Students take time out for growth in God

By Darin Miller
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Last Friday and Saturday, about 50 students and staff went to River Ridge Castle in Franklin, Pa., for a time of relaxation, recreation and growth in God.

“The retreat was such a nice breather after a crazy first week at school, and an awesome time to fellowship with God and develop friendships,” said freshman Kara Weaver. Sophomore Anna Eichner said, “The retreat was just what I needed to pause and reflect about the upcoming semester.”

This was the second annual all-campus retreat. Students spent time playing games such as “human foosball” and capture the flag, singing and making s’mores by the campfire, worshiping, meeting in small groups and seeking God through a solo worship experience. The retreat’s theme was “Bearing God’s Image.”

“It was our hope that students would gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be an image bearer, and how that impacts every part of their daily lives,” said Devi Wintrode, director of student ministries. “We also wanted students to leave the retreat with a deeper understanding of the fact that everything belongs to God— that we cannot divide our lives into ‘spiritual things’ and ‘non-spiritual things,’ but that everything is important to God and we are to bear His image in and to all things.”

“It was so nice to leave campus and spend time concentrating on God and getting refocused on incorporating Him into every single aspect of life,” said Freshman Amanda Windes. “Spending an hour and a half alone with God was the most fulfilling experience but the whole weekend was wonderful.”

Junior Alissa Thompson said, “I was reminded that I serve an audience of One.” Junior Karen Merry said that God “was definitely very present.”

The retreat’s worship sessions were divided into an introductory talk, numerous times of singing and small group discussion, and a period of an hour-and-a-half where students spent time alone with God, reflecting on what they had discussed throughout the weekend.

Sophomore Christina Frye said, “The combination of worship, small group discussion, Bible study and prayer made for a growing, God honoring retreat.”

The retreat also focused on relationship-building through group activities. Wintrode said, “We also hoped that students would leave the retreat with new relationships and that these relationships, would grow throughout the semester.”

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McCain campaign brings Palin to Pennsylvania

By Sean Morris
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Senator John McCain’s (R - Arizona) “Road to Convention” rally on Saturday drew 17,000 supporters including nearly 80 Grove City College students to Consol Energy field in Pittsburgh, Pa. in spite of the location, a facility sponsored by a major coal corporation, McCain did not discuss coal use or the nation’s energy crisis; in fact, McCain brought up surprisingly green issues, rather than political ones.

The rally served to introduce Sarah Palin, the recently announced running mate and governor of Alaska to Republican supporters. Many of those in attendance had turned out before 3 p.m. for the McCain event, which began at 6 p.m. and lasted about forty-five minutes.

Kick-started by country music artist Sarah McLachlan and John Rush, the rally also featured Lynn Swann, former American professional football star and sports broadcast-er who made an unsuccessful run for gubernatorial office in Pennsylvania in 2006. Former Pennsylvanian Governor and Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge addressed the crowd and trumped up support for McCain.

Swann spoke of America being made of “small town people who cling to their faith and religion” and of McCain being such an individual. He touted McCain’s experience and, while lauding the historic precedent recently achieved by Sen. Barack Obama (D-Illinois), he likened the Democratic senator’s campaign ‘shareholders’ meetings’ to the “corporation” of Palin’s campaign.

Swann said, “The shareholders would revolt if the board of directors of a global corporation asked a young man to run the corporation.”

Ridge, who spoke on “Security and the Future,” had sat at Grove City College as part of the J. Howard Pew Memorial Lecture Series, noted McCain’s experience, qualifications, and years of relationship-building. He spoke primarily on national security and said McCain’s time served in the military and as a prisoner of war, Ridge emphasized that such experience has prepared McCain to address rising security concerns in the Middle East and Russia.

Praising Palin for her executive experience, Ridge said, “It’s about time the Republican party put a woman on the ticket.”

McCain spent most of his time speaking not of himself, but of Palin. After thanking his former Republican opponents in the primary races, McCain described Palin as a hard-working, middle-class, fiscally conservative woman whom he selected to “shake up Washington and clean up the dirt.”

When Palin spoke, she emphasized her middle-class American persona. Palin recalled stories of her parents, who both worked at local elementary schools, and spoke of her son Todd, who will be deployed on September 11 to serve in Iraq as an American United States Army infantry brigade.

She touted her reform in earmarked spending, declaring her goal of making America energy independent and setting forth goals to “stop wasteful spending, cut problem taxes and put the people first.”

Mark Williams of Pittsburgh noted his pleasure that political figures like Swann and Ridge had thrown their support behind McCain. For matters of national security, Williams said that McCain is the “man for the job.”

Susan Llyodm, also from Pittsburgh, was especially excited about McCain’s selection of Palin as running mate, and feels that such a move will “really help identify with values-voters.”

Sponsored by the GCC Republicans, two buses of Grove City students traveled to See McCain, page 6
By Anne Marie Booth
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Starting as the new director of residence life in July, Jamie Swank did not have much time to get acclimated to Grove City College before the first students returned to campus.

“I’m still in a learning curve,” Swank said. “I have a lot to learn [because] student life is very different from school to school.”

In this regard, Swank can relate to the new freshmen, who arrived on Aug. 21.

Swank was born in Oklahoma, Pa., a small borough less than two hours from the College. She was the oldest of three children. Swank’s parents married right out of high school and made sacrifices to raise their family.

“My dad is a coal miner,” Swank said. “Coming from a blue collar family, she said it was important for her parents that their children all go to college since they were unable to attend themselves.

One of Swank’s siblings is married, the other is a senior at William and Jefferson College. Swank’s father proudly wears a hodgepodge of college hats and shirts in support of his children.

The appreciation for college instilled by her parents played a part in her post-graduate career. After graduating from Geneva College, Swank went on for advanced degrees and never truly left the college atmosphere.

She said Larry Hardesty, who worked at Geneva College before taking the position of Vice-President of Student Life and Learning here at Grove City College, encouraged her to consider residence life more full-time after graduating college. “I took a residence director position at Westminster College and got my master’s degree in higher education.”

From there, she went on to law school where her studies focused on educational law and policy, particularly university law.

Her legal studies led to a teaching position at Geneva prior to her current position at Grove City College. Swank’s new job has allowed her to reconnect with her old adviser, Hardesty, and put some of her legal knowledge to use.

“She looks at residence life in terms of risk-management, but more importantly she recognizes what the dormitory living experience can mean for students.”

Swank cites an example from her own life to illustrate what she envisions for residence life at the college. Although she came to Christ in high school, she began to develop a deeper walk with the Lord in college.

“And RA in my residence hall freshman year took me under her wing and helped me grow in the Lord,” Swank said. “She drove me to church every Sunday when I didn’t have a vehicle.”

This investment in her life by a resident assistant demonstrates the “potential of the residence life program” to make a positive difference in the lives of the dorm students. Swank sees it as her responsibility to give them a “living experience on campus [that] complements what they are learning in the classroom and furthers the goals and objectives of the college.”

Her vision for the future of the residence life program includes students, staff and even faculty. She would like to see “RAs and RDs empowered to lead discussions on different things that affect society and leading different service projects in the community.”

Faculty would also get involved in what happens outside the classroom by sharing their lives outside the classroom.” Swank cites the classical model of higher education in which faculty members lived among students, dined with them and tutored them in greater depth.

When asked whether she will retain the “shoe-in-the-door” policy, Swank responded with a legal query of her own: “Please define ‘shoe.’”

By Kelley Smith
Collegian Senior Copy Editor

The College completes 90 percent of campus construction over the summer. This past summer maintenance and grounds crew staff worked diligently to ensure that the constant enhancement to the campus would be notable to both returning and new students.

Not only did the outside of South get a facelift, but many projects beneficial to buildings’ inner workings and efficiency were addressed and completed in time for the 2008-2009 academic year.

South dormitory’s inner and outer quads underwent major reconstruction, and new fountains in the inner quad were part of the 2008 class gift. Both entries now feature in-slab heating which will protect the concrete by preventing excessive salt use in the winter as well as reducing snow tracked into the lobby. That heating system will be controlled at South and will use moisture sensors to stabilize its efficiency.

South patio in the inner quad was in bad repair – the wall needed to be rebuilt and the control system were other areas that received summer improvements.

The softball and baseball facilities received numerous upgrades, including warning tracks, bullpens and reconditioned infield. Gregg said the College strived to give the men and women in all sports programs equal treatment with the enhancements to their facilities.

One project not yet started is new athletic fields for IM and club sports. The facilities will be built on property recently acquired by the College behind the gravel parking lots along Pinchalong Road.

After a lease negotiation, the only delay in construction is permit obtainment. To get the permit, the College had to bring in an expert to document that there were no endangered Massassauga rattlesnakes – which must not be disturbed – on the property.

Because of the fast-approaching fall and winter months, once the permit is issued, the project might not be started until the 2009-2010 school year. The speed is changed to reduce energy costs.

Over the next few years, several more phases of heating and cooling upgrades will occur. Installing additional heating capacity in some buildings and lighting upgrades for energy efficiency will be the focus.

This year alone, the College projected to save $80,000 in energy costs, a number that now is expected to be more significant due to rising costs.

With the Administration’s responsible spending habits and dedication to energy reduction, the Grove City College Community can continue to enjoy all the available improvements to the campus both now and in the future.
Trayless’ craze considered

By Kelley Smith
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Colleges nationwide have found success with discarding food trays to achieve not only waste reduction in student dining but also to save water and energy costs. Due to the trend’s rising popularity, the Administration is questioning whether Grove City College would also reap the benefits of the trayless revolution.

According to USA Today, campuses that removed trays from their all-you-can-eat cafeterias have already reported food waste declines of nearly 50 percent. The removal of trays for Earth Week sparked this seemingly new fad, and the action initiated the debate for making a permanent change.

Large food service companies Aramark and Sodexho have been involved in campus dining service management to more than 400 colleges and serves more than 200 million meals each year, according to its website.

Aramark conducted two nationwide research studies. One measured food wasted from more than 186,000 meals served at over 25 higher education institutions during the academic year.

The other study surveyed 92,000 students, faculty and staff at 300 institutions across the country to gauge their support of tray removal.

The first study showed that when trays were removed from dining, food waste quantity declined 1.2 to 1.8 ounces per person per meal, representing a 25 to 30 percent reduction in food waste per person. Also, 79 percent of the 92,000 supported the trayless trend to reduce waste.

Aramark feels that the results counter the belief that tray removal would not be accepted due to inconvenience or customer dissatisfaction.

Schools such as University of Maine-Farmington, New York University, University of North Carolina and the University of Florida all have plans in some capacity to avoid the use of trays.

Julian Lux, assistant director of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, predicts that most of the 4,000 colleges and universities across the country will cut trays from dining services within five years.

The College has not done waste, water or energy studies to determine the specific benefits, if any, from any change, nor does it have studies planned. This semester, Gregg will be co-teaching the Teams and Team Leadership class with Dr. Ketler. The teams will be encouraged to consider these studies for the project portion of the class.

But Gregg said he and his staff are ready to work with students in order to reduce waste.

The SGA food committee meetings are a great place for students to voice any opinions they have on the trayless revolution. Both Tom Gregg and Jon Erik Germandahl, general manager of Bon Appetit for the College, attend the monthly meetings. All students are encouraged to attend and present any questions, comments or concerns so the administration can better understand student consensus on the issue.

No such thing as “ring by spring”

By Andrew Hart
Collegian Copy Editor

With the campus bathed in the gentle glow of the sun, it seems inevitable that one will see hordes of happy couples around campus: holding hands as they walk to class, basking in the warmth of the upper quad or simply strolling across Rainbow Bridge. Although this might not be an unusual sight on any college campus, the minds of many Grove City College students drift involuntarily to the infamous concept of “ring by spring.”

Meghan Johnson ’05, assistant director of admissions, was familiar with the phrase. “It’s the Noah’s Ark myth – the idea that everyone leaves [college] two by two,” she said.

According to Johnson, the idea of “ring by spring” originated with – or, at least, was bolstered by – the orientation speech delivered by Nancy Paxton, former vice president for student affairs. Paxton’s speech for incoming freshmen consisted of two traditional elements.

“First of all, at every orientation, she wore a red dress,” Johnson said. “Everyone knows the red dress.”

But it was Paxton’s closing remark to freshmen that strengthened students’ concept of the “ring by spring.”

“At the end of the speech, she would say, ‘Look to your left, look to your right; your future mate may be in sight,’” Johnson said.

With that in mind, Johnson explained that small Christian colleges often tend to have a higher number of students who find their spouses on campus than at most other schools. She added that the percentage of Grove City students who marry other students from the College is probably lower than many people realize.

Scott Gordon, director of student activities and programs, agreed that the idea of a “ring by spring” has simply been exaggerated over the years.

“A ‘ring by spring’…is a student-generated concept that stems from the fact that some of our students do marry after meeting on campus,” Gordon said. But he said it is by no means a norm of students who marry just “Grovers” or marry at all.

“From a sociological standpoint, the demographic of students who come to Grove City College makes it easy to start thinking about marriage if one is so inclined,” Gordon explained.

“There will probably not come a time in a young adult’s life when they desire. Students should ‘only take what they can eat because they can always go back.’”

While large schools report significant reduction of water and energy waste from not washing trays, a college with a smaller student body size and meal production would see dramatic changes.

“If you look at it economically, it won’t be that much of a saving,” Gregg said.

The College does not have nationwide data to confirm that tray removal would not be accepted due to inconvenience or customer dissatisfaction.

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American Chemical Society honors 2008 graduate

Megan Lang, a 2008 Grove City College graduate, was recently honored by the American Chemical Society at its national meeting in April in New Orleans, La.

Lang, a chemistry major from Poland, Ohio, was awarded first place for outstanding undergraduate polymer poster presentation.

Her topic, “Synthesis and Structure Property Studies of Thiophene-Benzene Alternating Copolymers,” was based on work she carried out at the University of Kentucky during the summer of 2007.

The Division of Chemical Education sponsors the polymer component of the undergraduate poster session. The award is given by the PolyEd Committee, which is co-sponsored by the Polymer Division and the Division of Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering.

A recipient of funding from the American Chemical Society to travel to New Orleans, Lang also received funding from Grove City College’s Sweeney Scientific Instrumentation and Research Fund to attend the conference.

Megan Lang ’08
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[he or she is] living in a community with as many like-minded peers. That being said, Grove City College is a learning community of scholars and students supported by a mission resting on Christian tenets; marriage is incidental to that purpose. For the past three years, Grove City College program students have enjoyed Napster’s lucrative university program. The deal gave students, staff and faculty access to a nearly limitless collection of music from all types of genres. When the College added the service in 2005, it joined a growing list of subscribing colleges. The service, meant to discourage piracy and aid academics, helped both administration and students. All that changed a few days before this year’s freshman orientation, as students found their accounts no longer active. The College told both new and returning students that Napster was not continuing the university program. “I was disappointed that I could no longer listen to music when I wanted to while studying,” said senior Sarah Lake. The decision did not exclusively affect the College. Receiving the same treatment were colleges such as Vanderbilt University, Middlebury College and Penn State University. Some colleges retained discount fees for staff and faculty, but for the most part the program disappeared. The rationale for this decision remains unclear. Napster’s press release states the following: “[This program is not a focus of Napster’s core strategy nor is it a significant source of revenue for the company.]” Yet, when the program was introduced five years ago, Napster CEO Chris Gorog called it a “groundbreaking step” and spoke on how “extremely rewarding” it was to have the colleges interested in working with Napster. He saw the program back then as part of Napster’s “core strategy,” and thought it would be a “significant source of revenue.” Constant controversy continued during Napster’s time on campus. The dictation allowed music to be downloaded from and uploaded to the network library shared by all subscribers. This ability, originally intended to assist independent artists, has a long history of misuse. Many bands and musicians who do not use Napster sued the company and claimed that Napster does not crack down on piracy. Recently, however, Metallica issued a suit not only against Napster but also against the Universities of Southern California, Yale and Indiana. Metallica stated that the suit was meant to pressure the universities into banning the application, which they claim encourages piracy. Indiana conceded and re- issued its former bans. Napster’s removal of the university program did not relate to this suit, however. The answers will have to wait. For the moment, students must use CDs and alternative MP3s while the college searches for a new way to fill the silence. Junior Andy Drubic also said, “With Napster being cancelled, more students may be driven to visit sites like Last.fm.” Senior Megan Fellows said, “I was impressed by the College administration’s response to the termination of Napster. From the sounds of things, they are working hard to provide the students with another source of online music.” Grove City College,” Loresch said. “I think it’s common among all small, Christian liberal arts colleges. I’ve heard the phrase ‘ring by spring’ from some of my friends who go to other colleges, too. It’s not just Grove City.” Ultimately, regardless of the marriage myth’s origins or credibility, its survival hinges primarily on the opinions of the students themselves. John Kloosterman

Junior Katie McClay shares an idea with other students participating in the Philanthropy Project.
An officer beats a demonstrator at a rally in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Two boys play with a grenade launcher in the ruined Tskhinvali.

A police officer beats a demonstrator in Jamma on Sunday.

Possible troop withdrawal announced

General David Petraeus has announced that, due to declining violence in Iraq, it is increasingly becoming a possibility that American troops could leave Baghdad in the coming year, Financial Times reported.

The United States and Iraq are currently working on a plan that would provide a long-term security agreement such that U.S. combat troops could begin exiting the capital by next summer. It also provides a way for troops to leave the country entirely by 2011.

"The number of attacks in Baghdad lately has been, gosh, I think it’s probably less than five on average, and that’s a city of seven million people," the AP reported. "The number could not be independently verified."

A member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Tennessee Republican Bob Corker, travelled to Gori, a Georgian town in South Ossetia, and met with Vardzelashvili in the town square under a Georgian flag flying at half-staff, Reuters reported.

U.S. Aid has brought in over $30 million in aid already, providing cots, blankets and food to the refugees.

South Ossetian city destroyed

Tensions in the Black Sea region continue to run high this week as many Georgians find themselves displaced from their homes as refugees. Furthermore, these refugees, most of whom are Georgian citizens are being denied entry back into their country by Russian troops, the Associated Press reported.

"Russia says it is within its rights under a French-brokered ceasefire to maintain peacekeepers in a buffer zone in Georgian territory bordering South Ossetia," Reuters reported. "In practice the zone covers some ethnic Georgian villages."

Following last week’s brouhaha over Russia’s invasion of Georgia, many western nations refuse to acquiesce to Russia’s declaration that South Ossetia and Abkhazia are independent states.

"The Russians have checkpoints and we still cannot bring these people back home. The threat of paramilitary irregulars and robbing is still very high," Governor Lado Vardzelashvili told Reuters.

"Apparently the Russian military are not willing to prevent these kind of cases."

Human Rights Watch is investigating the possibility that South Ossetian militias are responsible for much of the looting and robbing.

"Vardzelashvili said 28,000 people from villages in the Gori region still could not go home," the AP reported. "The number could not be independently verified."

The conflict in Georgia put a strain on American troops, however, when 2,000 Georgian troops were flying at half-staff, Reuters reported.

The final outburst of violence, however, centered on a rumor that a Muslim boy had assaulted a Hindu girl.

"But this kind of religious conflict has been extremely rare for decades in Jammu, and few have doubts to why it happened now," said Scrutton.

This is all hundred percent linked to the shrine issue, Hamid Choudhary, leader of Muslim Front Jammu, a group formed by Muslim leaders to sooth religious tensions, told Reuters.

As for right now, tensions between the neighboring states remain with little prospect of change.

Palin causes controversy on blogs, news

Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin created a small brouhaha this week when news of her daughter’s out-of-wedlock pregnancy was announced.

Bristol Palin, Sarah’s 17-year-old daughter, is five months pregnant. Bristol has announced that she will marry her baby’s father, Levi Johnston, and they will keep the baby.

In the blogosphere, however, the most striking aspect of the commentaries flying around seem not to center on Bristol’s pregnancy but on other political figures’ reaction to it. Senator John McCain (R-Ar.), Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and even the Palin family have come out with statements of support for Bristol and Johnston and requests that their privacy be protected.

"We have been blessed with five wonderful children who we love with all our heart and mean everything to us," Sarah and her husband Todd Palin told the press. "Our beautiful daughter Bristol came to us with news that as parents we knew would make her grow up faster than we had ever planned. We're proud of Bristol’s decision to have her baby and even prouder to become grandparents. As Bristol faces the responsibilities of adulthood, she knows she has our unconditional love and support."

"Bristol and the young man she will marry are going to realize very quickly the difficulties of raising a child, which is why they will have the love and support of our entire family. We ask the media to respect our daughter and Levi’s privacy as has always been the tradition of children of candidates."

Obama also expressed his own desire to protect the privacy of the entire Palin family.

"We don’t go after people’s families; we don’t get them involved in the politics; it is not appropriate and it is not relevant," Obama told the Wall Street Journal.

"Our people were not involved in any way in this and they will not be. And if I ever thought it was somehow a part of the campaign that was involved in something like that they would be fired," he said before getting into his campaign bus visibly disturbed by the question, according to the Wall Street Journal.

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North Ossetian and South Ossetian residents stand on top of a burning house in South Ossetia.

A policeman beats a demonstrator in Jammu on Sunday.
House tour highlights faculty homes
Jewells, Dixons, Minceys aid the local library

By Darin Miller
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The Grove City Community Library is organizing a house tour fundraiser for Sept. 7, featuring five homes from the Grove City area. Three of the College’s couples are participating.

“It’s something the library had done in years past,” the College’s first lady Dayl Jewell said. “House tours are always so much fun.”

Earlier this summer the library house tour committee contacted the participants asking them if they would open up their homes.

“As English professors, we obviously support the work of the community library, so when we were asked to participate we were glad to comply,” said Dr. James Dixon, head of the English department.

Dixon and his wife, Dr. Diane Dixon of the English department, are exhibiting their self-designed house, built in 2007. This is not the first time that the Dixons have participated in a house tour program.

“We did this several years ago when we lived on State St. in an early 20th century Arts and Crafts-style home that we restored – and recently sold to Dr. Messer in the English department.”

The Dixons designed their home themselves, taking elements from other houses that they liked and “blending them into our own.”

Their home is set on a lot which backs onto a large pond and is bordered on the back and side by woods, Dixon said. They designed several rooms with large windows to take advantage of the view.

The exterior of the home has an English country manor house feel, complete with fieldstone, stucco and timber walls.

“We have informally named our home ‘Riverdell,’” Dixon said.

Another featured home is that of President Dr. Richard G. Jewell ’67 and his wife, Dayl. Built in 2004, they are the first of the College’s presidential couples to occupy the house. It has a large, open design to accommodate guests. There are five bedrooms, each with a private bath. The home was paid for entirely from alumni donations and bequests.

Mrs. Jewell said she likes the openness of her home.

“We can entertain large numbers of people in the house and on the patio,” she said. “We have French doors on the back so we can open up the patio for entertaining also. We’ve had substantial numbers of people in the house.”

Jewell said that every year seniors are given the opportunity to tour the house.

“We want to make sure everyone who has gone to the College has had a tour of the President’s house.”

Their home is also handicapped accessible, with ramp entrances and handicapped bathrooms.

“We’re pretty much set for anything,” Jewell said.

The third home is that of Jeff and Debbie Mincey. Jeff is the Director of Admissions for the College, and Debbie is a part-time early education teacher at the Early Education Center on campus.

“We really wanted to help the library,” Mrs. Mincey said. “We know that this is their 50th anniversary and we just wanted to contribute to our community.”

Their home was built in 2004 as well. It is a hybrid timber frame home. It was designed to be handicapped accessible, thus accounting for the wide hallways. One of the very interesting features of the home is the floor-to-ceiling stacked stone, raised hearth, wood-burning fireplace.

The tours are self guided, and run from 1 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the library. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased at the library during library hours and on the day of the tour. For more information on the library house tour, call (724) 458-7320.
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By Sarah Boyd
Collegian News Editor

At the start of the academic year eight new resident directors received a warm welcome to the residence hall community. From as far away as California and as near as Grove City itself, these staff members have brought a wealth of gifts, experiences, insights and enthusiasm to invest in students.

Sue Errera of Grove City, Pa., is the RD of North Hall. As a 1999 graduate of Grove City College, Errera recognized that “God’s leading [to return to the College] was indispensible.” Her experience working at Rosemont College and Eastern University developed her enthusiasm “to hear, see and dialogue with people who are developing their identities.”

Now Errera is eager to continue seeing God work in the lives of students at her alma mater. She fondly remembers her IM conversations, IM sports competitions, worshiping and growing with friends. “That’s what college is made of,” Maloney said.

Mark Sandvig of Fishers, Ind., a 2007 graduate of Grove City College, is the RD of Hicks Hall. He returned to the College after time spent working on a commercial salmon fishing rig in Alaska. “Having attended Grove City,” Sandvig said, “I know the struggles and challenges that many students face daily. I want to help them in those battles.” He enjoys the game “Settlers of Catan” and appreciates the “energy and transparency” of college students.

Looking back on his own time at the College, Sandvig shared that he will always remember the All College Sing when he escorted Dustin Sams into the Wolverina after Sams had suffered a life-threatening motorcycle accident, which kept him from graduating from the College. “To be surrounded by such an incredibly loving and encouraging community” was for Sandvig, “a moment that I’ll never forget.”

Justin Juntunen, RD of Lincoln and Alumni Halls, is from Esko, Minn. He is “really excited to be a part of this community.” He served for two years with the residence life program at Bethel University, where he graduated in May 2008. At Bethel, Juntunen “found church for the first time in a college residence hall … it has continued to change my life ever since.” He enjoys being challenged to a good game of Scrabble and recommends the film “The Motorcycle Diaries” to everyone.

Not far removed from his own college days, Juntunen loves “to celebrate those joys and be present in those struggles” that inevitably come with college life. Juntunen will be married in October, and he is looking forward to introducing his wife Gretchen to the College community.

Jason Wallin, a 2005 graduate of Grove City College from Springfield, Pa., serves as the RD of Ketler Hall. “The opportunity to return to Grove City College dropped into my lap,” Wallin said. He is especially enthused about being a part of a “time where many people really start asking questions, exchanging ideas, challenging assumptions and trying to figure life out.”

During the winter of 2008, Wallin and his wife Nicole worked at a conference center in southern France, and he appreciated the “je ne sais quoi” attitude of college students. Wallin remembers what it is like to be a college student himself. He said, “One winter I stuck my tongue to the flagpole at the bottom of the Quad.” He also shamelessly recalled wearing leopard print pants when his band played at the Gala. Most of all, however, Wallin recognizes that “God showed me unbelievable grace through my time at college.”

Reid McCormick, in Hopeman Hall, came from Lancaster, Calif. He graduated from Azusa Pacific University in 2007. Before coming to Grove City College, McCormick worked as an assistant resident director at his alma mater. During his years at Azusa Pacific, he also served as an RA and especially remembers the fellowship of “hanging out with a bunch of RAs around a campfire in the middle of Yosemite Valley.”

McCormick may be color blind, but he plainly sees the “passion, energy and potential” that radiate from students. A fan of the film “Forrest Gump” and the game “Sequence,” McCormick’s decision to serve at the College was motivated by a clear commitment: “Simply, I love working with college students,” McCormick said.

Carly Baum from Delmont, Pa. has taken on the role of MAP South RD. Baum worked as a resident director for four years after graduating from Geneva College in 1998. She also used her degree in writing at a Christian publishing and distribution company. “I decided to accept the position here at Grove City;” Baum said, “because it’s an amazing school.” In addition, Baum is enthusiastic about the chance to “walk alongside” the students of the College. “This is where and when they get to figure out who they want to be, how they want to be and what they want to be about,” Baum said.

Baum said her favorite college memory was, “Probably the time I came home to find my roommates had strung up my Sleep ‘N Snore Ernie with a belt from the ceiling vent in our apartment!” Baum’s favorite “old-school” board game is “Life,” just as she loves seeing the unique life of each college student unfold.

Esther Dywer of Granville, Ohio, has become the RD of MEP Hall. She graduated from Hope College with a degree in theology and classical languages. Apart from serving the girls of her residence hall, Esther enjoys cycling, traveling and reading. Her interests in music, international foods and board games are bound to create a fun atmosphere where the girls in MEP can grow and learn together.

In Chapel this week

Sunday, Sept. 7
9/11 Remembrance Service
Dr. Dan Corll

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Johnette Benkovic
Living His Life Abundantly International, Inc.

Special Event: Johnette Benkovic, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11
Dr. Michael Coulter ’91

Welcome back, students!
from Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Gamers united!

Getting to know the Order of St. George

By Emily Peterson

Collegian Writer

It’s a Friday night, and Mike’s Place, a restaurant in Kent, Ohio, has gathered an unusual crowd. Roughly 20 Groovers are shaking off the pressures of the week, greeting friends, bringing in boxes and discussing their common interest: games.

“The Order of Saint George” is a group at Grove City that meets weekly to play every game from table-top role-playing games to video games, collectible card games, web comics, anime films and even laser tag. Groovers often become card traders, web comics consumers, anime fans and even laser tag enthusiasts. The Order draws its title from the medieval knight St. George, who defeated a dangerous dragon in ancient lore.

The club meets every Thursday at 9 p.m. in HAL or off-campus locations such as Mike’s Place to launch new games, continue current games and conduct other matters of club business.

The prepared agendas for each meeting suit the crowd’s creative atmosphere. Each meeting begins with a countdown of the ten seconds before the stroke of nine. Then the sergeant-at-arms calls the meeting to order, usually in some display of power and din, and then the important topics are covered such as game news, anime, and miscellaneous business.

Another order of business is the weekly “rant,” a humorous gripe-session by whoever feels led to do so. Finally, an entertaining question is passed around the room resulting in equally amusing answers. A recent addition to the meetings is the weekly de-motivator for a bit of ironic humor. For example, “Mistakes: It could be that you’re not the right person…”

Mike’s Place to launch new games, continue current games and conduct other matters of club business.

On April 15, Mike’s Place hosted the 15th annual “Winterfeast,” a medieval banquet with authentic garb, food and entertainment. Last year, the Order celebrated the 15th annual Winterfeast, and it donated part of the event’s proceeds to support Red Box Missions.

While all games are acceptable, the current trend is Role-Playing Games, otherwise known as RPGs. These games, including the popular “Dungeons and Dragons,” resemble video games imagined in the mind of the player. Each player assumes a fictitious character, rolls dice and chooses his own path within the ritual.

While most board games are based on competition, RPGs focus on social interaction and creative logic to solve riddles and problems in an imaginary setting. The purpose is group interaction, teamwork and creativity.

For many students, the club offers a friendly diversion from the hassle of their regular lives. “We’re the ‘take-a-break’ reminder that we all need,” Gaylard said. “It would be a great injustice to say that the games won’t make a difference in people. I felt like I had joined a family as I got to know the other members better.”

“Mike’s choice of Palin helped cement my decision to vote for him.”

Byrrn Slater

Senior

Collegian: “What does Palin stand for?”

Slater: “Palin holds firmly to her view that pro-life is right. She has also opposed same-sex marriage and made sure that it did not become legal in Alaska. Palin thinks that creationism should be taught alongside evolution in schools. One of the things I admire most about her is that she doesn’t just say the things she believes in, but she lives them out. In April she gave birth to their fifth child. Although they knew several months earlier that this child would most likely have Down Syndrome, she and her husband chose not to abort this baby and now have a beautiful son, Trig. They do have Down Syndrome, but that does not seem to phase the family.”

Mullins: “She stands for changing the status quo in gov- ernment and getting the special interest groups out of power and getting the politicians to actually listen to the people. She is also very pro-gun; she actually hunts. Her bus- iness works in the oil industry. She believes that we should drill in ANWAR and North Dakota and lessen our dependency on foreign oil. She also is very inter- osted in developing our natural resources.”

Collegian: “Do you believe McCain’s choice of a running mate was a good decision?”

Slater: “McCain’s choice of Palin helped cement my decision to vote for him. To me it came as a surprise that he chose Palin to run for the presidency with him. It seems to be such an obvious political trick in order to win more votes. However, I am happy about his decision.”

Although, if they win, then we, Alaska, lose Sarah Palin as our Governor.”

Mullins: “I suppose it could be an attempt to win over female voters or possibly a shrewd choice for various other unknown reasons, I’m not entirely sure. I don’t think that it was necessarily a good or bad choice, but I do think it needs to be con- sidered whether our experience with Palin may or may not have. As much as I know her progression went from being the girl from Wasilla to being governor for less than two years and now running mate for McCain. Like I said, I’m not sure whether Palin’s rather thin background will be good or bad for the country, but it should at least be taken into account. I would hope, though, that she would indeed have a positive impact, much like she had in Alaska, should McCain be elected.”

Gaylard: “I’m very excited about McCain choosing Palin as VP. She is truly a person that conservativ Republicans can really behind.”

— Compiled by Editor-in-Chief Darin Miller

Life

Alaskans give input on Palin

Last week, presidential candidate Senator John McCain chose Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin as his vice-presidential running mate. Senior Brynnna Slater of Juneau, Alaskan Shane Mullins of Port Alsworth, Al. and freshman Kathryn Merrymon of Delta Junction, Al. had a few things to say regarding the pick.

Collegian: “How would you describe Palin’s years as gover- nor?”

Slater: “Palin has been a good, solid governor. She isn’t afraid to stand up for what she believes in and to confront the problems that she saw going on in the political realm. One thing that I have not agreed with is her decisions regarding having the capital in Juneau, Ala. I am from Juneau, and Governor Palin is from Wasilla, Ala. She has made several decisions regarding where the capital city should be and where, as the governor she should be. The first year Palin and her family lived in the governor’s mansion in Juneau. However, after that they decided to move back up to Wasilla, Alaska residents, including myself, fear that this decision along with other deci- sions are putting the door to having the capital city moved away from Juneau. If this occurred it would take away a large portion of Juneau’s econo- my.”

Mullins: “She seems to be gen- erally viewed as a celebrity and has had a positive impact on Alaska. She is a stark contrast to the previous governor, Frank Murkowski, who, by the end of his term, was pretty well-disliked by most voters. He had made decisions and taken some actions that would be considered irresponsible if not corrupt by some. Palin is young in both the literal sense as well as in the political realm. I could see this as being a positive trait; she is not stuck in the stale, self-serving and some- times corrupt flow of what poli- tics often becomes.”

Merrymon: “Palin has pushed to put in the national gas pipeline and to increase industry in Alaska. She ran on a ticket of change towards more of a democracy, less favoritism in giving out jobs.”

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Students switch things up; having fun on campus...
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Andy Drabic
Republican presidential nominee John McCain speaks to the crowd at a rally in Washington, Pa.

Ariél Austin
All-campus retreaters wait with open arms to receive a message from Devi Wintrode.

Students roasting marshmallows at the all-campus retreat

More than 17,000 McCain supporters turned out for the rally last Saturday.

Students enjoy a dinner cooked by the staff of River Ridge Castle.

...while focusing on politics and religion off campus
Mitchell changes history

Anne Marie Booth
Collegian Writer

American history intrigued Dr. Andrew Mitchell at an early age: one of his first show-and-tell presentations in kindergarten was on a biography of George Washington.

Yet the classes this new Grove City College professor is teaching this semester include two sections of Humanities 101 and a Spanish history course with no sign of George Washington. However, his class syllabi do mention Martha – the biblical one, not the first first lady.

Mitchell joined the History department as an assistant professor this semester after three years of teaching at his alma mater Hillsdale College in Michigan. He earned both his Masters and Doctorate at Ohio State University prior to returning to work at Hillsdale.

When Mitchell started at Ohio State, he intended to write a dissertation on the Civil War, but advisors warned him about the difficulty of creating an original dissertation on the Civil War, but advisors warned him about the difficulty of creating an original dissertation. Stewart's influence prompted Mitchell's first graduate school paper on a revolt in 17th century Spain and the influence of religion in starting and sustaining the revolt. This paper evolved into his master's thesis, then his dissertation.

Mitchell was born in Upland, Pa. and is the second oldest of seven children. He grew up in Habertown, near Philadelphia. By the age of three, he was reading books such as a print adaptation of Disney's “Robin Hood” with an eye toward accuracy in details as well as in plot.

Family vacations across America fed Mitchell’s appetite for national history. His parents also had a love for music. Utilizing the school district’s music education program, they encouraged Mitchell and his siblings to take up various instruments. Mitchell counts playing piano and tuba among his interests to this day.

Another shared family interest was the study and memorization of Scripture. Each summer, he and his siblings engaged in a course of Bible study and catechism. “It was one-on-one question and answer with my mother,” Mitchell said. “We’d read through and memorize questions and answers – or verses – and then recite them. But each [child] had his own set of requirements based upon his age.”

Family closeness played a major role in Mitchell’s decision to teach at the College. Although two colleges offered Mitchell teaching positions, Grove City was more conveniently located – five hours or so away from both Habertown and Michigan where his wife’s family resides.

This central location should prove ideal for two sets of grandparents. Come October, the Mitchell family will grow when he and his wife Sarah welcome their first child.

Mitchell may be teaching Spanish history course with no sign of George Washington, but these next four years will be for most the only time in their lives where they will be free to do nothing, only contemplate.

He believes this story has “a lot of relevance for a Christian liberal arts school which believes that education should be directed towards the student’s soul rather than towards worldly concerns.”

“That is what the liberal arts are about,” Mitchell said. “Whispering to you in the still small voice that there are better things awaiting you.”

He believes that students should aspire to become “Marys and not Marthas” and to listen for that still small voice, rather than busying themselves solely with worldly concerns. To Mitchell, the spiritual question every student should ask himself – the question that transcends history and every other area of interest – is, “Have I chosen the better thing?”

“Students have the opportunity to spend four years of their lives pursuing ‘the better thing,’ which is nothing more than sitting at the feet of Truth and listening.” - Dr. Mitchell, assistant professor of history
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**Things to Do**

Hey, Freshmen commuters! There’s a *pizza party* in the commuter lounge just for you. Stop by tonight at 6:00pm for delicious food and good company.

The Pittsburgh Steelers play in their home opener Saturday against the Houston Texans at Heinz Field. For ticketing information call (412) 323-1200 or go to www.steelers.com and click on the ticketing section.

Not interested in driving anywhere this weekend? Go to the Grove City YMCA. Only six dollars at the door, no prior experience is needed in order to dance at the door, no prior experience is needed in order to dance.

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active Friday night experience,

If you want to drive and want there is no need to bring a car. Call (724)-285-3850 for more information

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If you are seeking a more active Friday night experience, you can always have a decent selection of current films. Expense charged by the car. Call (724)-285-3850 for more information and movie listings.

If you want to drive and want to see a movie, check out Pioneer Drive In Theaters. This is an experience like your parents and grandparents had that continues to be fun for any age. Located at 1985 N. Main Street in Butler, Pa., they always have a decent selection of current films. Expense charged by the car. Call (724)-285-3850 for more information and movie listings.

If you are up for a little bit of history and adventure this weekend, be sure to read the article on the Grove City Community Library’s House Tour on page 6 of the paper. Featuring not only President Jewell’s house but also many of the faculty and staff’s, the tour can be a real eye-opening and entertaining experience.

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**By Anna Brinkman**

Collegian Entertainment Editor

With the end of the College’s partnership with the Internet music provider Napster, it can be difficult to find legal listening options. Here are some suggestions – aside from Napster’s $13/month unlimited music plan – to banish the silence from your speakers while keeping your wallet intact.

**Last.fm** – www.last.fm

Last.fm is a hotspot for new artists, who frequently put up full songs to stream. The site organizes music based on user preferences to create personalized radio stations, and its users’ daily listening patterns determine the rankings of music on the site. When a user listens to a song for the first time, it is “scrobbled” – sent to the user’s music profile and categorized according to listening frequency. Last.fm also includes a substantial collection of music videos.

**MySpace** – www.myspace.com

MySpace allows users to search and browse artists, music videos and songs and features a built-in music player. With a format that allows artists to spread their work virally through an established fan base, MySpace is a good option for users interested in connecting with a community focused on a band or genre. MySpace also offers a sense of closer involvement with the artists themselves, especially up-and-coming independents.

**Pandora**

Pandora Radio – www.pandora.com

Pandora is an Internet-based radio service that helps users find new music inspired by old and current favorites. The format is based on the Music Genome Project, the self-proclaimed “most comprehensive analysis of music ever undertaken.” It functions by taking a user’s submission of a favorite song or artist and finding recordings with similar attributes – a pseudo-personalized playlist. Each user can create as many personal “stations” as desired. There is a positive element of introduction to new music, but likewise, it can be irritating to wade through Pandora’s suggestions when one has a specific band or movie soundtrack in mind.

**Rhapsody** – www.rhapsody.com

Rhapsody allows users to listen to millions of songs from thousands of artists, providing unlimited listening for a fixed price of $13 or $15 each month.

Users also have the option of foregoing a membership plan and instead paying 25 free tracks per month. Like Napster, Rhapsody’s upfront fees translate into a wider selection and assurance of legality.

**Last.fm offers songs from popular artists and indie bands alike, although you may have more luck streaming full songs from lesser known bands.**

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**MUSIC SPECIAL**

**No more Napster**

Alternative music websites

Not just a social networking site, myspace.com is an excellent place to legally stream and download music straight from the artist.

This website guarantees legal, virus-free album downloads in under a minute, and participants in campus-specific programming have access to various social networking options.

**YouTube** – www.youtube.com

YouTube offers a wide and constantly updated variety of music videos, fan videos, mash-ups, and soundtracks for films as well as TV shows. While it is easy to find multiple versions of popular songs – running the gamut from MTV clips to concert footage – it can be difficult to find pieces by more obscure artists.

The site’s policy is to remove videos that infringe on copyright law, but this is inconsistently enforced. YouTube has implemented steps to limit the flow of copyrighted material, and its partnerships with companies such as EMI Music legalizes the online presence of many recordings. Nevertheless, downloaders beware.
By Kelsey Keating  
Collegian Entertainment Editor

Will these shows give the viewer actual entertainment or will they wind up fodder for Joel McHale? There really aren’t too many new shows slated for this fall and the ones that made the cut look to be rehashed ideas of either foreign successes or old movies and TV shows. With favorites such as “Bones,” “Chuck,” “The Office,” “Heroes,” “House” and “Pushing Daisies” set to return, it is glaringly obvious that all of the talented writers in Hollywood are occupied with current shows. That being said, there are a few promising selections in this season’s crop. Take ‘em or leave ‘em, these are new shows of Fall 2008.

“90210” on The CW  
Tuesdays at 8 pm

Most of us aren’t old enough to remember the days of Brenda and Brandon Walsh, but for those who do, this new “re-vamped” take on an infamous classic might just disappoint a fair few. While the zip code remains the same, the new “90210” offers a lot more skin, sex and scandal than its predecessor. Shannon Doherty, who left the original show back in 1994, will be returning alongside fellow alumna Jennie Garth. But those two alone may not be able to revive the success of the original.

The only silver lining to this cloud remains the excellent casting choice of Jessica Walters (Lucille Bluth on “Arrested Development”).

“Fringe” on Fox  
Tuesdays at 8 pm

Now that “Lost” has finished up, writer J.J. Abrams is free to devote his mind to his next successful series. With the aid of the guys who wrote “Transformers,” Abrams brings us another drama that is full of mystery and plenty of action.

After a female FBI agent investigates the horrific deaths of passengers on a flight from Logan Airport, her investigation leads her into a world of genetic testing and experimentation involving an institutionalized scientist who could be her only hope in explaining the new phenomenon. The cast is mostly made up of unknowns, but stars like Joshua Jackson (“Dawson’s Creek”) and John Noble (“The Lord of the Rings”) should be familiar faces.

“Knight Rider” on NBC  
Wednesday at 8 pm

After airing the “Knight Rider” television movie last spring, some genius at NBC decided that the stilted acting of leading man Justin Bruening deserved its own series. “Knight Rider” was originally a series back in the 1980s starring David Hasselhoff as a crime-fighter who gets aid from a talking supercar. It had just the right amount of action and kitsch to be successful. Now they’ve brought it back and “modernized” the plot. The hero is supposed to be a bitter ex-Army Ranger who wants to redeem himself. All signs point to this show following in the footsteps of last year’s quickly cancelled “Bionic Woman.”

“Kath and Kim” on NBC  
Thursdays at 8:30 pm

This one’s another import from overseas but this time from our friends down under. NBC is pretty sure this one will pan out; they bought thirteen episodes – and are hyping up the “from the producers of The Office” credit non-stop. Molly Shannon (Kath) and Selma Blair (Kim) star as a dysfunctional mother and daughter living together after Kim, a self-proclaimed trophy-wife, leaves her husband to live with her hair-stylist mother. Blair’s Kim is very similar to her character from “Cruel Intentions” and it will be a pleasure to watch her play the ignorant naïve snob once again. As for Shannon: just think of some of her SNL personas and you’ve got the gist of what could be a potential hit.

“My Own Worst Enemy” on NBC  
Mondays at 10 pm

A man leads two lives: one as Henry, a suburban dad and all around nice guy, the other as Edward, an intelligence operative trained to kill. The catch: Edward and Henry don’t know they are the same person. Eventually they start to realize what is happening to them and each struggles to maintain control of the body.

Christian Slater, the ‘80s/’90s heart-throb from films like “Heathers” and “Bed of Roses” comes … another gritty crime-drama. Only this time it’s about a motorcycle gang. “Sons of Anarchy” is about a young man who, like his father (played by Ron Perlman) has joined the SAMCRO – Sons of Anarchy Motorcycle Club Redwood Original. His vision for the club is a less violent, more legally permissible one, though the line often gets blurred.

The show seems to toe a fine line between romanticizing violence and encouraging it. While former “Napoleon” fans might appreciate this show, it will be very difficult to stomach for those who are used to typical primetime television.

“Fringe” premiering Sept. 9.

Elizabeth Reaser, who played Ava on ‘Grey’s Anatomy,’ plays the lead character in the new comedy ‘The Ex List’ which premieres tonight on CBS.
LETTER TO THE EDITORS

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to the Middle East. While I was visiting and interacting with natives in Palestine and Egypt I discovered something remarkable and of inestimable value that I had as a result of my field of study: history.

I’ll admit I’m biased. I love history and naturally I think it is worth studying. History is more than just a bunch of facts about dead people – it is our identity and our origin. History shows us where we are going.

My knowledge of history – thanks, Grove City College – became incredibly useful while I was traveling through places whose residents did not view my religion or native land very positively.

I soon realized that my presence as an American and as a Christian was rather offensive to many in those Muslim and Jewish areas.

Furthermore, my inability to speak Modern Hebrew or Arabic wasn’t helping my relations with the natives either.

I quite accidentally broke the ice with these unfriendly natives by entering into a discussion with them about their history.

I then realized something I should have known much sooner: in the Levant – as in the South – people are very proud of their history.

What’s more, they all love to talk about it.

I made up for my linguistic failures by knowing a little about the history of their nation or culture and then being able to engage them in a conversation which they didn’t mind having in English: telling me all about their heritage.

This helped remove the stereotype of Americans as only concerned about themselves and knowing only their own history, if they knew any at all.

I probably lacked enough knowledge to carry on a deep conversation for hours or with a well-educated person, but I did have more than enough to begin breaking down the barrier of mistrust and perceived arrogances.

However, the fact that one is an “ugly American” and brings one closer to the natives.

The ability to build trust in foreign lands is something American businessmen have been trying to do for centuries with much success in some areas.

Global Cultural workshops can teach folks how to behave in exotic places – and it is a good thing to know how to greet someone properly in Central Asia or the proper hand with which to grab food in the Cairo market.

These things, however, can only prevent an awkward faux pas; they can’t make up for one’s ridiculous accent or lack of language skills.

By knowing enough about history, acquired from classes as broad as World History to as specific as Byzantium and Islam, had much practical, tangible use while overseas, not just narrating the historical places, but serving as a catalyst to an unguardian conversation between two people who share an interest.

Since I am a history major, I obviously value education for the sake of education, as opposed to finding a job or earning more money.

To our shame, however, we live in a society that no longer values wisdom and knowledge as ends in themselves for their inherent value but instead as a means to an end.

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We were very disappointed by the Walmart advertisements in last week’s Collegian.

Two full pages of the paper’s 16 were used to promote a store with a seemingly monopolistic market share.

Many students understandably shop there because of the low prices, but it is important to evaluate what a store’s prices are so low.

It is no secret that Walmart has come under attack for their ruthlesslessness in several areas – exploiting their workers in developing countries, driving small businesses to bankruptcy, and mistreating their retail employees.

In light of this well-known information, we are puzzled as to why the newspaper, which is owned by the College, would be open to working with Walmart.

One of us is a former employee of Walmart and both of us, concerning ourselves to buying or using their products. At one point, shopping there seemed unavoidable, but shopping elsewhere has proved easier and more rewarding than predicted.

It sometimes feels as if Americans are forced into buying certain brands at certain stores.

In truth, most shoppers are thinking in terms of convenience, and not on principle.

With a little innovation, one can find most anything from more conscientious stores, especially with the increasing trend of online shopping.

What feels like a choice that’s already been made by marketing is actually still the choice of the consumer. Corporations like Walmart still depend on customers, so instead of being defeated by them, the decision of where to shop should be turned into a weapon.

Even in the Grove City area, where options are clearly limited, stores such as BiLo, County Market, and Rite Aid meet most student needs and have much better reputations.

We realize not everyone will be open to boycotting. By their overt promotion of Walmart, though, Grove City College is not being demanding in what they choose to endorse.

Accepting money and printing advertisements gives the appearance of disregard for the many reports of their unethical behaviors.

Small businesses in the community need support more than a billion-dollar corporation, and function much more responsibly.

The College needs to reconsider its enthusiastic endorsement of Walmart – starting with the pages of our newspaper, which influences the student body.

-Seniors Jochebed Louis-Jean and Abigail Morrison

How to create a letter to the editor

The Collegian welcomes letters from any of its readers. We leave room in each issue to accommodate any letters which may be sent to us during the week.

As such, it is important to note that opinions expressed in letters-to-the-editor do not represent the opinions of The Collegian or Grove City College.

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College hires ’08 grad
Gregg receives assistant football coaching position

By Corrie Schwab
Life Copy Editor

Grove City College’s new assistant football coach found himself in a rather unusual position when he started work this summer. Matt Gregg, who is coaching for the first time, just graduated from the College this May.

It was “pretty weird,” suddenly being in a position of authority over friends, he said, but the job seems like a “great fit.”

“Just a great situation I’m in,” Gregg said. “I’ve played here – I know the system, I know the coach and I just knew that if I were to go to a different school I would be … the lowest rung on the ladder.”

Though he still is technically “the lowest rung on the ladder,” Gregg said the best part of his job is getting to work alongside coaches he has learned from in the past.

Gregg is still learning from them; only this time he’s learning how to coach rather than how to play. “I like the aspect of just learning stuff,” he said. “I like learning from the coaches, learning from the players, teaching a kid something and then the next day seeing how he does it.”

“It’s really awesome just to be able to soak it all in,” he added.

In addition to acquiring coaching skills, Gregg is helping the new freshmen adjust to college football and gets to plan a number of practices. “Over the summer I came up for some coaches’ meetings,” Gregg said.

During camp, Gregg dealt mostly with meetings, “Over the summer I came up for some coaches’ meetings,” Gregg said. During camp, Gregg dealt mostly with the team’s offensive line.

When he was a student at the College, Gregg played on the offensive line for four years. A communication studies major, Gregg also hosted a radio program called “The Matt and Mac Show.”

Head coach Chris Smith ’72 called Gregg during the summer to ask if he wanted a job. “I was originally going to come up and just help and be a volunteer,” Gregg recalled, “but then he asked if I would be interested in [working] full-time … which involves recruiting in the off-season and helping out with the off-season activities.”

Looking toward the future, Gregg currently has no long-term plans, though he would like to go to graduate school and get his masters in sports management or another discipline that would be useful as a coach, he said.

“I played football for four years and I guess I just wasn’t ready to let it go, and so I decided to go into coaching.”

Volleyball starts season at .500

By Katie McLay
Collegian Writer

After splitting four matches during the weekend, the Grove City women’s volleyball team owns a 2-2 record to start their season.

The young Wolverine team performed well as five of its key players were seeing their first substantial collegiate action.

Senior Natalie Liberati, the team’s offensive line.

The Wolverines have plenty of time to tune up before entering Presidents’ Athletic Conference play.

They will enter two more tournament matches before hosting Mount St. Joseph on September 20 for their conference opener.

Liberati, a four year starter, is one of just three players with significant varsity experience after the team lost six talented athletes to graduation. Joining her on the roster are six sophomores and five freshmen.

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Scorecard

**Aug. 29 – Sept. 4**

Cross Country

8/30 – Westminster Invitational
Women – 1st/14
Men – 1st/12

Men’s Soccer

8/29 – Point Park 1, Grove City 0 – L
8/30 – Grove City 1, Mount St. Joseph 1 – T (double overtime)

Women’s Soccer

8/29 – Grove City 8, Medaille 2 – W
8/3 – Grove City 2, Mount St. Joseph 0 – W

Women’s Tennis

9/2 – Grove City 7, Saint Vincent 2 – W

Volleyball

8/29-30 – Marietta Tournament
Grove City 3, Wooster 1 – W
Bluffton 3, Grove City 2 – L
Grove City 3, Marietta 2 – W
Thiel 3, Grove City 1 – L
**Women's soccer begins strong**

**Lady Wolverines win opening season tournament**

**By Esther Harclerode**

Collegian Writer

It was a victorious opening weekend for the Grove City College Women's Soccer team as they co-hosted the annual GCC-Westminster Labor Day Shootout. Medaille College of Buffalo, NY and College of Mount Saint Joseph of Cincinnati, Ohio were also a part of the competition last weekend. Friday’s game against Medaille showcased the Wolverines’ hunger to score early and often. In the ninth minute sophomore Emily Ostlund fired a shot off an assist from junior Michelle Peck to set an early precedence in the game.

The Medaille Mavericks returned a few minutes later to tie the score at 1-1. Not accepting a tie, Grove City skillfully worked the ball up the field to junior Hannah Yang who placed a shot behind the Medaille keeper, giving the Wolverines a one-up lead after a tie that lasted only one minute. Yang commanded attention a few minutes later, redirecting a pass from Peck into the goal, making the score 3-1. Battling past the defense making dangerous plays and relentlessly attacking the goal.

Before the Saturday match versus Mount Saint Joseph, head coach Melissa Lamie challenged Grove City to command the game early on and score in the first ten minutes of the game. Ostlund answered in the eighth minute. Off a pass from Yang, Ostlund ripped a shot from the 18-yard box, scoring the first goal of the game and her third of the weekend. About ten minutes later, Ostlund fired a long shot giving the Lady Wolverines a 2-0 lead. The Mount Saint Joseph Lions kept Grove City on their toes, making dangerous plays and relentlessly attacking the goal.

The Lady Wolverines dominated the field throughout the second half until the Lions, in the last ten minutes, snuck a goal past the defense making the score 2-1. Playing the remaining ten minutes with a sense of urgency, Grove City worked the ball around the field, maintaining possession and denying Mount Saint Joseph any opportunity to tie the game. Senior keeper Diana Pragel played a major role, recording eleven saves throughout the game and working confidently with the defense to solidify the win.

The Wolverine’s 2-0 record for the weekend made them the tournament champions with Mount Saint Joseph coming in second. Ostlund was awarded Tournament Offensive Most Valuable Player while junior defender Courtney Sich received Tournament Defensive Most Valuable Player. Yang, Pragel and seniors Kristen Colley and Laura Shipley received tournament recognition for their performances.

The Lady Wolverines welcome back sixteen players. The strong senior class includes forward Stephanie Wild, mid-fielder Shipley, defenders Colley, Sara Griffen and Esther Harclerode, goalie Pragel and versatile players Anne Koller and Trisha Griffen. Among the juniors, Peck and Yang returned on the attack as starting forwards. In the midfield, Elise Bender begins her third year as a starting Wolverine center-mid. Jenny Inouye returns to the defensive line where Lauren Woodring joins her to fortify the defense. Sophomores Ostlund and Nicole Gaub will be holding down the midfield while sophomore Laura Novosel plays an important role in the defense. Seven freshmen join the team this season. Gozyuetz and Oosterhouse add to the strength of the offense. EmilyHurley and Cara Colley bring essential fitness and skill to the midfield while Christen Vallmoint and Mindy Bower contribute to the success of the defensive line. Keeper Nikki Spina joins Pragel in the goal this season. With such a large returning class the Lady Wolverines are sure to build on their team history this season. The team displayed outstanding possession and pressure all over the field which will hopefully be indicative of the rest of the season. Wednesday Sept. 10 the Lady Wolverines host Allegheny at College Field for what promises to be a challenging match an occasion for success to which the Grove City College women’s soccer team must rise.

**Soccer programs participate in Passback**

**By Andrew Drabic**

Collegian Photography Editor

On October 9, the Grove City College men’s and women’s soccer teams will participate in the Passback program. During their games against Thiel that afternoon, the teams will be taking donations of new or lightly used soccer equipment, such as balls, cleats, shin guards, jerseys and shorts.

The US Soccer Foundation sponsors the Passback program, along with the EUROSPORT company who takes the donated equipment and distributes it across United States and around the world to soccer players and teams that need gear.

The women’s game starts at noon, and the men play at 2:30 p.m. on College Field. The games are not closed to the public and are sure to build on their team history this season. The team displayed outstanding possession and pressure all over the field which will hopefully be indicative of the rest of the season.

**Men’s soccer team encounters tough competition**

**By Chuck Witt**

Collegian Writer

The Grove City College men’s soccer team began regular season play this past weekend, hosting two matches at College Field. Friday’s opponent was Point Park. After conceding a goal to the visitors midway through the first half, the team was unable to equalize, resulting in a 1-0 defeat.

On Saturday, the Wolverines faced the College of Mount Saint Joseph. The team overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit by way of freshman Adam Brewer who scored in the second half to tie the game at 1-1. Brewer’s goal was assisted by Sean Osborne. The match ended in a draw with no more scoring through two rounds of overtime.

In the two matches, Grove City outshot its opponents by a combined margin of 47-12. The team returned to the practice pitch this week and is looking forward to upcoming contests against Ohio Wesleyan and Capital. The matches will be played today and tomorrow at Ohio Wesleyan.
Men’s cross country team opens season with victory

By Kristen Carter

Stepping onto the starting line last Saturday morning, the men’s cross-country team knew that five of the nine teams in the Presidents Athletic Conference were also racing the Westminster Invitational. Furthermore, the Wolverines knew that after winning every conference championship since 1990 every competitor in the 12 team field was aiming to beat the Wolverines.

Before beginning their warm up on the hot and humid race morning, Coach Sean Severson encouraged the team to, “establish ourselves from day one as the top team in the PAC. The other teams in our conference are getting better every year and trying to knock us off, but we are not going down easy. Let the rest of the conference know that this is our year.”

By the time the last runner crossed the finish line, Severson’s message was stated loud and clear by the Wolverine men. In a sport where the lowest score wins and no team can score men. In a sport where the lowest score wins and no team can score...the Wolverines showed their ability to work together during the race and run in packs. Unlike the majority of other teams, the Wolverine men focus on racing side-by-side with one or two other teammates. Thus, when a Wolverine runner starts to slow down, he has one or two teammates encouraging him to fight through the pain and finish strong.

By using this racing strategy, the men’s team was able to place five runners in the top eight finishers. Sophomore Garrett Cickowitz led Grove City by placing second and covering the eight-kilometer course in 26 minutes and 54 seconds. Seniors Nate Johnson and Dan Spaulding placed third and fourth respectively, and junior Frankie Hourigan came in sixth. Sophomore Gordon Grob took eighth, while senior Brett Kelly came in 13th. Cordell Oberholtzer completed Grove City’s seven varsity runners by finishing 16th in the 100-runner field.

Hourigan summed up that day by saying, “God has blessed our team with a lot of ability, and I am looking forward to seeing what He has in store for us this season. We have several great leaders on the team that bring a lot of experience to the table.”

Grove City will compete Saturday at the California University of Pennsylvania Invitational.

The cross country men begin their 6.1 kilometer race at the Westminster Invitational on Saturday.

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Women’s cross country wins at Westminster College

By Tim Su

The Grove City College women’s cross country team opened the 2008 season Tuesday afternoon with a 7-2 victory over Presidents’ Athletic Conference foe Saint Vincent at the Grove City College Courts. Grove City (1-0) won all three doubles matches before taking four of the six singles bouts.

For the Grove City team, the cross country men’s race to a significant cause. This week’s cause was the Franciscan University of Pennsylvania women’s cross-country team that bring a lot of experience to the table.

The collegiate team came with seniors Kristen Carter and Julia Seward running with times of 22 minutes, 26 seconds and 22:35 in the 6.1–kilo- meter race. These two captains not only took the first and second place spots, but also finished more than a minute ahead of the third place runner.

The depth of the Grove City women’s cross country team was distinguished with noteworthy performances coming from three sophomores: Brigitte Fryan, Kate McRoberts and Emily Pierce. Fryan finished in eighth place with a time of 22:35, followed by Kate in 18th place with a time of 25:45 and Pierce finished 20th place with a time of 25:51.

The women’s winning race showed their determination and the hard work they already put into this season over the summer with many of the runners logging more than 50 miles per week. Yet, each meet is more than just the race.

For the Grove City team, the captains decided to dedicate each race to a significant cause. This week’s cause was the Franciscan University women’s cross-country team. Tragedy struck the Franciscan women early in their season with the death of a teammate and injury to six others in a car accident while traveling from practice.

The Lady Wolverines led their opponents in racing, but as sisters in Christ, know that their prayers were with the Franciscan women runners.

The Lady Wolverines approached the Franciscan women and presented a card with their sympathies. The act was well received and greatly appreciated by the team. The Wolverines will continue to display their running prowess Saturday at the California University of Pennsylvania Invitational.

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Sept. 5 – Sept. 11

Football
9/6 – vs. Dickinson (A) 1 p.m.

Men’s Soccer
9/5 – vs. Capital (at OWU) 5 p.m.
9/6 – Ohio Wesleyan (A) 7:30 p.m.
9/10 – Franciscan (A) 4 p.m.

Women’s Tennis
9/6 – vs. West Liberty State (A) 3 p.m.
9/10 – vs. Bethany (A) 4 p.m.

Women’s Soccer
9/5 – vs. Fredonia State (A) 5 p.m.
9/6 – vs. Rochester (A) 3 p.m.
9/10 – vs. Allegheny (H) 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball
9/5-6 – Ohio Wesleyan Tournament
9/9 – Penn State Behrend (H) 6:30 p.m.

Cross Country
9/6 – California Invitational (Pa.) (A) 10 a.m.