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\$2.4 million in cable proceeds to be invested by city into endowment fund

by Emma Palova

The city council Monday agreed to invest \$2.4 million in cable sale proceeds into the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. Once invested, the funds will be diversified at a performance rate of return over eight percent. The foundation will have no say how monies are spent, according to city manager Dave Pasquale. "They pool the money with other funds," said Pasquale.

Also, the foundation will not charge any fees. The final decisions may be made by an appointed advisory board, a separate board or by the city council. The council may also act as the advisory board. The board may decide not to fund certain projects, said Pasquale.

Jim Hall objected to the investment with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation due to its restrictions. However, the majority of the city council favored the investment. "The rate of return is excellent," said mayor Chuck Myers.

The foundation does limit the number of requests and ties up the funds for up to one year. "There's pros and cons," said Pasquale, "it allows greater sums of money for larger projects. They're conservative on multi-year commitments. They have to make sure there is sufficient money." Also, the city will be writing the checks, according to treasurer Sue Olin. Council members gave a temporary name to the fund as the LCTV Endowment Fund.

Jeanne Shores said the council should have the final say how monies are spent.

However, Jim Pfaller was in opposition of the council granting funding requests.

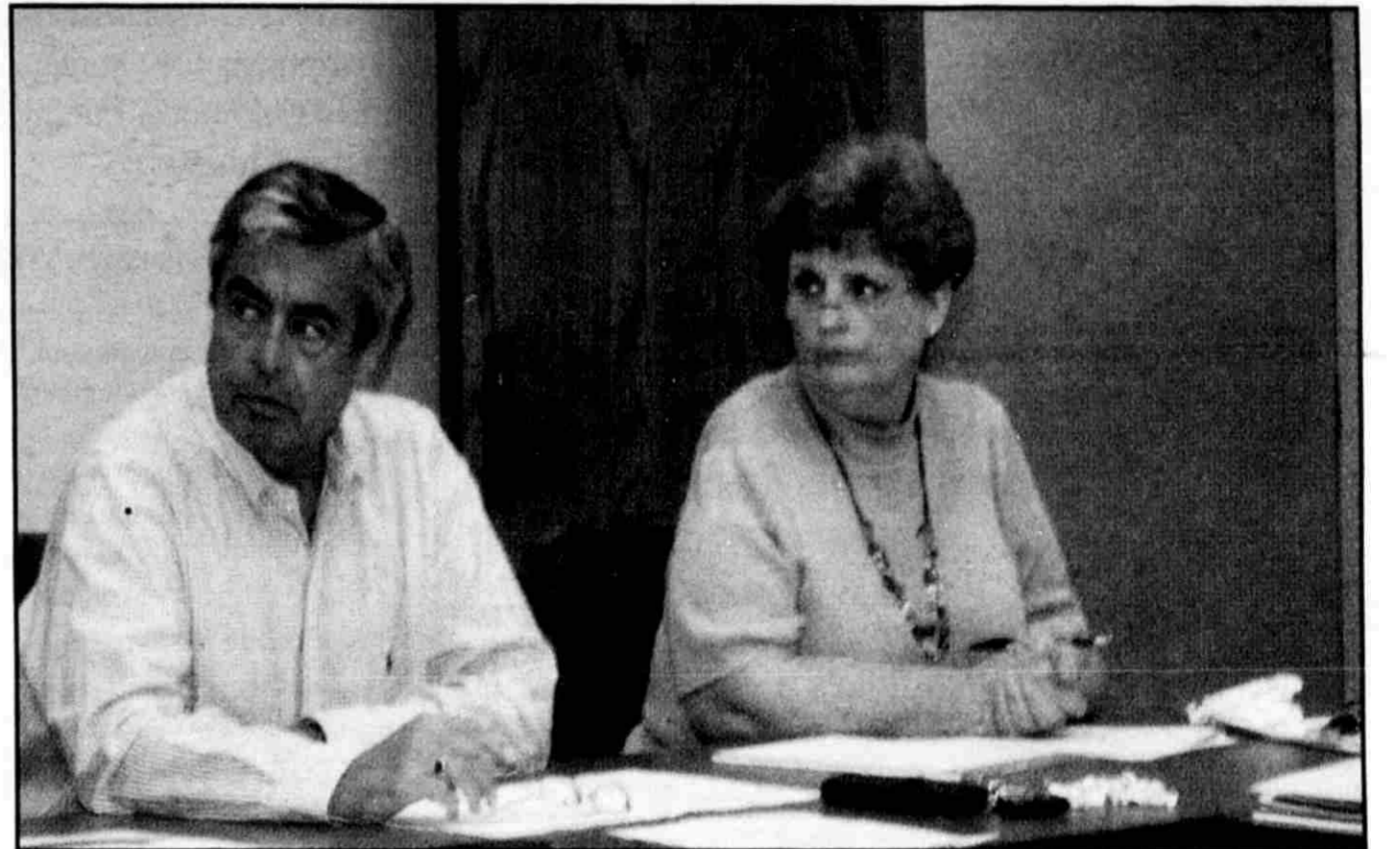
"We would end up with a bunch of grant requests," said Pfaller.

Pfaller wanted a separate advisory board to provide recommendations to the city council. The advisory board members would be appointed by position such as city manager, superintendent, township representatives and a bank representative.

"We want to make sure to continue to earn money on this," said Pasquale. "We want to figure out the best way to protect this."

The advisory board will set the bylaws how monies should be allocated. Within the next few weeks, the Grand Rapids Community

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Mayor Chuck Myers with city clerk Betty Morlock discussing investment of cable sale proceeds.

LAS begins new year with no budget info from Lansing

by Shelley MacNaughton

The Lowell Board of Education held its regular meeting Monday night. Superintendent Greg Pratt announced several new hires and gave an update on a potential donation of land from the Wege Foundation.

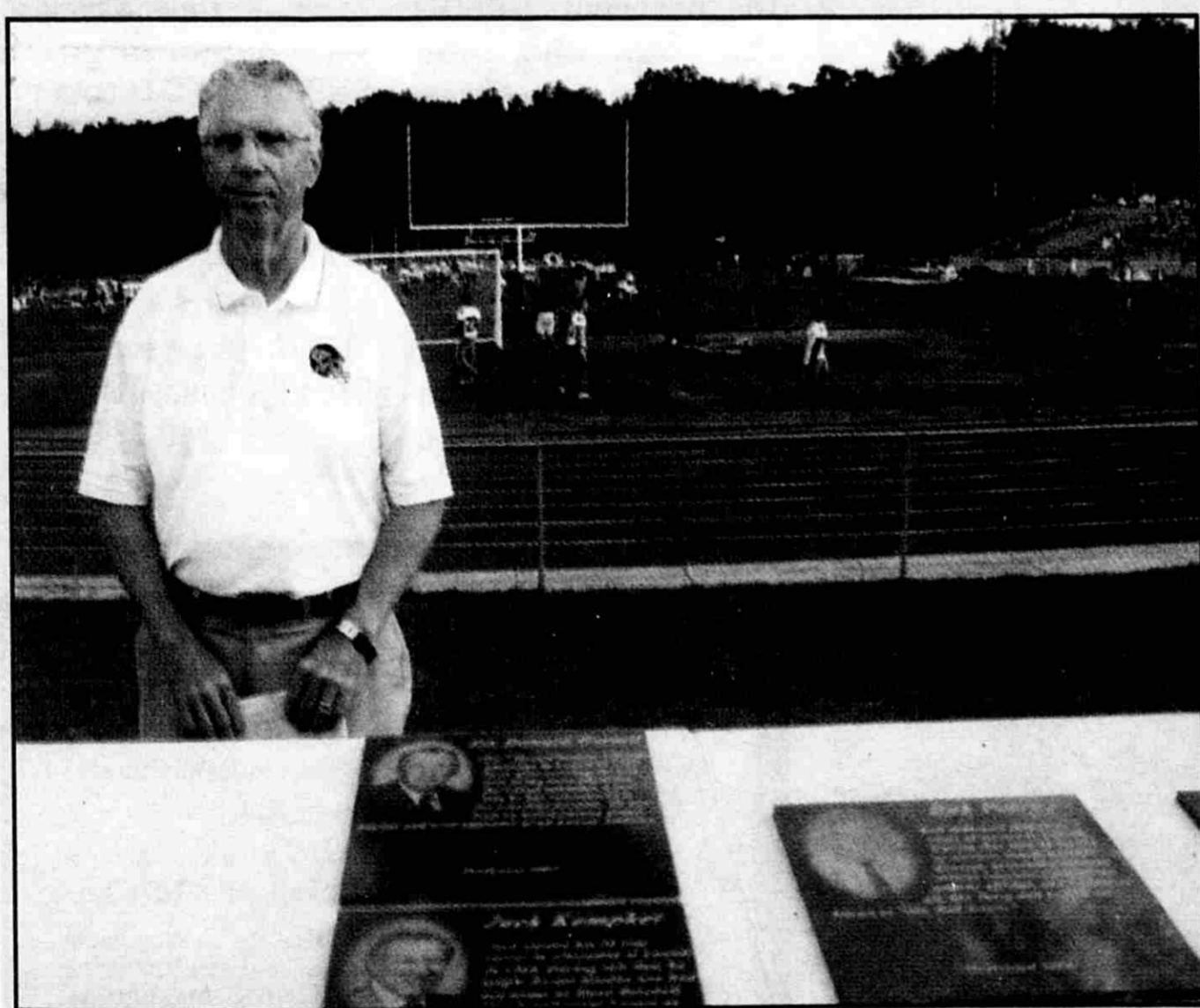
There is still no information coming from Lansing regarding the budget.

The district had to fill one full-time position and several part-time positions. Tara DeRuiter was hired as the Young 5's teacher at Bushnell Elementary. Nicole Bosco fills a part-time position for art teacher

at the middle school and high school. Bobbie White has been hired as a part-time physical education teacher with early childhood emphasis at Bushnell. Colleen Piaz is filling a part-time music teacher position

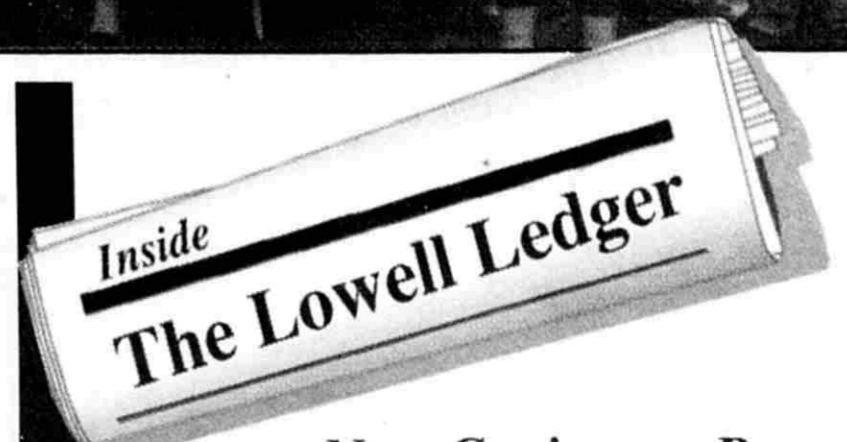
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Lowell coaches and physician honored on "Wall of Fame"



During Friday's home football game, Dr. Donald Gerard, Jack Kempker and Gary Rivers were inducted into the athletic wall of fame, joining Charlie Pierce from two weeks earlier. The athletic honor wall was erected in 2006 to honor individuals who have contributed a minimum of 10 years of service to Lowell High School athletics. Dr. Gerard is pictured with the plaques at Friday's game. In 1963, Dr. Gerard became the team physician

for the varsity football team, a position he still holds today. Jack Kempker is pictured with his family at the beginning of the game. Kempker was the varsity boys' basketball coach starting in 1963. Gary Rivers, who passed away in 1998, was also honored for 38 years as the wrestling coach. On August 24, Charlie Pierce, who passed away in 2003, was inducted before the start of the football game. Pierce was the varsity football coach starting in 1958 and taught in the district.



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NWF shows people how to garden on the wild side

Teresa Baker - Mrs. B of "The Backyard Boutique, in Lowell, MI - put out the welcome mat for all kinds of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, while helping to protect the local environment. Mrs. B's residential property is now recognized as an official

National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Backyard Wildlife Habitat site. The owner of "The Backyard Boutique" joined the many habitat enthusiasts who, with the help of NWF, have turned their backyards into enticing wildlife refuges. NWF began the

Backyard Wildlife Habitat program in 1973, and has since certified over 70,000 habitats nationwide. By creating a backyard habitat, Mrs. B learned the rewards of "gardening for wildlife." The program teaches the importance of environmental stewardship

by providing people the guidelines for making their landscapes more hospitable to wildlife.

Habitat restoration is critical for wildlife in urban and suburban settings where commercial and residential development encroaches on natural areas. Changing landscapes to encourage more wildlife also enhances the environment's quality by improving the air, soil and water throughout the community. This effort promotes common sense

conservation by reducing and eliminating the need for fertilizers, pesticides or irrigation water.

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from all walks of life to protect nature, wildlife, and the world we all share.

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for Lowell Area Schools though working the majority of her day at St. Patrick School; she'll also spend some time at Bushnell. "I would like to welcome the staff to Lowell Area Schools - they all have a wonderful variety of experience and talent they bring to the district," Pratt said.

Tyler Barkacs, a student representative, offered a student council update. "Oh, the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss has been chosen as the homecoming theme for this year. The high school students have chosen a charity partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to go along with the homecoming festivities.

Students hope to raise \$6000. "It is the goal to make one child's wish come true," Barkacs said. Possible methods for raising money include a Change War in which classes throughout the district compete to collect the most money.

Roger Bearup provided a curriculum update. Grades third through fifth are currently working on the "First Twenty Days of Reading and Writing." The district Young 5's Program is strengthening the alignment between Young 5's and kindergarten. The high school has switched to trimester scheduling. Bearup said it was a "great beginning to the school year, our kids are working hard

and our teachers are doing a great job."

Greg Pratt updated the board on the Wege Land Donation. This past spring, the community was approached by representatives from the Wege Foundation regarding a potential donation of property located east of Alden Nash, near the high school for recreational use by the community. The Wege Land Committee hopes to select a firm to conduct a Recreations Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study within the next two weeks. The committee should have a plan in place by mid-November for Mr. Wege's review.

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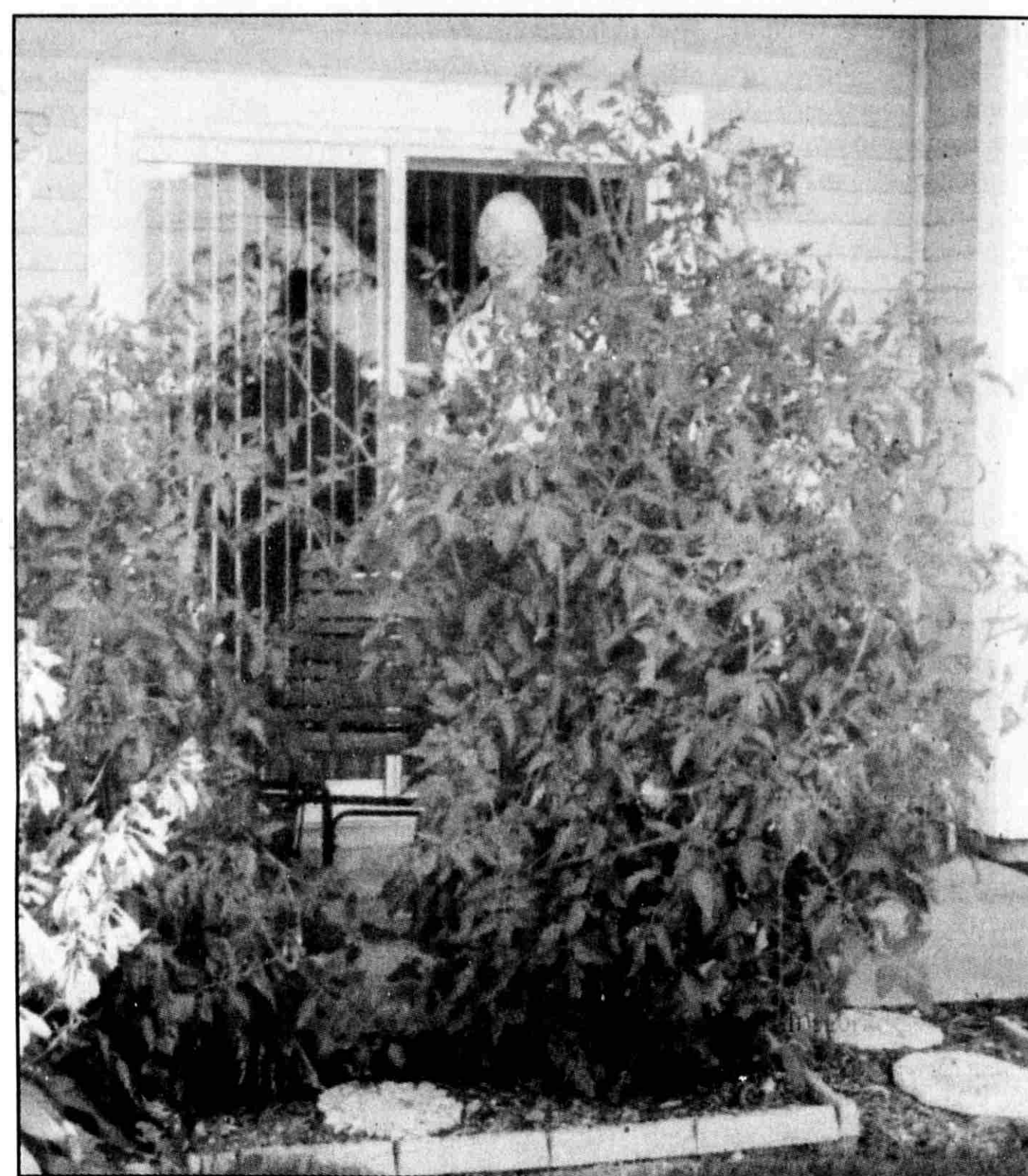
Foundation will provide more information on authority and how to determine allocations. The council will hold a

public hearing to further determine the authority and allocations.

At the next council meeting Monday, the city is

expected to pass resolutions on the investment into the endowment fund and the name of the fund.

Local man grows giant tomato plant



Bill Donley is pictured behind two of his "Big Boy" tomato plants on his porch in Stone Ridge Apartments where he lives with wife Joyce. The couple said the plants have gotten so large that people will stop and stare. "Big Boy" tomatoes are known to be large in shape and sweet in taste and fragrance, and are one of the most popular varieties.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

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What is the plan for the Washington Street property when Sandy and Gary are driven from the little home they have cared for so many years? There must be some valuable compensation in the works?

What is to happen next June when they have to move out? Who is to gain? Stay tuned.

Also, an idea for the Comcast money. Use the Comcast money to bury the power lines and save the trees!

Jan Johnson



Making a College Education More Affordable

With Senator Carl Levin



Earning a college degree is an important and increasingly necessary step on the way to a successful career for young people here in Michigan and across the country. Students with a bachelor's degree will earn 70 percent more on average than those with only a high school diploma, which translates to a million dollars over the course of a lifetime. That gap becomes \$3.7 million when comparing a high school diploma with a professional degree.

At the same time, paying for a college education has become a daunting task. In Michigan, the cost of one year at a four-year public college jumped 39 percent between the 2000-2001 and 2005-2006 school years to more than \$13,500. That puts a huge strain on the family budget, especially when federal student aid programs have been largely stagnant.

Even when low- and middle-income students succeed in making ends meet and get their degree, they often graduate with a huge financial burden. Six in ten college students in Michigan graduate with student loan debt, and for many students the growing cost of tuition has pushed their loans to unprecedented levels.

To help bridge this gap, Congress recently passed the largest federal investment in higher education since the GI Bill. This legislation - the College Cost Reduction and Access Act - will provide a boost to students and families who are struggling to meet the rising costs of postsecondary education.

This much-needed legislation significantly expands the federal Pell grant program, which helps thousands of students in Michigan pay for college every year. It increases the maximum grant to \$5,100 next year and \$5,400 by 2012

from just \$4,050 last year and increases the top income level at which a student is eligible for the maximum grant. These changes would bring an additional \$80 million to Michigan next year and an additional \$689.6 million over the next five years.

This legislation also helps to direct resources to the schools that are most in need. The new TEACH Grant program will provide \$4,000 per year scholarships to top-notch college students who commit to teaching critical subjects in high-need schools after graduation. An additional \$500 million will also be invested in colleges and universities that provide underserved populations with the chance to earn a degree.

For graduates facing student loan debt, this legislation reforms the student loan system to ease the burden on student borrowers. Interest rates will be cut in half to 3.4 percent for undergraduate students with subsidized loans. In addition, monthly student loan payments will be capped at 15 percent of the borrower's discretionary income so students no longer have to decide between buying groceries and paying off their loans. And students will be encouraged to give back to the community; federal student loans will be forgiven after ten years of service in public sector jobs such as teaching, nursing or law enforcement.

To see how these changes will help, consider a recent graduate in Michigan who accepts a teaching position with a starting salary of \$35,557 and student loans totaling \$18,942, both state averages. His or her monthly loan payment would be reduced by 29 percent. After ten years of teaching the remaining federal debt would be forgiven, a benefit worth more than \$10,000. These changes will provide a manageable way for students to borrow money for their education and pay it back.

With so much at stake, we in Congress have a responsibility to help make a college education attainable for every American. The legislation passed by Congress, which the President is expected to sign into law, is a victory for students and families.

Time for back to school



With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

crossing the street during our early-morning commute, as well as on our way home from work in the afternoon. Be on the lookout for flashing yellow lights behind buses indicating that the bus will stop, and keep at least a 15-foot distance in front of or behind a stopped bus. Always stop for the bus when the stop signs are out.

If your child is walking to school, be sure he or she is walking with a buddy - an older sibling or a friend. Make sure to plan out a route with your child that he or she will be taking to and from school, and get to know neighbors along the way so that your child can have a safe place to go to if necessary. Remind them to be alert and never get in the car with someone they don't know.

Children are never too old for safety tips and neither are adults. It's always a good idea to refresh on these important tips as we start another school year. Let's get the school year off to a great start by keeping our kids safe.

Letters... We love to hear from you!

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125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 13, 1882

Lowell is deeply interested in baseball this season. We have two good clubs here - the Alerts and Accidentals - and material for one or two more.

Miss Emma MacDonald of Grand Rapids, an artist of excellent taste and skill, will be in Lowell next Saturday afternoon for the purpose of securing the names of those who desire to take lessons in painting.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 12, 1907

The Heinz Company has issued circular letters to the Michigan contract pickle growers stating that owing to unfavorable crop conditions, high prices and scarcity of farm labor, the company has decided to pay an increase of 10 cents per bushel for vat run pickles and five cents per bushel for large pickles over the contract price making the price 70 cents and 25 cents some to rule from the beginning of the season. This means a substantial gain for our cucumber growers.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 8, 1932

A caravan of 50 or more of the friends and neighbors of Dexter G. Look will leave Friday morning in automobiles for a tour of the 2nd Legislative District of Kent County.

As the school year is ushered in, parents are requested to send their children to school whenever possible.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 12, 1957

Lowell doctors report that small quantities of the Asian Flu vaccine are available for workers in essential fields and others who have physical difficulties that make flu shots advisable.

Fluorides added to Lowell water. Only one traffic ticket was issued in Lowell during the last weekend. It was of minor nature.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 8, 1982

The financially burdened Lowell Showboat is kicking off a huge raffle that will hopefully generate revenues to be used to pay off part of the corporation's long term debt.

Sixty artists and craftsmen have been chosen to sell their work at the 14th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival Sept. 25-26 at Fallasburg Park.

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Intricate glass on display at Lowell Area Arts Council

By Emma Palova
 Colors, patterns and even words trapped in intricate glass designs have fused into a marvelous exhibit at the arts council.
 Staging the "Studio Glass" show on slender black and silver blocks in groups by individual artists was an art in itself.
 "It's like a theater play," said co-curator Kathleen Mooney.

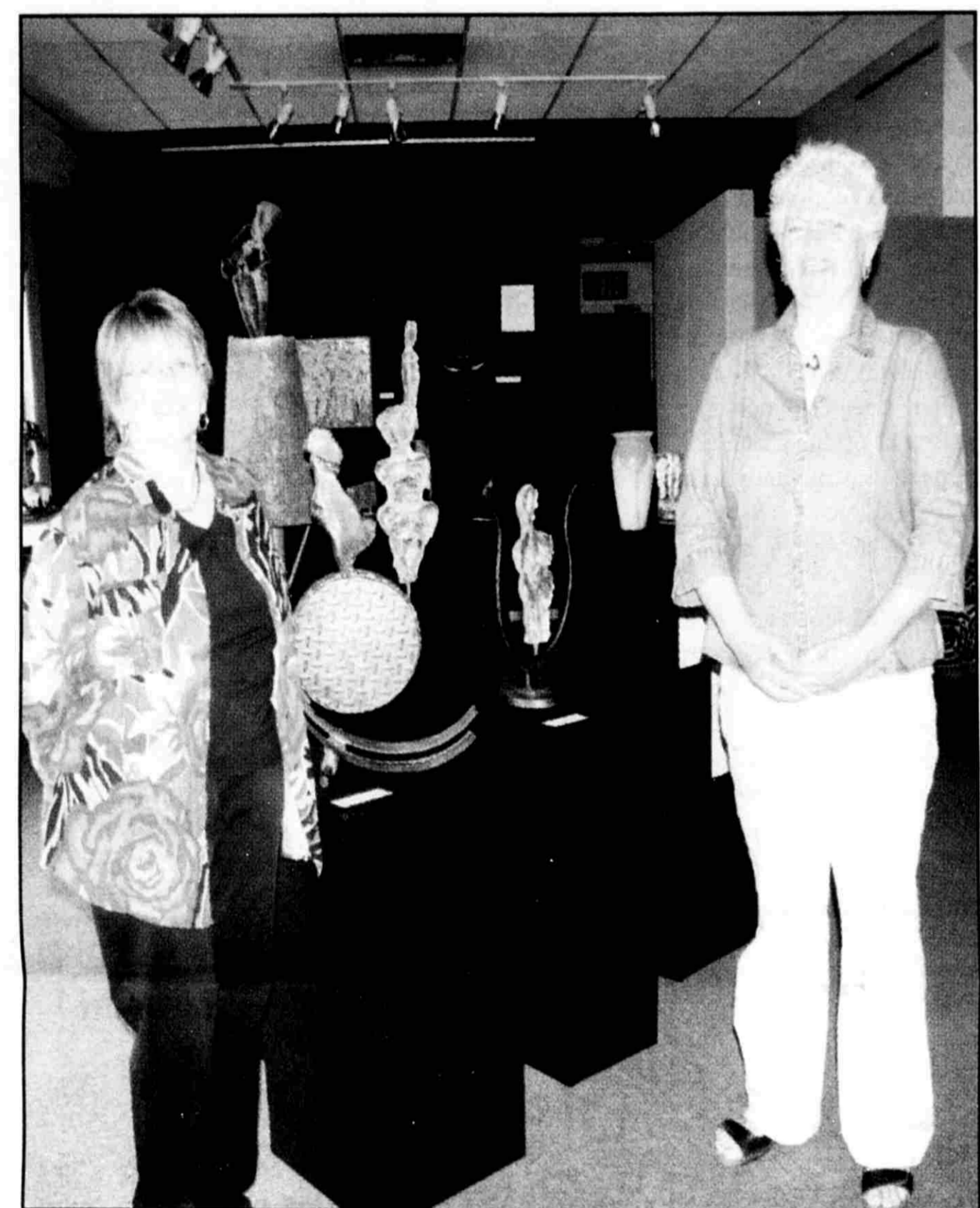
The show indeed reminds of a play where artists are the actors, and the interaction of colors is the drama.
 And Lowell has never had a glass art show before. Intrinsic in its nature, the show is different than anything else.
 "I love the diversity," said co-curator Susan Molnar. It's glass you don't typically see, and artists you don't typically see anywhere else.
 The exhibit encompasses different glass work methods such as blowing, lamp working, casting, fusing, mosaics, stained glass and mixed media.
 Molnar's "Reborn" fused and slumped glass

fountain was originally meant to be a sink.
 "It was born to another purpose," said Molnar. Molnar, owner of Glass House Designs Gallery, has recruited top independent glass artists from all over West Michigan.
 "We wanted it long enough to make it happen," said Molnar. "It's individual art created by artists in touch with the glass medium."
 Molnar along with Mooney are also among the many featured glass artists.

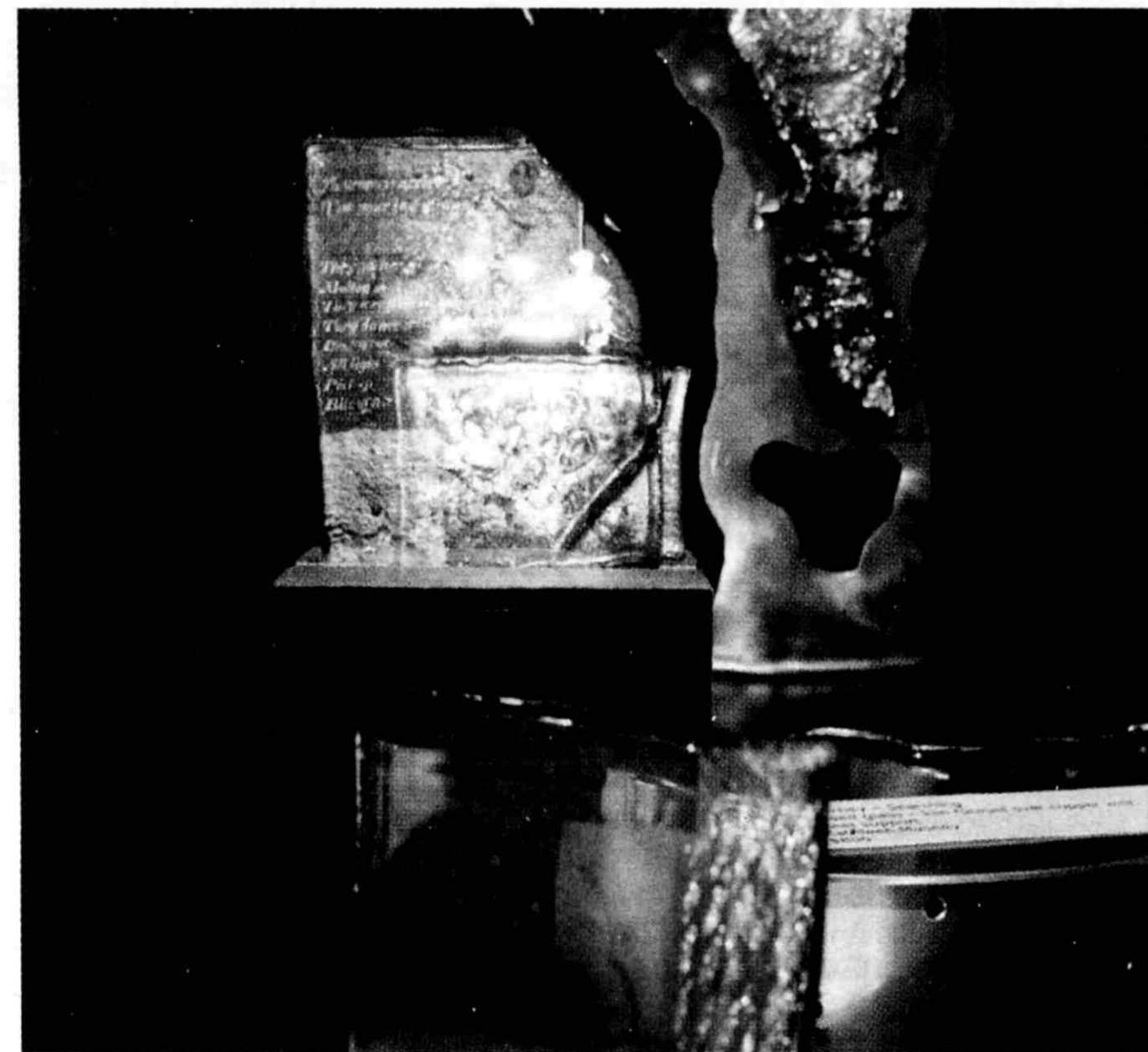
Working with compatible glass in temperatures around 1,500 degrees that melts in kilns has its own sets of problems.
 "It has to be guided through the temperature process," said Molnar. "The creation is fragile as well. It's both process and art. You don't have a lot of control."
 However, watching what happens is part of the magic of working with glass.
 "Let the glass talk to you," said Molnar.
 Indeed, the glass talks to you as it assumes first the honey like consistency and

merges together creating new colors and patterns.
 After firing and cooling the design resolution begins, the actual integration of the glass in sculpture.
 "The colors and patterns, the transparent and opaque, the thin and the thick possibilities of glass are exciting to me," said Mooney.
 For Mooney, fusing glass is all about the excitement of creating something new that never existed before.
 "It's pretty, shiny and it sparkles," said Molnar.
 Gary Dietzel's blown glass pumpkins give immediate joy to the heart and eye of the spectator.
 In the tall cabinet, glass pieces from Dietzel's personal collection are on display.
 "They represent years of working with glass," wrote Dietzel in his artist statement, "they have many memories."
 Artist Steve Tagg invites visitors to touch his glass art which is called GlasScapes. Tagg developed dimensional glass landscape art.
 "Feel the tree tops, then

feel the tree trunks and then the grass below," Tagg wrote in his artist statement.
 He fashions the ideas for his landscapes in other media such as charcoal or pastels to work out the composition and color.
 Then using glass as his canvas and handmade tools, Tagg applies and manipulates finely ground glass combined with firing schedule.
 After repeated firings, Tagg's vision becomes dimensional glass landscape art.
 Judy Apol's stained glass pieces adorn the windows of the arts council with purple hues.
 The intrinsic show is a must see as it is presented in its entirety with all the challenges of working with glass.
 Most pieces are for sale. Proceeds from sales benefit the arts council. A public reception will be held on Sept. 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 For more information go to www.lowellarts.council.org.



Studio glass co-curators Susan Molnar and Kathleen Mooney have put together a stunning show.



Mooney's fused glass has a poem trapped in it.

Franciscan Life fest enjoys good turnout



Sister Barbara Cline roasts corn while Adam and Greg Stancroff help out.

The red and yellow autumn splendor created a fabulous backdrop for the 19th annual Franciscan Sisters Life fest last weekend.
 Bales of hay and corn ears adorned the large white tents where Mass was served on Sunday. A horse-drawn shuttle was available to tour the Sisters' property out to the yards where the Life fest weekend kicked off with a retreat.
 The auction Saturday night with a formal dinner and presentation by National Geographic photographer Steve Uzzell enjoyed a turnout of 200 people, according to director of the Franciscan Life Process Center, Sister Colleen Nagle.
 On Sunday, the Life fest culminated with a "Country Sampler" family picnic. The picnic offerings included bratwurst, hot dogs, corn on the cob dipped in butter and roasted by Sister Barbara Cline, chips and veggie sticks.
 Live music was provided by "Dixieland" band and "Cloggers," as artisans demonstrated their skills. The Flat River Wood Carvers were represented by Jerry Francis. Also present was Lowell blacksmith Frank Leasure.
 Clowns Petunia and Scooter entertained both adults and children with their laundry bag full of tricks.
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Woodcarver Jerry Francis with her carved merchandise.



Clowns Petunia and Scooter, a.k.a. Al Hansberry and Keoina Brown, entertain participants.

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RED ARROW SPORTS



Lowell High School tennis continues winning streak

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

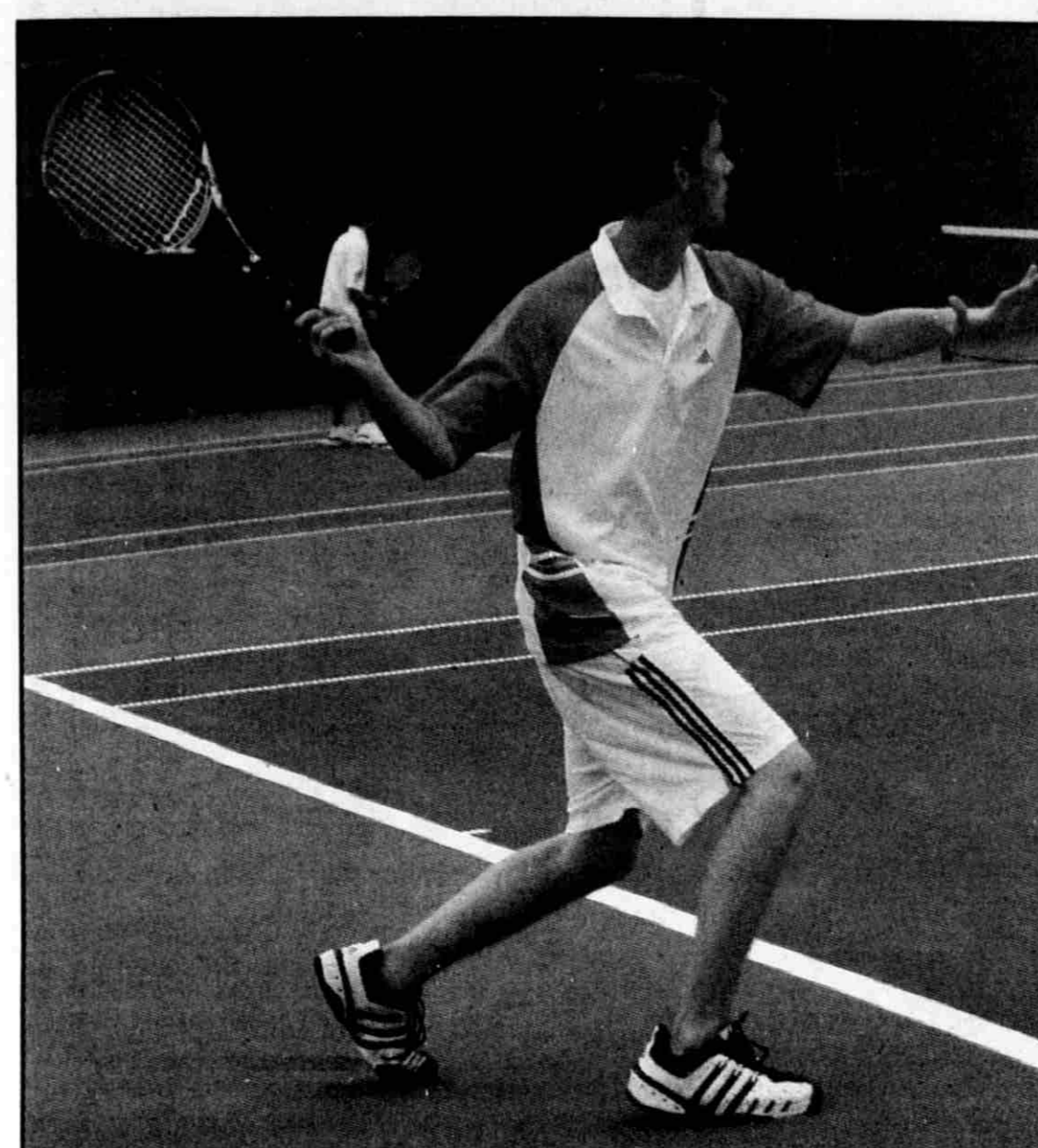
The boys' tennis team has continued its winning streak with a win against Greenville Monday night and a first place in the Caledonia Invitational Saturday.

The team beat Greenville 6-2 Tuesday. No. 1 singles Travis Trapp lost in a tight match to Bryant Dudsik of Greenville 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. No. 2 singles Josh Hobrla was defeated by Nick VanderLaan (Greenville) 6-0, 6-3. No. 3 singles Cort Thompson defeated Andrew Crebessa (Greenville) 6-1, 6-2. No. 4 singles Pat Misner defeated Seth Barker (Greenville) 6-1, 6-2.

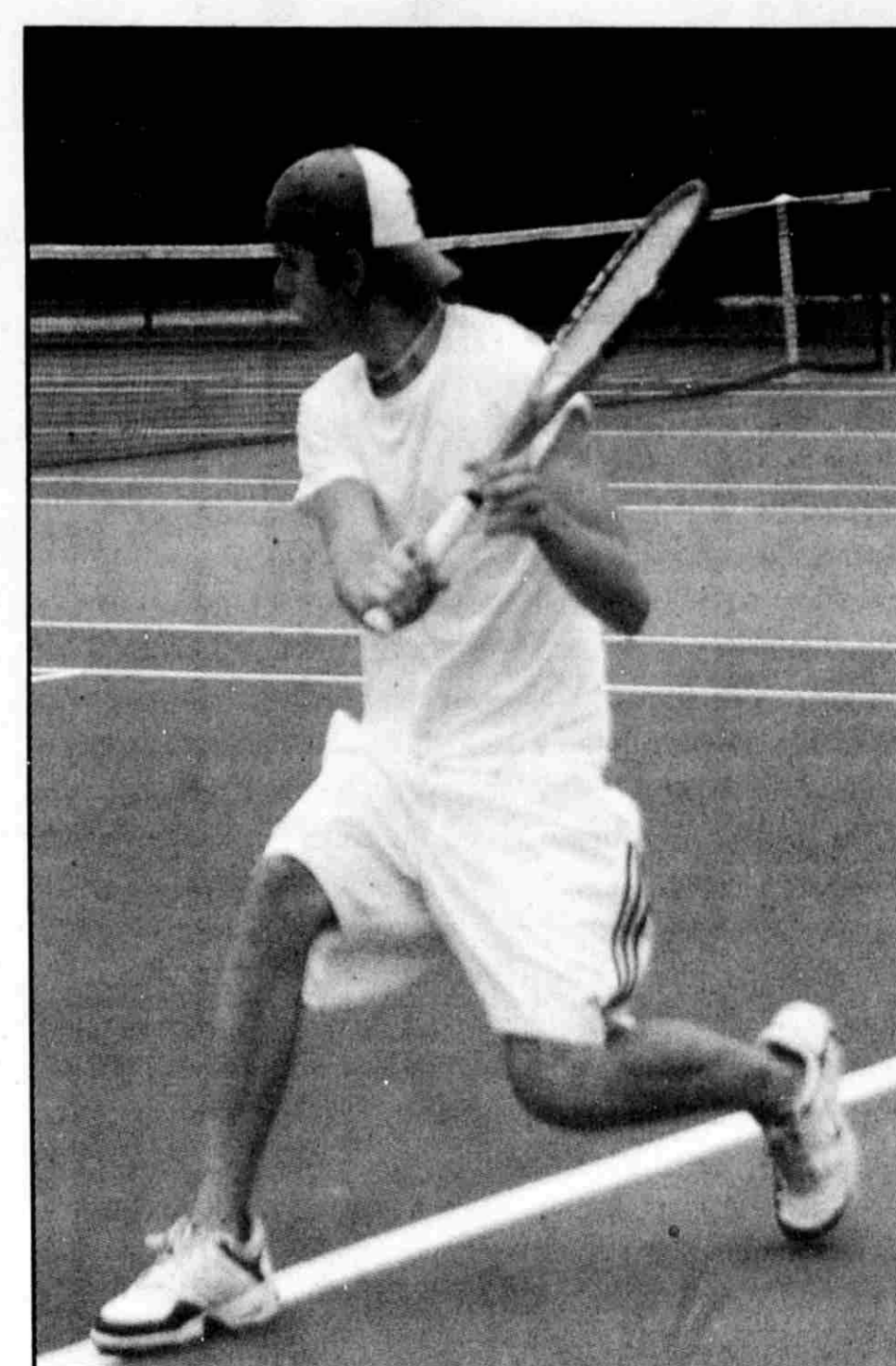
Lowell swept the doubles category. The No. 1 doubles team of Tony Dubbink and Josh Spratt squeezed out a victory against David Hayes and Mitch Barker of Greenville 2-6, 6-1, 7-6(5). No. 2 doubles Chase Canning and Isaac Tawney won in a three-set marathon 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-2. No. 3 doubles Clayton Stedman and Jack Weeber defeated Chris Besson and Jared Hinken (Greenville) 6-1, 6-2. The No. 4 doubles team of Evan Wilterink and Sean Greenhoe defeated Everett Schoenborn and Mike Hart (Greenville) 6-1, 6-4.

Lowell won their second straight tournament of the season at the Caledonia Invitational Saturday. Lowell scored 20, with Catholic Central at 16 and Caledonia at 11. Champions were No. 1 singles Travis Trapp, No. 2 singles Josh Hobrla, No. 3 singles Cort Thompson, and No. 2 Doubles team of Chase Canning and Isaac Tawney.

The team next plays at Caledonia on Monday.



Chase Canning of Lowell's varsity tennis team.



Josh Hobrla at Monday's match against Greenville.

Softball team first at tourney

The 12 U Blaze travel softball team finished the season with a tournament win at the Farmington Hills Tournament. Morgan Groom, third from left in the second row, and Julie Smith, in the back row, both of Lowell, pitched for the team.



LHS soccer team continues to build

The varsity soccer team split two games last week, tying Rockford 0-0 Tuesday, Sept. 4 and losing to Unity Christian 5-0 Thursday, Sept. 6.

Head coach Paul Legge said the Rockford game was a great game for the team. The Rockford game was the best defensive effort we have put forth to this point in the season," Legge said. "Everyone defended well and put up a good work rate."

Legge said goalkeeper Phil Bieri made two to three "phenomenal saves in goal to keep the shutout intact."

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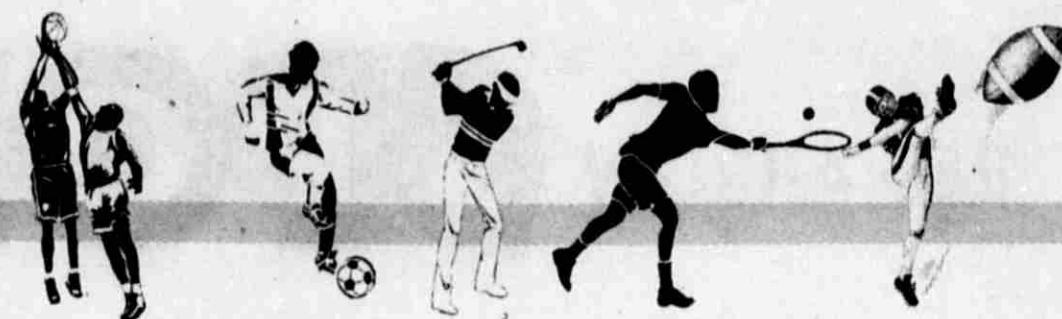
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The Benning-Fielder

by Molly Benningfield
Sports editor

Of Records and Heartaches



Has the football world turned upside down? Maybe we're in an alternate universe watching the pigskin fly. Either way, this weekend's events were sure to make an impact on Michigan minds as most of our favorite teams in the state did a 180.

First up is U of M, because honestly - c'mon. Last week, it was "one of the biggest upsets" in college football history when Appalachian State held off the Wolverines with two blocked field goals. This past weekend, Oregon smothered U of M 39-7, the worst home defeat since 1967. What's up with the Maize and Blue?

And there's more bad news - quarterback Chad Henne will miss Saturday's game against Notre Dame, and will be replaced with a freshman, Ryan Mallett. Good thing the Fighting Irish are also 0-2. Where's the Rudy spirit? All we know for Saturday's game is someone has to win. My money's on the Irish, but it's only because I never bet in favor of any team from Ann Arbor.

Fans in East Lansing, on the other hand, have yet to set any couches on fire following the wins over UAB and Bowling Green, although there's always the rest of the football season, followed by the real crowd-pleaser - Izzo and his boys come winter. Defense has proven key in new coach Mark Dantonio's regime, but we have yet to see any huge change in Spartan football until they win games throughout the season and break the 'peaking early' streak they've had since at least I was born.

And one of the biggest surprises was a win in Detroit - no, not the Tigers (we'll get to them soon enough.) For those who have forgotten, the Lions have started their season and won Sunday afternoon, 36-21. If this isn't weird enough, I don't know what is.

But I suppose the big news, at least in my book, regards the Tigers. Curtis Granderson joined a very elite club, recording a 20-20-20, with 20 stolen bases, 20 homers, 20 triples and 20 doubles. He joins only Willie Mays and Frank "Wildfire" Schulte. The centerfielder - who, by the way, is only 26 and in his fourth season with the Tiges - stole his 20th base Sunday at Comerica Park against the Seattle Mariners. He has the most triples (22) by a Tiger since Ty Cobb in 1917. The likable player had an "aww shucks" moment when the Associated Press asked him what he thought. "I'm glad it's finally over. Now, we have to go ahead and try to get to the playoffs."

What records and heartache will we see in the coming week? For now, we'll leave it to the sports gods to create the controversy, drama and commotion that keep us coming back for more.

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Bowne Township Clerk

LHS volleyball loses three-set match to Caledonia

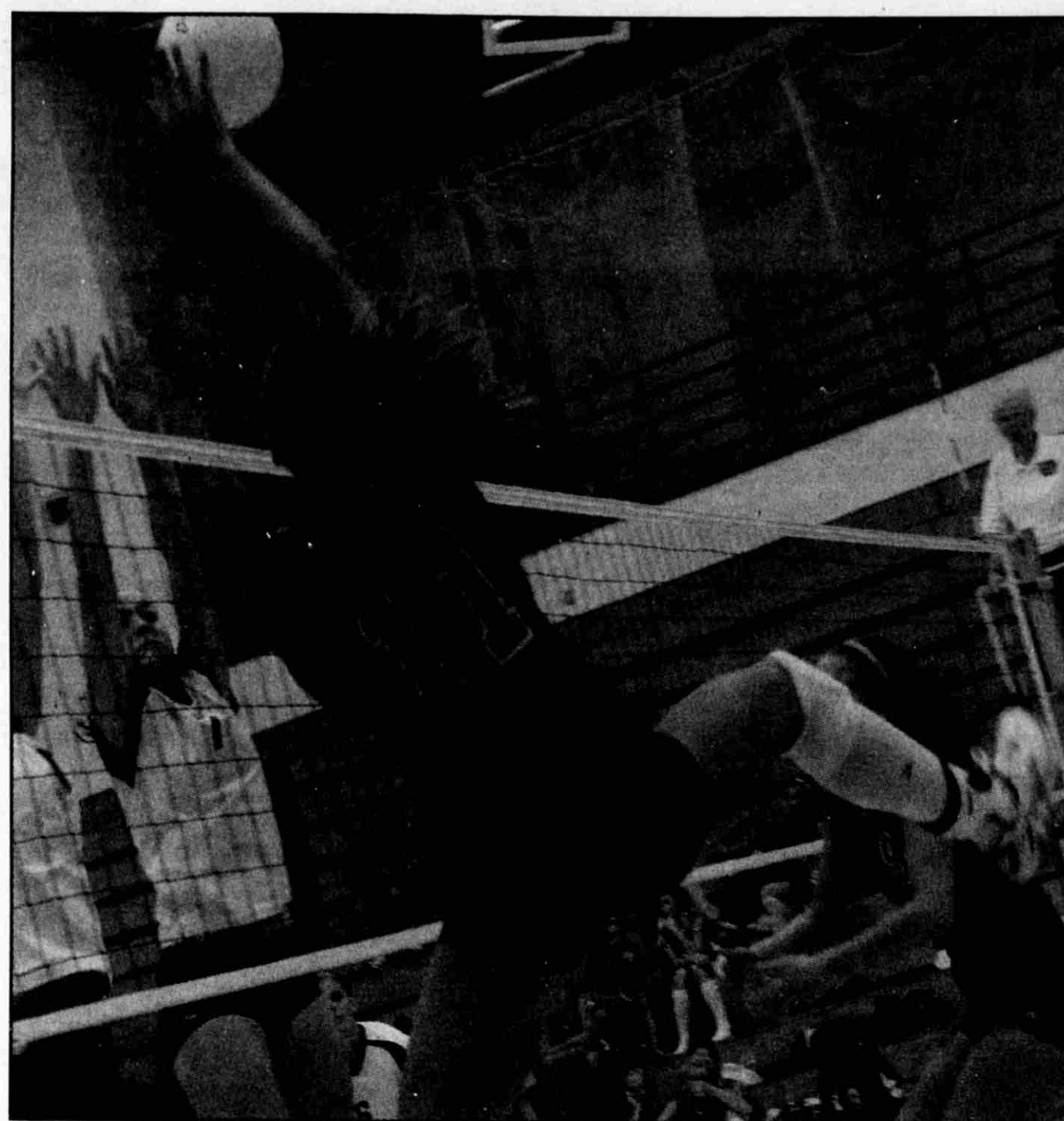
by Molly Benningfield

The girls' varsity volleyball team lost a three-set match to Caledonia last Thursday, 28-26, 25-11, 25-20.

In the first match, Caledonia led easily, scoring a third of their points before Lowell answered and closed the gap, keeping within two to three points. Lowell was up 26-25, but Caledonia's strong offense crushed the Arrows.

In the second match, Caledonia again built a strong lead, with the Arrows struggling to catch up.

In the third match, Caledonia again lead early, but Lowell rallied to lead 8-3, then 11-7 and kept the lead bouncing back and forth between teams. Ultimately, the Scots won by five.



Mary Vanderlaan (11) spikes the ball over the net at Thursday night's game.

Cross Country starts season at Greenville

The Lowell cross-country teams traveled to Greenville last Wednesday for their first jamboree.

The boys' team top finisher was Corey Fitzpatrick at 3rd with a time of 18:17. Other Lowell finishers were Kirk Geldersma at 12th (18:48), Justin Boss at 20th (19:36), Jon Woods at 22nd (19:40.26), Zach Robinson at 23rd (19:50), Tim Gingerich at 38th (21:28) and Tom Marks at 42nd (21:44). Lowell placed third overall with a score of 80. Caledonia took first place honors with a score of 24. The girls' team didn't

fare so well at Greenville, with their top finisher, Emily Hauschild at 38th with a time of 26:45. Other Lowell finishers were Taylor Marchido at 39th (26:49), Haleigh Timmer at 40th (27:55), Paige Senters at 41st (27:57), Emily Jelsma at 47th (31:46), Morgan Marchido at 48th (31:59) and Kiley Six at 49th (35:03). Lowell placed seventh overall with a score of 205. East Grand Rapids was the top girls' team with a score of 54.

Lowell equestrian team starts off strong

With 32 riders, the Lowell equestrian team is the largest it has ever been and is allowed to have four teams (A, B1, B2 and C). With this many riders, the team is able to cover all disciplines of riding. The team will compete in three district meets at Cedar Springs, a regional meet at Barry County Fairgrounds and a four-day state meet in Midland.

The A team is in third place, going against Rockford and Cedar Springs. The B1 team is second, going against Cedar Springs, Lowell B2, Rockford and Sparta. The B2 is fifth in the lineup. The C team is in first place, against Allendale, Belding, Creative Technology, Forest Hills, Grant, Jenison, Tri County and West Catholic.

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A Nichol for change in Lowell's football victory

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

With another Nichol - this time, Kyle - at the helm for Lowell's offense, the Arrows scored fast and often against a charging Greenville offense during Friday night's 36-29 win in Lowell.

In just the first quarter, the Arrows scored three of their five touchdowns. Nichol sparked the offense in the first two minutes of the game with a 42-yard pass to Josh Drake. Five minutes later, Nichol rushed for 7 yards for the second touchdown. Closing the first quarter was Ryan Olep, with a 1-yard run.

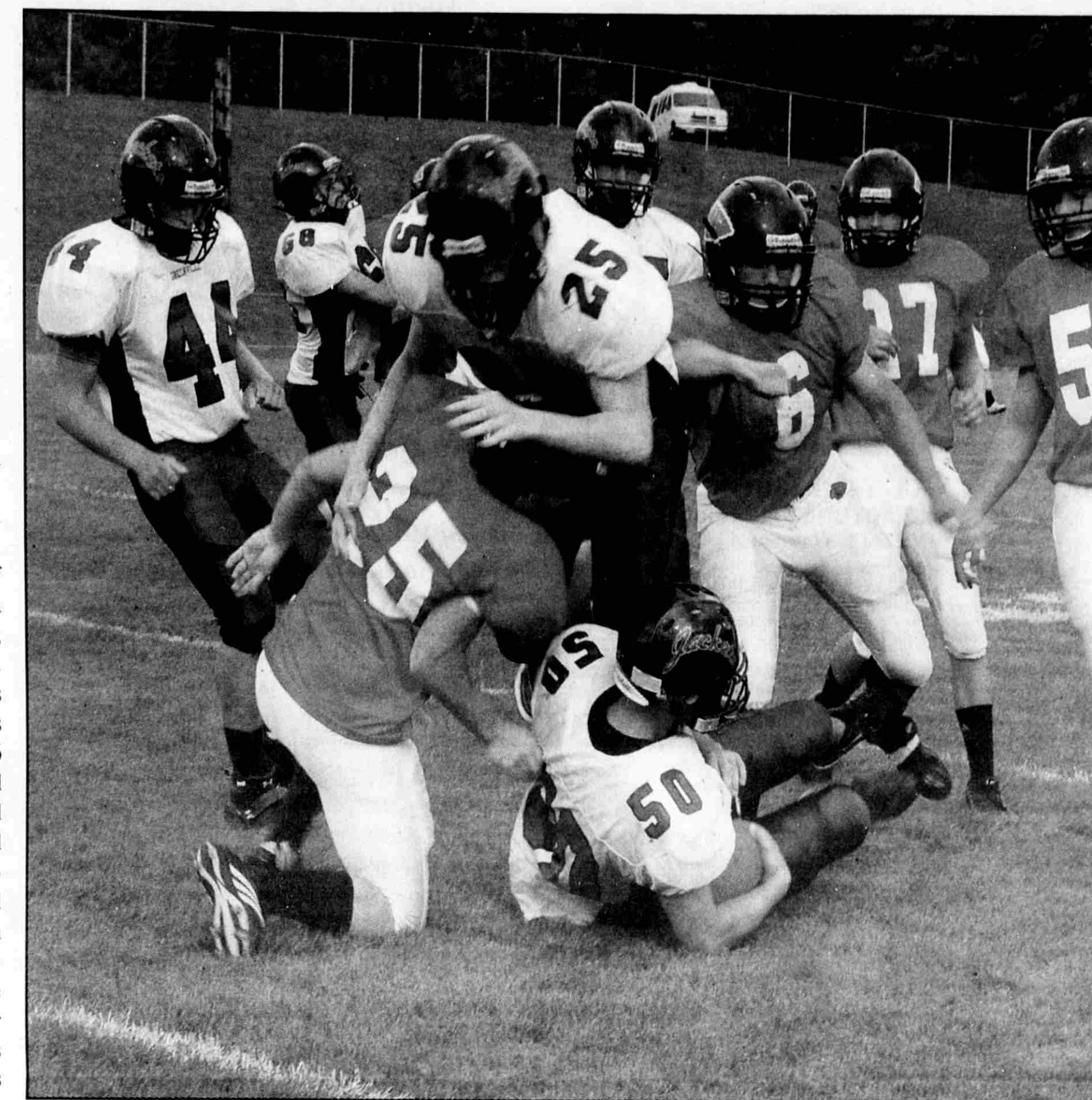
And in the second quarter, Lowell seemed to keep the energy with a touchdown in the first two seconds, on a 1-yard rush from Nate Vaught. The student section went wild, prompting the chant "drive home safely" towards the Greenville side. Hey, at least the Lowell students are polite.

But the 28-0 lead would quickly diminish as Greenville scored 29 consecutive points, with three touchdowns before the half ended and another one two minutes into the second half. Greenville had caught up with Lowell's lead, now only two points behind. The

rest of the third quarter was relatively quiet. A pass from Nichol to Jordan Boon after the fourth down energized the team, but led to no points.

When Greenville's Kyle Dunham kicked a field goal to add three points to the now-winning Yellow Jackets, the students again started rallying the crowd. A Lowell touchdown would come with four minutes left in the game from Vaught as he rushed for five yards. A two-point conversion was good to keep Greenville at bay.

Nichol completed 4 of 8 passes for 125 yards and had 17 rushes for 91 yards, resulting in a touchdown. Lowell had 48 total rushes for 243 yards. Vaught was the leading rusher with 26 rushes for 142 yards and two touchdowns. Olep had 5 rushes for 10 yards and one touchdown. Boon had 3 receptions for 83 yards and Drake had 1 reception - a touchdown pass from Nichol - for 42 yards. Greenville was 2 of 7 in passing for 61 yards and had 46 rushes for 303 yards. Greenville's leading rusher, Paul Jacobs, had 18 rushes for 100 yards. On the defensive end, Randy Hogan of Lowell had 8 tackles, and Nate Gibson and Ethan Cole, both of Greenville, had 5 tackles a piece.



Justin VanAcker (25) grabs a Greenville defender as the Yellow Jackets go down.

The Arrows play Sparta this Friday in Lowell at 7 p.m.

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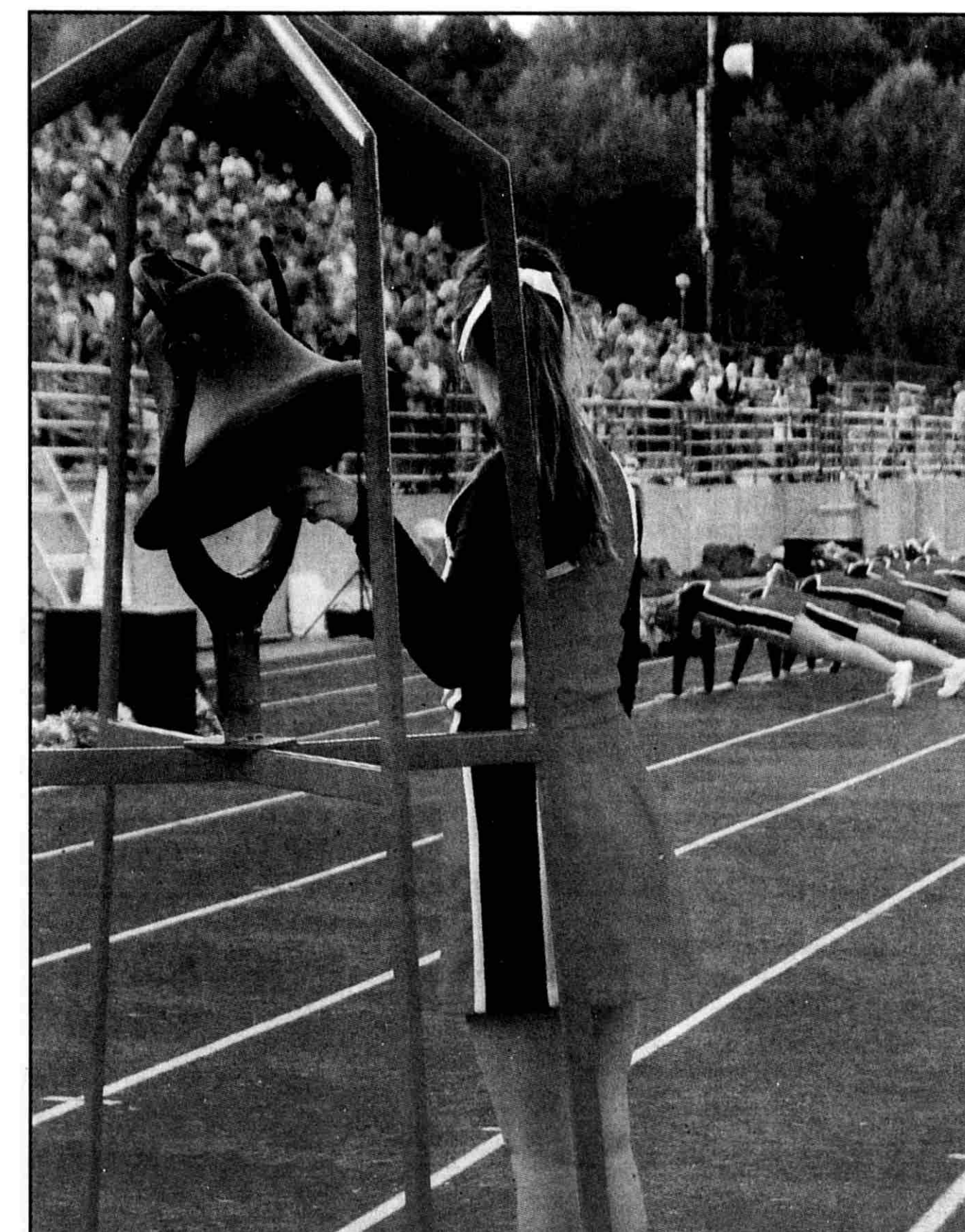
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