior to white males.

Unfortunately, supporters of affirmative action do see it that way.

How else can they continue to advocate a blatantly racist and sexist program that gives select individuals special treatment — unless they believe those individuals can't succeed on their own?

I believe women and minorities can be successful without government interference and on Nov. 7, most of the state will echo the same sentiment.

BAMN members know what the

results will be if this issue is taken to the polls, so they have desperately looked for the courts to bypass democracy and keep this unfair practice alive.

They have used weak claims — with no real supporting evidence — that petitioners targeted minority communities and told citizens the initiative was actually in favor of affirmative action.

However, the language on the petition clearly indicated that the MCRI would ban racial and gender preferences in state institutions.

And even if someone should not be accountable for what they sign — apparently a position held by pro-affirmative action groups — the MCRI received nearly 200,000 signatures more than the required 317,757 to get the issue on the ballot. The extra signatures would more than make up for those "tricked" into signing the petition.

Yet affirmative action supporters will not admit defeat as they now plan to take their case to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in hopes of removing the issue from the ballot.

I guess they believe it will be easier to persuade a judge to side with their case rather than convincing the whole state of Michigan on the merits of affirmative action.

Visit cm-life.com for a podcast about this column. Phil Wagner can be reached at pwagner@cm-life.com.

OUR READER'S VOICE

Fans should get behind football team

When I graduated from Central Michigan University in 1974, Chippewa football was a source of pride for the campus and the community.

Granted we had good teams back then.

Now that Central football is coming back with good coaching and talented players, where are the crowds?

According to the articles in Central

Michigan Life, this game had a big build-up with a big-time opponent. I had friends over to watch the game here in Florida and I was embarrassed by the attendance.

Where was the sell-out that should have been?

The campus and community needs to get behind this team.

Dave Rodman,
Florida resident
'74 alumnus

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What do you think should be done with the old buildings around campus?

Stephen Martin,
Rochester Hills junior

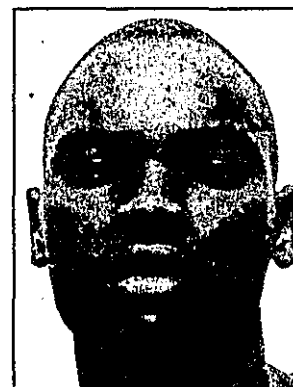
"Renovate them. If they tore them down it would cost more money. The historical aspect of them makes campus look nice."

Caitlin Cole,
Charlevoix freshman

"I think that they are a part of our campus history and we should keep them."

Kristin Lamoureux,
Marshall senior

"Renovate them, if the cost is too high then tear them down and start over."

Abraham Mach,
East Lansing junior

"Depending if there is money they should rebuild them. The new buildings look so nice."

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Exceptions will not be made

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ate, we think it's best to stick to our word and proceed exactly as the way we presented it in the beginning — recognizing that it's not absolutely perfect, but we feel it gives the benefit to the largest number of students," he said.

Morrison said the Promise was instituted "for the benefit of the students. He said the current tuition rate is "still competitive and still represents a good value."

He said there were about 280 e-mails and phone calls in response to the letter sent by Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services George Ross to these students, explaining to them they had only one year, after fall 2005, under the plan.

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Old structures an eyesore to some

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oldest building on campus and opened in 1915. Grawn later underwent an addition in 1965.

Additional buildings on North Campus and among the oldest are Sloan, Smith, Powers and Wightman halls.

Walking through these buildings, cracked walls and floors, as well as chipped paint are noticeable. Wightman Hall boasted a leaky roof earlier this year.

A detriment to Sloan Hall, which was erected in 1941, is its narrow hallways.

"I don't feel this building (Sloan Hall) is accessible enough," said Beth Kennedy, project director for Deaf-Blind (DB) Central.

However, Kennedy said Sloan has received some improvements since her arrival more than five years ago, including air conditioning last summer.

In other areas of campus, state-of-the-art facilities are available. The Student Activity Center was built in 1990, the Charles V. Park Library was

renovated in 2002 and the Health Professions building and new Towers were built in 2003. And, of course, this fall marks the opening of the new East Area Residence Halls.

Marine City sophomore Kaycie Sharrow and Midland sophomore Stephanie Matthews are residents of Fabiano Hall and lived in Barnes Hall last year.

The improvements from Barnes to the East Area Residence Halls are noticeable, the pair said.

"This makes you feel like you checked into a hotel," Matthews said about her new residence hall.

Sharrow said she likes her new residence hall better than Barnes.

"First of all there's no community bathrooms," said Sharrow. "Thirty percent more expensive is worth it."

The new Fabiano and Celani halls, which were completed this summer, are air conditioned with four bedrooms and two bathroom suites. In comparison, Trout, Calkins, and Larzelere halls are two

bedroom, one bath suites.

Students living in the Towers, Celani and Fabiano halls also have at least three electrical outlets in their bedrooms, while those in North Campus residence halls have only two.

"We could definitely use some improvements," said Andrea Purrenhage, Larzelere residence hall director.

North Campus has its disadvantages as well as its advantages, many people said.

"Powers is ancient. It's like a museum or something," Sharrow said.

Luanne Nelson, Barnes residence hall director, said many students select to live on North Campus because of the high acceptance level.

"People can be who they are here," Nelson said.

Barnes is the home for Leadership Advancement students, as well as many international students. It also is the only hall on campus that offers community bathrooms.

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Gas prices dropping slowly

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"There are a number of things that are coming together that will probably keep (gas prices) down," he said. "But, any significant change in the political scene could have an impact."

Highland senior Traci Althouse said she tries to stop for gas whenever she notices the prices are low.

"This summer it cost about \$40 to \$50 to fill up my little Cavalier," Althouse said. "And I still have a half of a tank right now, but I figured gas was pretty cheap today."

Althouse said she tries to carpool and get rides from other people whenever possible.

Tabatha Rulapaugh of Mount Pleasant, an employee at Shell, 1911 S. Mission St., said the gas station tries to meet Meijer and Speedway's gas prices.

"When we are offering gas a few cents cheaper, we are definitely busier," Rulapaugh said.

Rochester Hills senior Lauren Tomasko said she and her roommates carpool because they have many of the same classes. Tomasko said gas prices do not affect her day-to-day activities, but it still does take its toll on the budget.

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Assault suspect sought

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When nothing was found, the suspect struck Newton on the right side of his head with the butt of the gun.

"He felt my front pockets and noticed that I didn't have anything," Newton said. "He got really angry and hit me on the side of the head, almost knocking me out. I couldn't see anything for a couple of minutes."

The suspect proceeded to kick Newton in his ribs three times before fleeing toward the Saxe/Herrig residential complex.

"I would almost have rather been knocked out because the kicks really hurt," Newton said.

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Patriotism still prevalent as anniversary looms

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patriotic and then drop it."

Consumers can buy "Support the Troops" stickers, as well as yellow ribbons and other American flag memorabilia, almost anywhere.

Retail stores including Old Navy and Kohl's carried patriotically-themed clothes following the terrorist attacks. Kohl's still carries a line of patriotic clothes, particularly during the summer months.

"It seems like it has died down a lot," Thornton said.

Since 2001, several movies and documentaries about the terrorist attacks have been made, most recently with "United 93" and "World Trade Center."

New Hudson senior Greg Ruby said he felt it was too soon for the movies to be released.

The Partnership for Public Service, a non-profit organiza-

tion designed to increase the number of citizens working in public service jobs, conducted a survey of more than 800 students who graduated college in 2005.

According to the organization's Web site, the research revealed about three-fourths of those surveyed described themselves as patriotic and about half of those surveyed said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks made them feel more patriotic.

Most students who felt patriotic were more likely to have feelings of national pride and display the American flag than to work toward a career in public service, the survey found.

"It was patriotic crazy (after Sept. 11)," Ruby said. "We've gone back to the norm since then."

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Kelly defends play calls

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behind Mormino while the rest of the offense took their place on the left hash mark.

LeFevour took the snap and was pressured into an off-balance throw, which was intercepted by BC's Brian Toal.

"We had a wide open play-book for Boston College," Kelly said. "(Dan) executed it the way he saw it in practice but had never done it in a live situation. It was poor timing of pulling a play that I think is great."

LeFevour is thought the PTI segment was humorous.

"I kind of laughed about it," he said.

Kelly said people misinterpreted the fourth-and-eight play call. It was a punt or pass option for LeFevour. He threw the ball and it was batted down at the line of scrimmage. BC scored four plays later to take a 17-3 lead.

"That play was the right play," Kelly said. "It's not about

the play, it's about the selection of the play and the execution. Obviously it was poorly timed and the execution was poor and that falls on my shoulders."

Kelly also said it is not the last time that play will be used.

"We will run that again at a better, more opportune time," he said. "(Dan) went out and executed it the way he should have. He had very little experience in that play and I put him in a bad situation."

Athletics Director Dave Heeke also turned the added attention into a positive.

"I feel good that people are talking about CMU football and the reasons why it didn't beat a BCS (Bowl Championship Series) opponent," Heeke said. "We have come a long way when your program is being questioned why it didn't beat a BCS team versus why we didn't compete against them."

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Residents want re-vote

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strengthen downtown," Joslin said.

Shaw said his objective is not to put a stop to the project.

"We're not necessarily saying 'nobody in town wants to renovate the Borden building,' but we can't say one way for certain whether or not people do because it's changed so much," he said. "So why wouldn't they (the

city) want to come back to us (and vote again)?"

Mount Pleasant resident Donna Barker said she thought the issue should be put to a re-vote.

"I think the project has changed and that people should be allowed to re-vote whether this is the best use of our tax dollars," she said.

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ICTC convenient, free for some

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Howe is not alone, as many students choose to ride the ICTC because of gas prices.

"Whenever fuel prices went up, we'd become the vehicle for parents who can't pick up their kids anymore," said Rick Atkin, ICTC interim manager.

Starting in October, ICTC will increase its presence outside Mount Pleasant, to places like Shepherd and Oil City.

Residents of affiliated apartment complexes can ride the shuttle for free, while those who are not able to ride free are subject to a \$2 one-way fee. Because of the influx of rid-

ers on ICTC, larger buses have become an option officials are considering.

"We may have to look at larger busses," Adams said. "But bigger busses do cost more."

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Education building will attract out-of-staters

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or Atlanta, Ga., where we have a number of students," Adams said.

Adams said the building would feature wireless Internet connection and several seminar rooms similar to the study rooms found in the Charles V. Park Library.

The building also will include several classrooms with one-way mirrors on their walls, said Ray Christie, vice provost of academic administration. The classrooms will allow student-teachers to teach classes while other students observe.

"It'll increase the learning our students can do," Adams said.

Adams said the location of the building, as well as bringing so many elements together, would help increase students' and faculty members' ability to learn and work together.

"We're very spread out now," she said. "This will allow us to put everything together. We see lots of opportunities for people to work together, like faculty research, student projects and grants."



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Students who forget to bring their CMU ID card when accessing the building for class will be allowed access at class time only provided that they present some form of government issued photo identification (i.e. driver's license, state ID card, passport).

INTRAMURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Welcome back CMU students! It's time for another exciting year of Intramural Sports.

Check out our <http://www.sac.cmich.edu/urec/imschedulefall06.htm>

fall IM calendar for a complete listing of IM events. There is something for everyone!

The Intramural Sports program has implemented a new Sportsmanship Policy. We encourage all participants to review the new policy.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

The Intramural Sports program is looking to hire a few good intramural officials. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn.

The Intramural Sports Program will be hosting the 3rd Annual Collegiate Golf Scramble on Friday, September 29th at The Pines Golf Course.

The winner of the student division will win an all expenses paid trip to Las Vegas to compete in the National Collegiate Championship.

Contact the http://www.sac.cmich.edu/urec/prgram_desk.htm or call the Program Desk at 774-3200 for more info.

SOCCER PLAYERS!!!

Registration for IM Soccer takes place Monday, August 28th - Wednesday, September 6th at the Program Desk.

Tennis (singles) registration begins on Monday, August 28th.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!!

The Intramural Sports program will be offering a Match Play Golf League on Fridays for six weeks at Riverwood Golf Course. Registration begins on Monday, August 28th.

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The complete 2006-2007 Intramural Calendar posted online at <http://www.sac.cmich.edu>.

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University Recreation will be hosting the 3rd Annual National Collegiate Golf Championship! CMU NGCG LOCAL QUALIFIER, Friday, September 29, 2006 at The Pines Golf Course. This will be a 2 person scramble format with 2 divisions; student & open.

Register on-line at www.cgagolflinks.com or at the Program Desk in the Student Activity Center. Cost is \$90/student team & \$110/Open team.

Student Division Winner will receive an all expenses paid trip to the National Championship in Las Vegas! For more information please contact the Program Desk at 774-3200

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FOOTBALL

LeFevour will start against Michigan

Brunner sidelined with concussion suffered Thursday

By NATHAN MUELLER
Senior Reporter

The starting quarterback carousel has come to a halt as the football team prepares to play No. 10 Michigan Saturday. At least for now.

Freshman Dan LeFevour will start his first career game at Michigan Stadium. Sophomore Brian Brunner continues to recover from a severe concussion suffered against Boston College last Thursday.

"Brian (Brunner) is not going to be ready," said coach Brian Kelly. "Dan (LeFevour) will start and will go as long as things go according to plan. Duane (Brooks) also has to get a lot of repetitions and has to prepare as if he were going to play as well."

LeFevour played the most snaps against Boston College after Brunner was knocked out by a hit from BC's Jolonn Dunbar on the second play of the game. Brunner didn't return, and is listed as day-to-day.

Brunner, LeFevour and Brooks split repetitions leading up to the BC game, but LeFevour will get the majority of the snaps this week in practice.

"Just like last week, I know I am going to play," LeFevour said.

If he had any in-game jitters against Boston College, it didn't show.

"I was really impressed with him. He showed a lot of poise and made very good decisions."
Joe Staley, Senior left tackle

He accounted for 293 yards of total offense, 221 passing and 72 rushing, and three touchdowns. He also engineered a pair of scoring drives late in the game to cut a 21-point Boston College deficit to seven.

His only mistake of the game was his biggest — a jump throw on CMU's last drive that was intercepted by BC's Brian Toal, ending CMU's comeback attempt.

"I was really impressed with him," said senior offensive tackle Joe Staley. "He showed a lot of poise and made very good decisions."

Staley also said LeFevour would come to the sideline after a series and ask the offensive line if he was doing OK.

"It sure didn't seem like it was his first time playing," Staley said.

LeFevour doesn't get a break this week as he will play against a Michigan defense that allowed only 171 yards of total offense Saturday in a 27-7 win against Vanderbilt.

"It falls on (the offensive line's) shoulders to protect Dan and give him time back there," Staley said.

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Quarterback Comparison

Kelly named LeFevour the starter for Saturday's game at Michigan. Position statistics from Boston College game:
► Dan LeFevour (Fr.): 22-of-37 passing for 321 yards, one touchdown; 14 rushes for 221

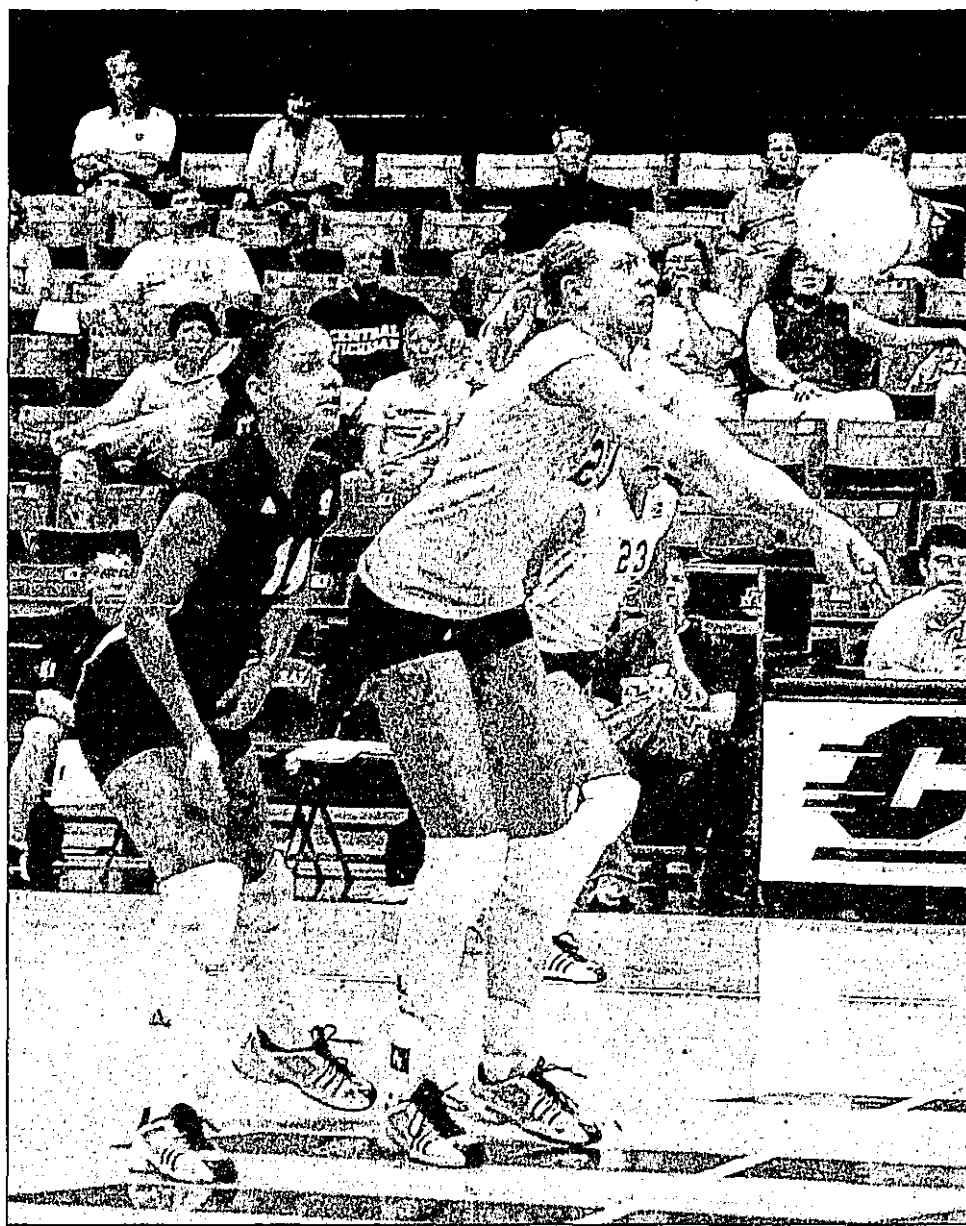
yards, two touchdowns.
► Brian Brunner (So.): Suffered a concussion on the game's second play, did not return.
► Duane Brooks (Fr.): 2-of-5 passing for 22 yards, one rush for nine yards.

Redshirt freshman Dan LeFevour accounted for 293 yards of offense and three touchdowns in CMU's 31-24 loss to Boston College last Thursday. He will see time against Michigan Saturday, as Brunner is listed as doubtful.

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VOLLEYBALL



Sophomore middle blocker Whitney Evers leads the team with 4.05 points and 1.24 blocks per match through six games this season. She also has tallied a team-best 10 service aces. She transferred to CMU to move closer to home while battling an illness.

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Team already bests last season's record

Chippewas capture third place at Patriot Invitational

By JASON BARCZY
Staff Reporter

The difference between this season and last for the volleyball team already is apparent.

The Chippewas topped and nearly doubled last season's win total with wins against Lamar and Campbell last weekend at the Patriot Invitational.

Saturday's wins improve CMU's record to 5-1. It finished 3-24 in 2005. CMU finished the tournament in third place.

George Mason prevented CMU from going undefeated with a 3-0 win Friday. Central played the Patriots closely, losing the three games 31-29, 30-28 and 30-25.

"Going on the road is always tough," said coach Erik Olson. "And we went out there and played average ball, but I don't want to rely on that. I just don't think that we were at our best."

CMU beat Lamar 3-2 in Saturday's first match. The deciding game was tied at 10 before CMU went on a 5-2 run to win.

Sophomores Sarah Warner and Whitney Evers and senior Mary Ochmanek all finished with 12 kills.

Senior setter Courtney Kersten added a double-double with 50 assists and 11 digs against Lamar.

"We were a little bit off against George Mason, but we pulled it out the final two matches," Warner said. "The Lamar match was pretty intense as we were coming off a loss. We were battling back and we gutted it out in five games."

The biggest difference in the George



Sophomore Erika Neumann has played a big role in CMU's early success. Central starts a three game series in Milwaukee, Wisc. Friday.

Mason match was serving. CMU recorded 15 service errors and only two aces, while George Mason hit nine aces.

Central had more kills (46-38), blocks (10-8), assists (45-38) and a better hitting percentage (.173-.152).

"It was really great to see us bounce back," Olson said. "Even though it was a rough match, after that loss we weren't hanging our heads."

Campbell didn't give CMU much trou-

SEE ROAD WINS | 7A

Former transfer thriving at CMU

Second-year player resumes career near home after illness

By JASON BARCZY
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Whitney Evers' collegiate career didn't get off to the start she wanted.

She was battling an illness that caused her ulcers and was advised not to attend college right away. She was recruited by former Central coach Elaine Piha, but chose to attend New Mexico State.

Evers went against her doctor's request and attended college anyway.

"I'm stubborn a little bit and said 'I'm going to college, I'm playing volleyball. I have a scholarship and I'm going,'" she said. "But it progressively got worse because it's a stress-induced illness and I ended up having surgery and being put on medication."

The disease began to have an effect on her while at NMSU and she began to feel uncomfortable.

It was hard for Evers to cope with the illness and play volleyball, considering she hailed from a small town in Wisconsin, far away from New Mexico.

To add to that, Evers was told she might not see much playing time because New Mexico State was loaded with middle blockers.

She was unhappy and started exploring her options to move closer to home.

"He (Mark Jordan, coach at NMSU) just kind of wrote me off as never really going to play because of my health issues," Evers said. "I wasn't OK with that. I wanted to play and be a part of the program."

Central was one of her top three choices before choosing NMSU, so she began getting into contact with coaches who had initially tried to recruit her.

But CMU had a new head coach in Erik Olson after Piha left following the 2003 season.

"I saw video on her and her coaches said she was legit," Olson said. "When I first met her she was very confident, almost a little bit of cockiness."

Now in her second year as a Chippewa after going through the transfer process, Evers is dominating at her position.

Through six games this season she is leading the team with 4.05 points and 1.24 blocks per match.

She also has a team-best 10 service aces. Olson credits that to her unique serving style.

"Her serve is one of the toughest serves on this team," Olson said. "It makes it tough for the passers because they don't know where she serves it. It floats from the left to the right and makes really tough for the passers."

SEE SUCCESS | 7A

DeBord's recruited athletes excelling as a part of Kelly's system

Football coach Brian Kelly has made people forget about his predecessor Mike DeBord.

It hasn't been that hard. DeBord posted the worst winning percentage for a coach staying more than one season, going 12-34 (.261) in his four years from 2000-2003.

Blake Miller was the only coach who was worse. He went 1-5 (.167) in his only season in 1916.

On Saturday, DeBord will look down from the coaches booth at Michigan Stadium as U-M's offensive coordinator and see his former team live for

the first time since he left.

It will be a bittersweet moment for DeBord and for many of his former players.

"I still love him and am looking forward to playing against him," said senior linebacker Ike Brown. "(CMU) just wasn't the right fit."

Michigan sure has been.

DeBord was the offensive coordinator in 1997 when U-M won the National Championship.

He was welcomed back after his four-year stint at CMU to coordinate the special teams and recruiting. He was promoted to offensive coordinator this season.



Nathan Mueller
Senior Reporter

People can't question his ability to coach football.

But they can question his ability to run a football program.

DeBord recruited top-notch talent to Mount Pleasant during his tenure.

Defensive end Dan Bazuin and offensive tackle Joe Staley will be NFL draft picks, and the majority of the starters on this year's team are former recruits.

Talent never was an issue.

Coaching that talent was.

The players he works with at Michigan are big-time athletes.

They don't require much coaching. The players at CMU were good athletes, but need a little extra time to become great.

DeBord and his staff couldn't do that.

A Mid-American Conference championship was expected

from him when he took the job. He came from the winningest program in college football history, and immediate results were expected.

It never panned out.

Fast forward four years and DeBord and CMU are on their way back up. DeBord is back at Michigan running the offense, and the Chippewas are inching closer to a MAC title.

Kelly took DeBord's recruits, changed their attitudes and has them believing they can play with anyone.

Brown even guaranteed a win against his former coach Saturday.

That prediction is a stretch, but not as much as it was the last time the two teams met in 2003.

DeBord is all but forgotten in Mount Pleasant these days, but his effect will last throughout the season.

If the Chippewas go on to win a MAC title, DeBord still will be an afterthought.

But in all reality he needs to be thanked for getting these players and then letting someone else teach them how to become great.

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Freshman forward Amanda Waugh heads the ball away from a defender. She is among the freshmen who have contributed to CMU's 4-0-0 record.

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STAFF
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SOCCER

Freshmen making automatic impact

First-year players make mark, four goals among them

BY ROBBIE SGRO
SENIOR REPORTER

The soccer team's freshmen class has contributed faster than it anticipated.

Forward Amanda Waugh and midfielders Stephanie Martin and Molly Gerst have combined for four goals and three assists to help CMU to its first 4-0-0 start in school history.

But coach Tony DiTucci isn't surprised.

"I know we recruited good players," he said. "They seem to be rising to the challenge."

Gerst's first career goal made the difference against Michigan State. It gave the Chippewas a 3-2 comeback win.

"It was pretty unexpected," she said. "I was just hoping to get some minutes."

Two days later Waugh was credited with her first goal against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne when it scored an own goal.

Martin became the third freshman to score Friday when she gathered a pass off of a throw-in from sophomore Erica Rohren and hit the ball into the net.

Waugh scored her second goal of the season Sunday against Illinois State to tie the game, which Central eventually won, 2-1, in overtime.

"I didn't know what to expect coming in, but I've completely surpassed expectations," she said. "I knew if I was given the chance to play early I'd have to make the most of it."

With a veteran team coming into the season, the play of the freshmen has given DiTucci several options.

"It's not just about the freshmen, it's about a deeper bench," he said. "To be able to rotate people in regularly for time and get quality minutes without having a drop-off in the level of play has really been a huge asset."

Other younger players have provided help after not playing as much last season. Sophomore Kylie Armstrong scored the winning goal Sunday against Illinois State off of a rebound from Gerst, and sophomore Sarah Burns has stepped in as a starting midfielder.

Senior goalkeeper Anne Decker was named Mid-American Conference Player of the Week after setting a school record for wins Friday.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Trio flourishes at home meet

Rivard, Rudert, Diverio return much improved

BY BRANDON ALLENDORFER
STAFF REPORTER

Jackie Rivard, Amanda Rudert and Michelle Diverio proved they will not have a sophomore slump this year.

The trio of second-year runners led the women's cross country team at Friday's non-scored Jeff Drenth Memorial.

Rivard ran the 5K race with a personal-best time of 17:55 to earn a sixth-place finish.

Rudert and Diverio finished 10th (18:08) and 11th (18:14), respectively. Rudert's time was about 30 seconds faster than her previous personal best.

"It's definitely a confidence booster for individuals and the team as a whole to have had such a positive experience for the first competition," Rudert said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can do in upcoming meets."

So is coach Karen Lutzke.

"Last year we had to work on closing the gap between our one through seven runners," she said. "This year we may be able to focus on closing the gap between three and seven."

Lutzke said her sophomores have a legitimate shot of making a mark in the CMU record books before they graduate.

Jeff Drenth results

▶ Jackie Rivard (So.) 6th; 17:55
▶ Amanda Rudert (So.) 10th; 18:08
▶ Michelle Diverio (So.) 11th; 18:14

But it's no secret Rivard already has done that. She has been the Chippewas' top runner in each of her last eight meets going back to last year.

It's a feat her teammates recognize and respect.

"Jackie is an incredible competitor," Rudert said. "She is a very reliable front-runner and consistent racer. I'm confident that she will continue to improve immensely and earn All-Mid-American Conference honors this season."

Freshman Emily VanWasshenova, sophomore Kelly McClure and junior Sara Prout all finished in the top 20.

Nationally-ranked Michigan State took home the top four finishes.

The Chippewas' next meet is the Mel Brodt Invitational Sept. 16 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

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Diverio

Road wins exceed last season's total

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ble. The Chippewas won in three games, 30-16, 30-20 and 30-23.

Warner and Evers each contributed 12 kills, while sophomore hitter Kate Fissel added 13 more.

Freshman Alexis Lonneman continued to be a defensive

presence, recording 17 digs against George Mason, 22 against Lamar and 23 against Campbell.

"We want to go out and out-play and out-hustle our opponents, regardless if we are at home or if we are away," Olson said. "(We want to) just go out there and let the opponent have it. If they stop us

then that's one thing, but if we stop ourselves then that's another."

Kersten and Warner were named to the all-tournament team, while George Mason earned the team win in the Patriot Invitational.

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Success stems from determination

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Last season was tough for Evers.

She said she is a perfectionist — being on a 3-24 team that did not win a conference game was tough.

Evers had never been on a losing team throughout high school and often has high standards for not only her team, but herself as well.

"It was definitely a learning experience," she said. "I just took it in stride despite all the frustration. I just had to work

hard to make this season a better season. One of my goals is to be on the All-Mid-American Conference."

Evers also is one of the most dependable players on the team.

"She is a very determined person," said senior Courtney Kersten. "She's quite confident in herself and she can put the ball away when we need her to. If worse comes to worse, we give Whitney the ball and she'll put it down."

Evers will travel with her team to her home state of

Wisconsin to play in a tournament in Milwaukee this weekend. It's the place where she began her struggles with the illness she contracted in high school. She is looking forward to it.

"It brings a little bit of familiarity back for me," Evers said. "It's exciting to play against some of the girls that I played against in high school and some that beat me in the state championship."

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 No. 19 Penn State at No. 4 Notre Dame (-8)
 No. 1 Ohio State at No. 2 Texas (-2.5)
 No. 18 Clemson (+2.5) at Boston College
 No. 20 Oregon (+5) at Fresno State
 No. 12 Georgia (+3) at South Carolina



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 Last week 0-0 MACMILLAN

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1st Place Overall
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1st Place Overall
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1st Place Overall
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1st Place Overall
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CMU
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 Overall 0-0

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Loiselle records first collegiate win at Jeff Drenth Invitational

Four runners finish in top 20, Powers takes third place

BY ROBERT MCLEAN
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Junior Matt Loiselle said he could not have captured his first collegiate win in any better place.

In front of several fans, friends and alumni, Loiselle won the non-scored Jeff Drenth Memorial 5K Friday in Mount Pleasant. He finished with a time of 14 minutes, 34 seconds. "It was a big deal to me because I was able to win in front of many of the guys that helped me along when I was first starting out," Loiselle said. "There were at least 10 (alumni) here to see it."

Coach Craig Fuller said he was thrilled to add another name from CMU to the plaque.

Senior Jeff Powers, who finished first in last year's Jeff Drenth, placed third (14:58).

CMU had four runners finish in the top 20, including sophomores

Jeff Drenth results

► First place: Matt Loiselle (CMU) 14:34
 ► Second: Stephan Shay (MSU) 14:38
 ► Third: Jeff Powers (CMU) 14:58

Donnie Richmond who finished 14th (15:12) and Adam Koepfer who finished 17th (15:14).

Fuller said Koepfer's performance was a pleasant surprise.

"He had a bit of an off summer so it was impressive to see him have a great race," Fuller said. "It's very encouraging to see him do so well."

Michigan State had 11 runners finish in the top 20, while Ferris State had five.

CMU may have had more, but several of its runners did not compete.

Senior Frank Therrian, junior Andrew Manning and freshman Riak Mabil were among those held out by Fuller.

"We stacked up well against MSU," Fuller said. "We'll stack up even better when everyone

runs and when it counts most."

Sophomore Dan Cramer finished 21st in 15:38.

CMU's next competition is Sept. 16 at the Mel Brodt Invitational at Bowling Green, Ohio.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Freese seeks team play

Saint Louis takes weekend series split with Central

BY JEREMY GOORHOUSE
 STAFF REPORTER

Field hockey coach Cristy Freese was visibly upset after her team lost its first game of the season Sunday.

She said her team tried to play as individuals — not as a team — in its 3-0 loss to Saint Louis at the CMU Field Hockey Complex.

"We have to learn to move together, play as a team and not let one person try to do something," Freese said. "Our strength is never going to be one player."

CMU dropped to 2-1 on the season.

The lack of team play also was recognized by the players.

"We just didn't play together," said senior back Courtney Blanchard. "We need to know that we need to be together out there and not play individually."

The Billikens made the most of their opportunities early in the game, scoring two goals on their first two shots.

Central also had many chances, with 13 penalty corners in the game, compared to six for SLU.

"(SLU) scored on their opportunities," Freese said.

The Chippewas started the weekend with a 2-1 win in the opening game against the Billikens Saturday.

SLU took a 1-0 lead into halftime, but CMU tied the game with 14 minutes left on a goal by Blanchard.

Senior forward Alicia



LUCAS MERRILL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Sophomore midfielder Amanda Luck defends against a Saint Louis player in CMU's 3-0 loss Sunday at the CMU Field Hockey Complex.

Up Next

► CMU (2-1) plays in Kent, Ohio against Colgate for its only game this weekend

Balanesi took a rebound off the post and put it in the net for the game winner just five minutes later.

"It was a relief," Balanesi

said of her goal. "I knew we needed it and I was there to put it in."

CMU outshot the Billikens 16-6 in the second half.

The Chippewas look to rebound from their loss Saturday against Colgate in Kent, Ohio.

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BRIEF

Spica signs with men's basketball

Men's basketball coach Ernie Zeigler announced the signing of Marco Spica, a 6-foot 9-inch center from Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro.

Spica will receive a scholarship.

He first signed a National Letter of Intent at UCLA, where Zeigler was an assistant coach, but Spica was not admitted.

Spica played for his country's National Junior team, averaging 11 points and seven rebounds per game. He is rated as a three-star prospect by Scout.com.

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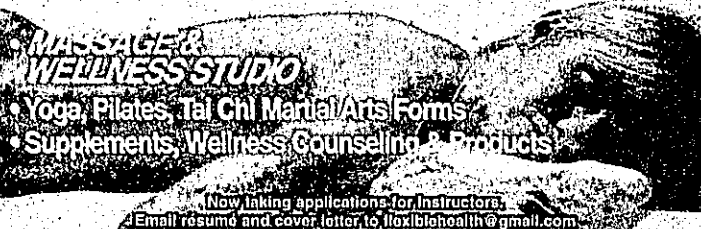
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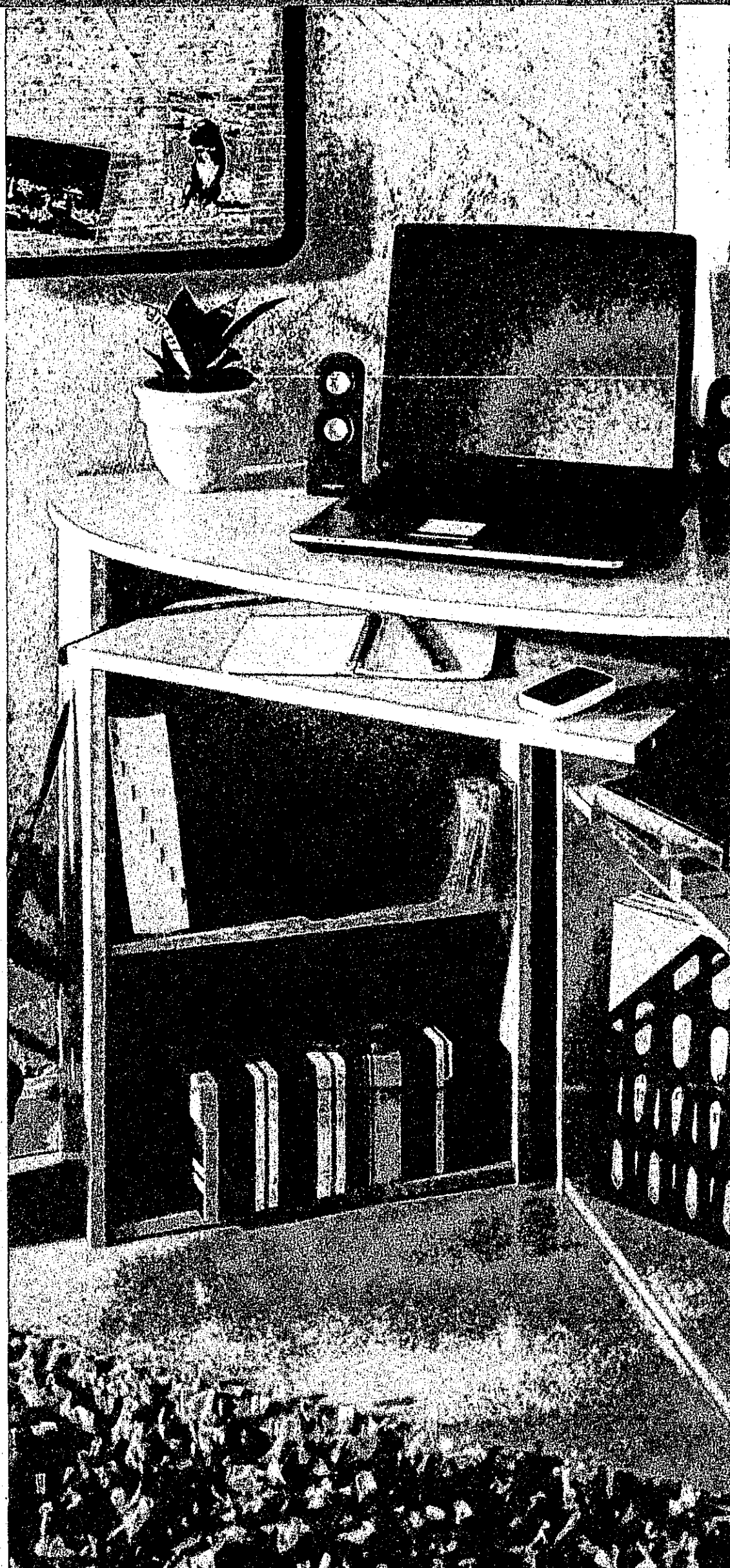
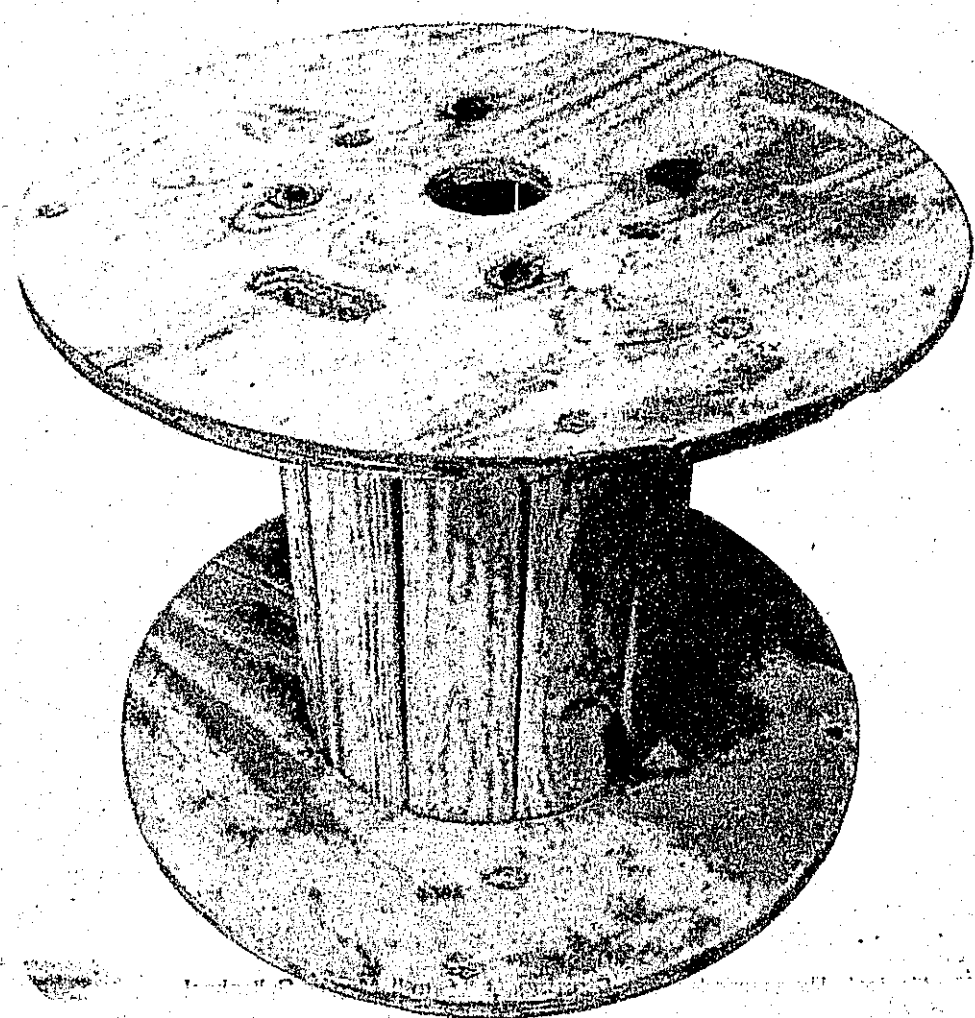
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Brian Manzullo
Lifeline Editor

My job last summer: to keep you clean

To say I had an awesome summer job would be a gross overstatement.

Many of my fellow journalism majors chose to take a summer internship—the smart thing to do if you're majoring in that area.

I chose a different route, a route only 15-year-olds desperate for a job choose—McDonald's.

But I wasn't your normal McDonald's worker. I didn't stand at the front counter with a fake smile, asking, "Hi, can I take your order?" Like I give a rat's behind about what people want to eat.

Instead, I worked maintenance at a store near Saginaw.

That means I had to wake up at four in the morning, five days a week to clean up all the dirt, leaves, butts, wrappers, napkins, crushed bags, cups half-eaten fries, puke, crap, urine, spit, soap and oily grease that you people leave behind as personal gratitude for your prepared meal.

I didn't mind it too much because the pay was fairly decent.

But if there is one conclusion I can come to from working that lovely job, it's this—a great portion of the general public is either lazy, dirty or simply doesn't care.

And it's sad. At this McDonald's, there are a total of five castle bins placed conveniently in their spots on the outside lot.

Yet every single morning I came in to work, I saw at least one McDonald's bag somewhere on the parking lot with its contents—a mix of wrappers, papers and enough leftover food to feed a family of seagulls—decorated on the concrete. Shattered liquor bottles gave drivers a nice morning obstacle course.

The lobby floor was filled with ketchup and pieces of trash. Windows on the doors were bathed in handprints of all sizes. I've found so many happy meal toys under the seats that I could skip Christmas shopping this year if I had kids.

The bathrooms were the worst. Toilets weren't flushed. Urinals were filled with phlegm and the infamous ABC gum. Sinks were dirty. Pieces of toilet paper scattered the floor like confetti on New Year's Day.

And guess who had to clean all of this filth up at the beginning of the day?

Me.

So here's my question. For the sake of maintenance people everywhere, can't some of you take the time to walk up to a trash bin and just try to be clean for once?

I know what you're thinking: Brian, you worked an hour away from here. Why are you criticizing us, the people of the great and clean Mount Pleasant, for things we didn't do?

I'm not stupid. It happens everywhere.

You could place trash bins at every five feet on every sidewalk in America and there will still be morons who decide that their half-eaten cheeseburger belongs in the grass.

It's not littering any more than it is about human stupidity. I'm no activist for environmental protection by any means.

But I am an activist for not being dumb and lazy.

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FALL FILM EXTRAVAGANZA

Here is your guide to the movies that are worth your time, money every week this season

BY BRIAN MANZULLO • LIFELINE EDITOR

"Hollywoodland"

September 8

Starring: Adrien Brody, Ben Affleck

A detective (Brody) investigates the death of George Reeves (Affleck), the original star of the film, "Superman."

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: The cast looks great and the plot looks promising. The forgotten Bob Hoskins could surprise people with his supporting role.

"Gridiron Gang"

September 15

Starring: The Rock, Xzibit

The Rock stars as a counselor who compiles a football team of youth at a juvenile detention center. Based on a true story.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: It's not just a clone of "The Longest Yard." The Rock seems like a great choice for a leader of a team of misguided individuals.

"Jackass: Number Two"

September 22

Starring: Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O

The group from the MTV show "Jackass" reunite for more body-mangling stunts in the sequel to their 2002 film, "Jackass: The Movie."

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: The group returns to its original roots after two mediocre spinoff shows in "Wild Boyz" and "Viva La Bam." And the stunts look funnier than ever.

"The Guardian"

September 29

Starring: Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher

A trip to Alaska turns awry for a talented Coast Guard trainee (Kutcher) and his mentor (Costner).

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: The film looks like a tearjerker waiting to happen, along the lines of "Ladder 49." Kutcher takes his second major dramatic role after "The Butterfly Effect."

"The Departed"

October 6

Starring: Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Wahlberg

From film director Martin Scorsese ("Gangs of New York") comes this crime story starring a cop (DiCaprio), a mob boss (Nicholson) and a criminal (Damon).

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: It's Martin Scorsese. It's Damon, Nicholson, DiCaprio and Wahlberg. The plot shows plenty of promise. "The Departed" could be the best film of the year.

"The Grudge 2"

October 13

Starring: Amber Tamblyn, Sarah Michelle Gellar returns in this sequel to the 2004 film. A television show is filmed in a haunted house and strange things begin to happen to the cast and crew.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: "The Grudge" was hit and miss amongst most viewers when it released in 2004. Either way, the sequel looks to improve upon its premise.

"Flags of our Fathers"

October 20

Starring: Ryan Phillippe, Paul Walker

A man discovers the events behind his father and his involvement as one of the six soldiers to raise the flag at Iwo Jima during World War II.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: Director Clint Eastwood scored big with 2003's "Mystic River" and 2004's "Million Dollar Baby." This film shouldn't be any different, especially with Steven Spielberg producing and Paul Haggis ("Crash") writing the screenplay.

"Saw III"

October 27

Starring: Tobin Bell, Shawnee Smith

A second sequel to the surprising 2004 hit "Saw." Jigsaw (Bell) returns to set another slew of deadly traps for his victims.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: A solid horror film just in time for Halloween. Fans of the first two Saw films shouldn't miss this one.

"Flushed Away"

November 3

Starring: Hugh Jackman (voice), Kate Winslet (voice)

An animated feature about a rat who is flushed down his apartment toilet, an action that takes him into the sewers of London to learn a new way of life.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: When the premise of a film is based on being flushed down a toilet, you know it's going to be filled with laughs.

"Stranger than Fiction"

November 10

Starring: Will Ferrell, Maggie Gyllenhaal

Ferrell stars as an IRS agent who discovers that an author, whose voice he hears in his head, is narrating his life as a character in her book.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: Ferrell has become a major comedy icon in film. Although this film takes a different turn in comedy, he still should be entertaining.

"Casino Royale"

November 17

Starring: Daniel Craig, Judi Dench

The 21st installment in the James Bond series stars Daniel Craig, the sixth actor to portray the famous fictional secret agent.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: A fresh new face takes the Bond role. The film also takes a turn in plot—"Royale" actually is a prequel to every Bond film released, as the Bond character takes on his very first secret agent mission.

The new Bond:
Daniel Craig

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Students anticipate lineup of promising films

BY BRIAN MANZULLO
LIFELINE EDITOR

The fall season is right around the corner—and that only can mean one thing.

Time to grab the popcorn and go to the theater.

This year's lineup of fall films offers plenty of variety for students, including a slew of promising comedies, dramas, thrillers, action adventures and even sequels.

Beginning the landslide of hot upcoming box office pictures is the Friday opening of "Hollywoodland," starring Adrien Brody and Ben Affleck.

Affleck plays George Reeves, the original "Superman" star, whose mysterious death has Brody's character, a private detective, investigating a possible connection to it.

Although East Jordan junior Stephanie Stelk visits the local theater just once a month, she said she's thinking about seeing the film this weekend.

"I saw it on a film critic show ... called 'Ebert and Roeper,'" she said. "They said it was supposed to be a good movie to go see this

weekend. It looks interesting."

Two weeks later, on Sept. 22, Johnny Knoxville and his band of stuntmen will be back on the silver screen with their sequel to "Jackass: The Movie," called "Jackass: Number Two." The two films are based off the popular MTV show, which starred the same group of crazies.

Although the film probably won't win any awards, some students still find the variety of acts performed on it to be entertaining.

"It's kind of funny watching guys intentionally hurt themselves," Stelk said. "I'm sure it'll make a lot of money because people like watching that sort of thing."

The biggest reason for the film hype around the fall is its notoriety for being "Oscar season," when most films are released for Academy Award and Golden Globe considerations.

Among the films that are being talked about is director Martin Scorsese's "The Departed," a crime drama starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson and Mark Wahlberg, opening Oct. 6.

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"Flushed Away." It's with hamsters with British accents and it looks cute."

Zhi Lu, Battle Creek senior



"I am really looking forward to 'Black Dahlia.' I have heard the story and it looks good."

Rich Viviano, Lapeer Sophomore



"The Gridiron Gang" because I really like football and The Rock."

Portia McIntosh, Southfield Sophomore

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CM STYLE you

Bree Hietala,
Northville senior

Why do you dress this way?
"I like dressing this way. It's interesting. I don't like wearing anything boring."

What will you never wear?
"Something super basic — and I'll never not wear jewelry."

Description of the clothing and where she got it:
► Necklace - a stand in New York City
► T-Shirt - an old vintage store in Mount Pleasant
► Dress - Salvation Army
► Shoes - online from Rainbow



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BRIEF

Dark Wave Lounge marks third year

DJ Cypher's "Dark Wave Lounge" will celebrate its third anniversary with giveaways and a CD release party for the trip-hop band Hungry Lucy tonight.

The event starts at 9 p.m. at Piff's French Press on 203 W. Broadway. It is free for all ages and runs until midnight.

Albums from Hungry Lucy and other bands will be given away between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. Songs from Hungry Lucy's newest album, "Before We Stand ... We Crawl," will be played throughout the event.

"Dark Wave Lounge" emphasizes underground genres of music that don't receive mainstream attention, including goth, industrial, trip-hop and electronica. Popular bands that follow these genres include Depeche Mode and Skinny Puppy.

The event, started by Department of English faculty member Jeffrey Weinstock (aka "DJ Cypher") in 2003, will take place throughout the academic year on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Have you met?

Shaelynn Long



Hometown: Coleman
Year: senior
Major: English
Where do you live at school:
Coleman, 1 commute. It's about a 20 minute drive.
What do you do at CMU?
I work for CMU off-campus programs.

What classes are you taking this semester?
English classes

What do you hope to accomplish this semester?
Graduation

Anything else you would like to share with campus?
Study by the fountain.

What will you be doing in the next hour?
Reading before I go to my next class.

Tomo Kawai



Hometown: Canton
Year: junior
Major: Bachelor of Fine Arts
Where do you live at school:
Tallgrass Apartments
What do you do at CMU?
Intramural sports

What classes are you taking this semester?
Art classes, art criticism — it is just a lecture all hour.

What do you hope to accomplish this semester?
I hope to get good grades and an internship.

Anything else you would like to share with campus?
Avoid parking on campus as much as possible, walk or ride a bike.

What will you be doing in the next hour?
Going to class.

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CHART TOPPERS

top ten movies

Weekend of Sept. 1-3	
1. Invincible	\$12,104,000
2. Crank	\$10,300,000
3. The Wicker Man	\$9,565,000
4. Little Miss Sunshine	\$7,575,000
5. The Illusionist	\$6,350,000
6. Talladega Nights	\$6,101,000
7. Barnyard	\$4,832,000
8. World Trade Center	\$4,620,000
9. Accepted	\$4,472,000
10. Step Up	\$4,472,000

Information compiled from BoxOfficeMojo.com.

top ten albums

Album	Artist
1. Danity Kane	Danity Kane
2. Idlewild (Soundtrack)	OutKast
3. Back to Basics	Christina Aguilera
4. Amar Es Combatir	Mana
5. The Cheetah Girls 2	Various Artists (Soundtrack)
6. Paris	Paris Hilton
7. NOW 22	Various Artists
8. Sacrament	Lamb of God
9. The Ultimate	Luther Vandross
10. Kells Was Here	Kells

Information compiled from Billboard.com.

Students look forward to fall movies

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Fans of war films will be treated to an epic on Oct. 20 — "Flags of our Fathers" — directed by Clint Eastwood ("Million Dollar Baby") and produced by Steven Spielberg.

Based on the best selling book by James Bradley and Ron Powers, the film profiles the six men involved in raising the flag at Iwo Jima during World War II.

Mount Pleasant sophomore Marc Van Horn said he read the book in high school.

"I thought it was amazing," he said. "The amount of research put into it was outstanding. (Bradley and Powers) actually got inside the men's lives and what the flag-raising meant to them."

Van Horn said he believes turning the book into a film epic is a great idea.

"It's a wonderful story," he said. "I don't go to the theaters too often, but for a movie like 'Flags of our Fathers,' I'd definitely pay to see that."

One week later, just in time for Halloween, horror fans can witness "Saw III," the second sequel to the 2004 film of the same name, on Oct. 27.

Jigsaw, the antagonist played by Tobin Bell, returns in the third film, but trains his future predecessor Amanda (Shawnee Smith) about what it means to play his deadly game.

"I loved the first two films," said Grand Ledge freshman Mark Pelfrey. "If you can see

"Jackass 2." It's going to be super funny with stuff that you don't expect. It has Johnny Knoxville and Steve-O — hilarious."

Harold Worsham, Detroit junior



"The Holiday" and 'The Guardian,' both look like good movies."

Anne Baker, Grand Haven sophomore

past the gore and look at all the mind games he plays on people, it's great. You think it's a big scary guy doing all this, instead it's just a creepy old man."

James Bond enthusiasts also are offered a treat this fall — the 21st Bond film, "Casino Royale," makes its wide release Nov. 17 after a three-year layoff.

However, actor Daniel Craig will take the duty of the famous secret agent rather than Pierce Brosnan, who starred in the previous four Bond films.

Van Horn, who has watched each Bond film Brosnan starred in, said he would be difficult to replace.

"I thought he fit the role quite well," he said.

Director Mel Gibson also is back behind the camera for the first time since his controversial film, "The Passion of the Christ."

This time, Gibson recreates the latter days of the ancient Mayan civilization in "Apocalypto," opening Dec. 8.

Pelfrey remembers watching "Passion" back when it was in theaters.

"It was amazing," he said. "It was pretty intense seeing all the things that happened in it."

Stelk also took interest in Gibson's upcoming film.

"That'll probably be interesting with all the controversy that's going on right now around him," she said.

Other hyped films this fall include the Sept. 15 opening of "The Last Kiss," starring Zach Braff and Rachel Bilson, and the Oct. 13 opening of "The Grudge 2," starring Amber Tamblyn and Sarah Michelle Gellar.

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Movies recommended this semester

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"The Fountain"

November 22

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Rachel Weisz

Jackman portrays a man that passes through three different centuries in order to save his wife (Weisz) from cancer.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: Weisz won awards with her last supporting appearance in "The Constant Gardener." Also, director Darren Aronofsky was behind the independent hits "Pi" and "Requiem for a Dream."

"Bug"

December 1

Starring: Ashley Judd, Michael Shannon

A divorcee (Judd) has a rendezvous with a war veteran in a hotel room, only to find her ex-husband and a mysterious infestation of roaches.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: It's another movie where the plot is strange but interesting — an infestation of roaches? It could be good.

"Apocalypto"

December 8

Starring: Rudy Youngblood

Director Mel Gibson's first film since the controversial "The Passion of the Christ." This film is another period adventure but instead takes place in the Mayan civilization.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: Although this film doesn't look

to be as emotionally moving as "Passion" was, the visual potential of it is almost endless with Gibson at the helm.

"The Pursuit of Happyness"

December 15

Starring: Will Smith, Thandie Newton

Based on a true story, Chris Gardner (Smith) goes from living

on the streets of San Francisco to becoming a successful father, despite his hard times.

WHY YOU SHOULD SEE IT: Smith, the man behind this project, has done well in dramatic roles in the past. Gardner's story should be an inspirational one to everybody who witnesses it.

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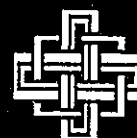
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Separation by gender in school raises questions



Lindsay Henry
Senior Reporter

Co-ed classes help prepare for real world

"Boys go to Jupiter to get more stupider, girls go to college to get more knowledge." Isn't that how the saying goes?

Banter about who is smarter and which gender has cooties has occurred for years in elementary halls until it makes the fateful switch to adolescent awkwardness in high school.

To battle the infamous boy vs. girl anxiety, officials from Eisenhower High School, a public school in Yakima, Wash., are considering separating males and females in classrooms.

They claim the separation of gender in the classroom removes distraction.

Well, it's good in theory, but it's not reality.

Yes, girls with their short

skirts and guys with their classroom jokes can cause a distraction. Many also get nervous to participate in class because they don't want to look stupid in front of the Super Stud or Miss Popular.

But the gender nerves are something students need to get over. To do that, they have to be around the opposite sex.

Separating by genders may stop the distraction, but it also stops the exposure of guys and girls to each other.

Learning how to communicate to the opposite sex is an important part of our social lives.

When students graduate and enter the "real world," (since the world of high school seems to be a world of its own entirely) they aren't going to be separated by gender in the workplace.

It isn't going to be men on one side of the company offices, women on the other.

Even though guys and girls might learn academics better without the pressure of "sounding cool" in front of each other, they are being deprived of social lessons that are learned during high school.

Each gender can teach their own lessons just by interacting.

Role Play

For example, guys learn that girls are a little bit more dramatic than them by nature. Sure, the degree of how dramatic they are varies, but we freak out a lot more compared to the "one punch and it's done" guy method of dealing with problems.

Aside from the drama queen gene that girls possess, we also know how to argue. Men across the world can agree that most women will fight like there is no tomorrow if need be.

Guys would be extremely behind if they didn't learn these important facts about females in school, the one place that ensures guys and girls will be in the same room together—at least for now.

Besides, this world is segregated enough as it is to add gender to the list.

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Mike D'Orazio
Staff Reporter

Separation causes negative effects

Segregation in the classroom? It probably is not the type of segregation you're thinking of, but still a form of it—segregation by gender.

I went to an all-boys Catholic high school. The closest thing we had to girls in the classroom was the all-girls school next door.

To me, there weren't many upsides to this as far as learning is concerned.

During my time in high school, having all guys in a classroom just meant that we screwed around even more. At least when girls are around, you might not act like a complete moron.

The best thing about it was not caring what you looked or smelled like when coming to school.

After four years of not seeing a female in the classroom and then coming in as a freshman here was a drastic change, to say the least. I definitely developed some neck problems freshman year because my head was always on a swivel.

I will admit that it can be very distracting having a lot of girls in your class when you're a guy. You're always checking them out. For those of you who go to class just to see that one girl or guy in hopes of making some solid eye contact or perhaps even striking up a conversation, you know what I'm talking about.

It has to be worse for guys. You know how we think.

I do think that separating classes also could have a negative effect on learning. If you're in a class that can relate to both genders,

having all guys or all girls in the classroom could hinder the flow of ideas on the subject.

And if these high school kids are separated during class, what about things like lunch? Do they have to sit at different tables?

Say it was small school. You would need adequate classrooms for all these separate classes. Would the school have enough resources? Segregated classes also would require schools to have double the amount of teachers.

I'm not convinced that having separate classes will promote learning. If we can't learn to coexist in the classroom, how can we coexist in the real world? Or even further, in life?

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New season of 'Survivor' brings division to races

By CAITLYN M. FOYT
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The latest season of the CBS reality show "Survivor" is bound to make people tune in regardless if they like the show or not.

The 13th season of the show, set to premiere Sept. 14, will feature contestants battling it out in the South Pacific's Cook Islands for a \$1 million prize.

But this time, the show has chosen to segregate the tribes by race.

Kirk Beckstrom, a CMU alumnus, has watched every season of "Survivor" and though he is unsure what to think of the segregated cast, he plans to keep his tradition alive.

"I think CBS is showing and proving that people of the same race can and can't get along," Beckstrom said. "I think stereotypes are going to be proven right and wrong. Of course the tribes are going to come together later on and there will be some 'Kum-Ba-Ya' campfire moments where everybody is friends, but it's not always going to be like that."

Department of Broadcast and Cinematic Arts faculty member and reality TV expert Patty Williamson said she finds this season of "Survivor" a little disturbing. "It's sad," she said. "They finally get around to putting more diversity on the show and then they are segregated."

Like most reality TV shows, the structure of the show is created after the cameras are turned off. The editing process distorts fact, often taking people's words and meanings out of context.

"It is hard to argue that reality

TV is real," Williamson said. "You are casting what the networks



Williamson

call real people but then they are placed in rare and outrageous situations so how real it is hard to say."

After the first few weeks of the show, the tribes will have to be redivided and there is a question as to whether or not there will be a diligent attempt to keep the groups racially segregated.

Reality TV shows sometimes rely on stereotypes to create drama and conflict on the program each week. This season could reinforce stereotypes or treat diversity as a negative.

While the premise of

"Survivor" may call for some to organize boycotts and for others to host residence hall room floor parties to watch it every week, both sides are curious as to how it all will end.

"A lot of people won't tune in because of segregationist implications of the show," Williamson said. "This is a dangerous precedent because it reinforces the idea that different ethnicities can't work together. We can't create alliances and be friendly."

Detroit sophomore Aesha Rashid believes that viewers should watch this season with an open mind and try not to get too worked up over it.

"The network is not trying to offend anyone by splitting the groups by race," Rashid said. "They simply needed a new

idea. This is a social experiment for our entertainment and we should try to learn something from it."

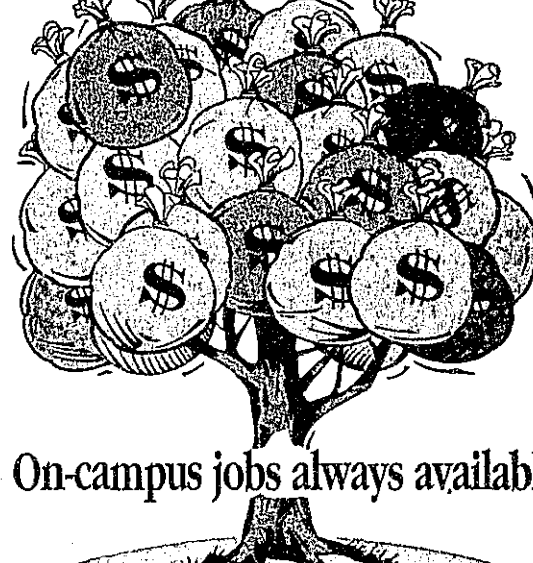
Despite the fact that this season of television entertainment has gone back to featuring more scripted television shows, reality TV looks like it's here to stay.

Williamson believes that this season of "Survivor" will not affect the existence of reality television, partially because it costs just 10 percent of what a scripted show costs to make.

"I don't think reality TV is going anywhere and I don't think this season of survivor will affect reality TV as a whole," Williamson said.

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MOUNT PLEASANT
HIGH SCHOOLStudents
rock out
at concertBY DANI NICHOLL
STAFF REPORTER

Daina Turnwald finished the first day of her high school senior year Tuesday and headed to the parking lot.

She was greeted with music. Mount Pleasant High School's front lawn had been turned into a rock show, much to Turnwald's, and several other students' surprise.

"I thought it was really cool that they threw this the first day (of classes)," Turnwald said. "It makes school that much better."

Deja Norm'al, an alternative punk/rock band, performed in "Modern Rock's The High School" — a concert sponsored by Modern Rock 91.5 WMHW.

The band played outside of the high school's main entrance for about 30 people, ranging from high schoolers to teachers and even a few CMU students.

"We wanted to reach out into the high school community," said Kelly McMann, Novi junior and Modern Rock 91.5 promotion director. "At first we were just going to hand out stickers, promote the station and then it grew to, 'Hey, let's throw a concert for high schoolers.'"

After McMann and Kristine Moore, Owosso junior and Modern Rock 91.5 station manager, came up with the idea, they pitched it to the high school's principal, Jeffery Thoenes.

"My first reaction (when hearing about the concert) was, 'what a neat opportunity to kick off the year with something very memorable and special,'" said Thoenes. "It didn't take me very long to realize it would appeal to a lot of our kids — not all, but some."

Thoenes also gave the concert a green light because the band is a "high school-friendly" group



PATRICK SILLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brett Pudak, Tekonsha resident and guitarist for Deja Norm'al, along with Matthew Bailey on the keyboard, perform at Mount Pleasant High School Tuesday afternoon during a concert sponsored by Modern Rock 91.5.

and doesn't use any inappropriate language in their lyrics.

"Part of our mission is to prepare students for continued success and maybe music is a way to do that," Thoenes said. "If kids come to the concert and enjoy it, they might look at it as enjoying school and it would make it a fun place to be, while also learning."

Modern Rock 91.5 also gave away free CDs and stickers at the concert as a way to get its name out into the high school community, McMann said.

"Playing for a bunch of kids on the first day of school was fun," Brian McIsaac, one of Deja Norm'al's vocalists, said. "It gave us a chance to have younger kids exposed to our music."

This wasn't the only exposure Deja Norm'al has received lately. Last summer the band went on tour, playing in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York

and North Carolina.

Integrated Social Studies teacher Sue Hoeft said she wished she could have had a concert like this when she was in high school.

"I think it's a great idea to give kids a safe place to have fun and hang out," Hoeft said. "What more could you want? Plus, I enjoy listening to music and relaxing after a day of work."

Deja Norm'al includes Fenton freshman Matt Bailey, 19, on keyboard; McIsaac, 20, from Fenton, on vocals; Mike Mains, 19, from Lake City, on vocals and guitar; Chris Morrow, 19, from Lake City, on keyboard and bass; Brett Pudak, 19, from Tekonsha, on guitar; and Karl Woodward, 20, from Lake City, on drums.

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Officials seeking opinions about vision plan

Forum to prepare
for next round
of 2010 proposalsBY MATT HEWITT
STAFF REPORTER

Students, faculty and staff can voice their opinions about how the university should spend \$1 million for its vision plan.

An open forum about the CMU 2010: Vision Plan will take place from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Thursday in the Bovee University Center's Gold Room.

"While there is much information at the CMU 2010 Web site, the forum provides an opportunity in dialogue about the plan, and to ask questions of those involved in its implementation on a daily basis," said Carole Richardson, director of special projects.

The Vision Plan is a pledge of \$1 million a year from 2006-2010 to improve CMU's hopes of becoming "a nationally prominent university known for integrity, academic excellence, research and creative activity and public service," according to the vision plan Web site.

What isn't spent out of the \$1 million budget each year is rolled over to the next.

So far, CMU 2010 has funded 21 projects, ranging from honors program enrichment to more funding for the Writing Center. Since 2006, only 38 percent of the allocated funds for 2006 and 2007 have been spent on proposals.

The Honors Program enrichment proposal has

received the most money of any program, but officials say there are many areas CMU can excel.

"I think there will be a whole variety of options across campus that will take individuals to that national prominence, whether it's departments that have programs that are nationally known or whether it's departments that have conducted some nationwide research or departments who have members of their units who sit on nationwide advisory groups and organizations," said Amy McGinnis,

director of strategy and organizational development.

Proposals for fiscal year 2007 are due Oct. 2, and need to be at least \$25,000 and address key performance indicators and measurable outcomes.

The proposals are selected based on five different criteria: impact, anticipated outcome, a clear evaluation plan with milestones, sustainability and whether or not the budget is cost effective and appropriate.

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University closer to political speaker series funding

Fundraiser aims
to bring big name
guests to campusBY DANA DEFEVER
SENIOR REPORTER

The university has raised one fifth of its goal to bring a political speaker series to CMU.

Fundraising kicked off this summer and already has drawn enough interest to raise \$200,000. CMU's goal is to raise \$1 million.

The second fundraiser took place Aug. 29 on Mackinac Island. University President Michael Rao and Gary Shapiro, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Behavioral Sciences, gave presentations.

"These were kickoff events for our program," said Alison Miller, director of development for the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences. "It's a matter of getting to know these people."

Miller said the recent fundraiser on Mackinac Island attracted 50 people, mostly consisting of Mackinac Island residents and/or summer residents.

She said the events are designed to meet people who are interested in the series.

"We will not stop funding until we have the full million," Miller said.

The Philip A. Hart and William G. Milliken Endowed Speaker Series for Integrity in Politics hopes to bring in individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to encouraging a positive change in politics and policy making to CMU.

"I think a lot of students today are cynical that all politicians are corrupt," said Del Ringquist, Political Science chairman.

Hart, a Democratic who is also known as "the Conscience

of the Senate," served as a U.S. Senator from 1958 to 1976.

Milliken, a Republican, served as Michigan's governor from 1969 to 1982.

"It's nice to celebrate those people who have a higher calling than self-enrichment," Ringquist said.

Miller said the speakers will not be scheduled until the money is raised, but the series is expected to bring in one speaker a year.

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Drunken driving campaign wraps for the holiday

By ADASHEA DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

Labor Day signaled more than just the end of summer this year.

A statewide campaign to decrease drunken driving also ended Monday.

The campaign, "You Drink and Drive. You Lose," started Aug. 18 and included increased patrol by local law enforcement agencies.

"The enforcement with getting drunk drivers off of the road has a positive effect on the county," said Isabella County Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski.

During the crackdown, Mount Pleasant's Michigan State Police Department Post #63 arrested nine people for driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, stopped 205 vehicles and wrote out 11 citations for alcohol violations.

"These weeks are devoted to drunk driving," said Sgt. Jill McKlevy.

The nationwide "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" campaign has played an active role in police departments' enforcement of drunken driving across Michigan.

The Isabella County Sheriff's Department has participated in the effort for about nine years, and gets grant money annually to add additional patrol for the area.

The campaign lasts for two weeks out of the year every year, aiming to prevent drunk driving throughout participating counties and eventually the nation.

"The campaign has ran around Labor Day for the past two years, but has occurred around the fourth of July in the past," said Lynn Sutton, state spokeswoman for the campaign.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration launched the campaign in December 1999 aiming to decrease drunken driving traffic fatalities year by year.

"Overall we've seen traffic fatalities decreasing," Sutton said.

The increase in people wearing their seat belts and grants allowing additional patrol to be added throughout the year are contributors to a decrease in drunken driving fatalities, officials said.

Drunken driving rates increase and decrease from time to time, and varies by a number of factors, McKlevy said, but there usually is a short staff on holidays.

Mioduszewski said the Isabella County statistics over holidays, such as Labor Day, have been consistent throughout the years.

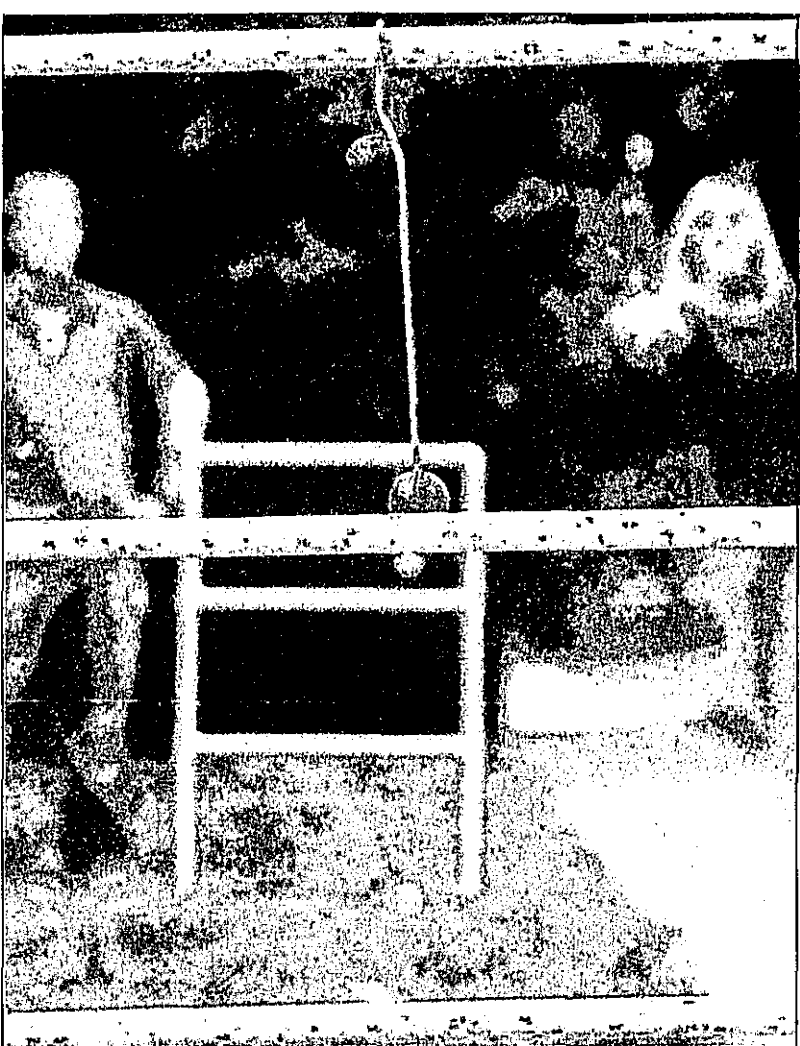
He said he did not have specific tallies for the holiday weekend yet.

Since 1999, the Office of Highway Safety Patrol reported a significant decrease in holiday fatalities.

Their statistics show between the years 2000 and 2004, traffic fatalities involving alcohol went from 515 to 418.

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Whittaker senior Kevin Driscoll and Warren Junior Laura Proctor play a game of Polish horseshoes Saturday afternoon at 1009 Franklin St. The two competed against friends, while enjoying the long weekend.

Crowds cooperative for first game

Only 13 MIPs and 41 parking tickets issued

By JILL DODSON
STAFF REPORTER

The CMU football game against Boston College wasn't a busy one for law enforcement.

Local law enforcement officers were prepared for the season-opener, as extra officers and cars patrolled campus and the tailgating lots outside Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

But Central fans seemed to keep things under control during tailgating before — and festivities after — the game.

"The game was quite well-behaved except for a fight we responded to near the ponds at about 6:54 p.m.," said CMU Police Chief Stan Dinius.

Large crowds and an influx of alumni and students were expected to be at the game, which ESPN2 also broadcast. More than 25,000

people watched the game from the stands, many of which had traversed over from tailgating, which began at 3 p.m.

Officials said the crowd on Thursday were well-behaved and only 13 MIPs were handed out.

CMU Police got help with patrol from other agencies, including the Mount Pleasant Police Department. However, even if other agencies reported violations, they were handled by CMU Police.

"We had a real quiet night at the city here," said Dan Catlin, public information officer for the MPPD. "We didn't do anything out of the ordinary Thursday night, I don't have exact numbers but it was fairly quiet."

UNIVERSITY ROUNDUP

Eastern Michigan University Faculty to strike if contracts not met

Eastern Michigan University's faculty is threatening to strike if their contracts are not agreed on by the start of classes today, according to a recent article in the Eastern Echo. College administrators are prepared to cover teaching so the students will start classes on time, even if the strike occurs.

Jim Vick, vice president of Student Affairs, believes the strike will not last long enough to have a significant effect on students.

If the strike lasts longer than two weeks however, the university would not be able to function well, if at all. Teachers are displeased that even though the university has offered a 2 percent raise, the rate of inflation means they will take a pay cut.

Grand Valley State University Campus renovation tops list for GVSU

Grand Valley State University's campus has recently undergone some renovations and improvements for its returning students, according to a recent article in the Lanthorn, GVSU's student newspaper. Renovations on the

Zumberge Library involve a new reference desk and furniture, as well as more areas to study to accommodate student traffic.

There also are some changes taking place outdoors, including some new fences and trees, with some of the grass being replanted.

Workers have repaired the courts and indoor running track at the Fieldhouse and Recreation Center, after a pipe leak which took place a month ago.

Plans are being made, but not yet approved, to replace the baseball field with a multi-purpose sports building.

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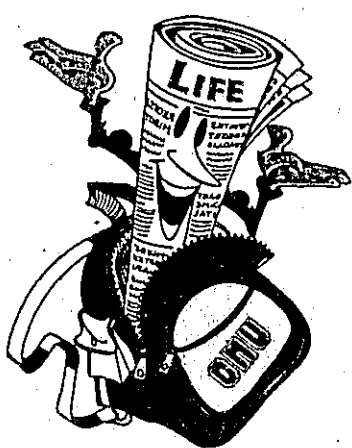
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3	2	9	8	1	5	4	6	7
5	6	7	3	2	4	1	9	8
8	4	1	9	6	7	5	2	3
4	8	6	5	9	2	3	7	1
7	9	5	1	4	3	6	8	2
1	3	2	7	8	6	9	4	5
9	1	4	2	5	8	7	3	6
6	7	8	4	3	1	2	5	9
2	5	3	6	7	9	8	1	4

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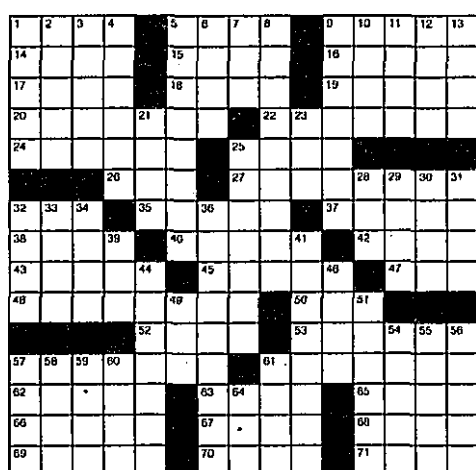
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Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Type of revolver
 - 5 Culture medium
 - 9 Two quartets combined
 - 14 Away from the wind
 - 15 Additional amount
 - 16 Vibrant
 - 17 Sawyer's friend
 - 18 Has a bite
 - 19 Fables
 - 20 Apparent
 - 22 Violent outburst
 - 24 Spanish lady
 - 25 Very unlikely
 - 28 Arrive
 - 27 In an aimless manner
 - 32 Greek letter
 - 35 Took a nap
 - 37 Inexact
 - 38 Unctuous
 - 40 Actress Barkin
 - 42 Tie
 - 43 Wept
 - 45 Down source
 - 47 UFO crew
 - 48 "The Flintstones" epoch
 - 50 Distress letters
 - 52 Large quantity
 - 53 Miss up
 - 57 X number of
 - 61 Places of worship
 - 62 Kind of panel or power
 - 63 Hired muscle
 - 65 Kitchen utensils
 - 66 Chris of tennis
 - 67 Protracted
 - 68 Dieter's word
 - 69 Harvests
 - 70 Some voice
 - 71 Adam's grandson



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Solutions

1 Creative skill
2 Began again
3 Breakfast cereal
4 Thunder sound
5 Rooster's material
6 Trials before
7 Trial run
8 Important times
9 Miscalculate
10 Answered
11 Affirmative action?
12 Made haste
13 Future DA's exam
14 Poisonous evergreens
15 Fierce mythical birds
16 Trumpet AI
17 Mixed bag
18 With tasteful beauty
19 Longing
20 Rainy-day funds
21 Abandons
22 Part of SRO

49 Team's top pitcher
50 Not guilty, e.g.
51 Killed, as a dragon
52 Slowly, in music
53 Double bends
54 Manipulator
55 Relocate
56 Not guilty, e.g.
57 Infield cover, briefly
58 Salad fish
59 Soil turner

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